

Tuesday, 11 June 2024

*Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga*  
**Hastings District Council**  
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# Volume 3

## (Submissions 101-185)

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Meeting date: **Tuesday, 11 June 2024**

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*Te Wā:*  
Time: **9.10am**

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*Te Wāhi:*  
Venue: **Council Chamber  
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Civic Administration Building  
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Nice to haves that support inner city business and tourism could potentially help enrich the city as it is rebuilt. Rising rates and infrastructure only focus creates a pretty soulless district

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Pay more, expand growth areas for development accept more funding risk to ratepayers

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So charging an extra \$1000 dollars for the next financial year is something you are happy to add to already steep HDC rates? include another 78% plus increase from the HBRC and we will be paying approximately \$1700+ just for 2024-2025 rates. Living in Havelock North does not mean you have the funds to justify having such a very large increase in rates. Extremely disappointing and will be looking hard at who gets my vote in the next local elections. Thank you.

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Given we are all having to tighten our belts due to the cost of living crisis why is the council seeing fit to increase our rates by 25%? We are not getting any better service for this. Yes some of our infrastructure needs to be fixed/upgraded but I want to see where the council is cutting unnecessary spending in order to reduce the pain on its rate payers in this current economic climate.

What portion of the \$50 under Cyclone recovery is going into the pot under the Category 3 Voluntary Buy-out Programme (with Government)? I object to having to pay money out of my pocket for people who did not have house or contents insurance. Not only this but I read on Friday that this is going to cost another additional 10 Million dollars due to asbestos in some of the houses. I would have thought this would have been checked given the age of some of the buildings etc.

I get annoyed when we pay for something through our rates then find the council wants to double dip into my pockets. As an example, the Toitoti center in Hastings. How is it that you want us as rate payers to have part of our rates go to the likes of the Toitoti centre yet you then wanted to charge us \$45 each if we wanted to go on a tour of the building in January?

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Please consider new ways to recover from the Cyclone, that account for climate change. We need to see nature-based solutions to drought and flood risk. We need solid plans to future-proof our infrastructure from the impacts of climate change (we'll see more extreme weather events that wash out our roads again, if we're not building back better). We need smart and sustainable transport corridors and alternative ways to move around. Key transport corridors should be maintained, but not every road has to be perfect - better to put that money into mitigating and adapting to climate change.

The Council has done a fantastic job over the last five years of investing in Hastings. It's a much nicer city to be in, with so much more to see and do. This must be bringing more people in, and boosting spending in the inner city; it's such a shame to slow down on this awesome progress now. This is more than a "nice to have", it's a smart investment in our future.

Good work on the 3 waters plan. It's a shame councils are stuck with this, but this plan sounds good.

Agree with the growth strategy too. We should be looking into medium- and high-density housing in existing urban areas regardless, instead of creeping further into highly productive land. We don't want to be Selwyn.

Disagree that central govt should be responsible for social housing - Hastings has done a good job at looking after our people. Times are tough, and this support for people who are doing it tough is important. Especially with a central government that is more focused on tax breaks for the wealthy than helping people who are struggling financially. It's great if Council can step in and continue to help here.

Is there more we can do in the waste and recycling space? Collecting food waste sounds great, but there must also be further recycling opportunities, or circular economy initiatives. Perhaps the private sector can help out a bit here, with innovative new ways to reduce our waste? We can't keep expanding the landfill forever.

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People are struggling with high cost of living and struggling to make a come back after Gabrielle. Don't continue to make this worse by continuing to spend money on items that don't need to be done. Even if the budgets are set aside for them already please review and redistribute these budgets to areas that are required to not increase rates further. Items such as the arts storage building and the redesign of Hastings logo were not important and should've been stopped or at least postponed in the short term.

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Those who did not have insurance, or were underinsured should not be supported by Council. I can barely afford to pay for my responsibilities, let alone those of others.

I support the Council decision not to have a social housing portfolio. This is the responsibility of central Government.

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Like the bulk of the ratepayers in Hastings we can't afford this plan. We are already struggling with the last increase then another 25% this time! And a total of 90% in four years. How do you expect any average wage earners to afford it!!!

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Rates rise of 25% is completely ridiculous and OTT. How do ordinary people cope?

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In a time where people are facing overwhelming financial pressures, an enormous increase in rates (as you are proposing) is the tipping point that will sink many families into financial ruin. A successful, thriving community is one where it's people feel safe, supported, united and proud -placing increased financial strain on homeowners is destructive to all of the above, and ensures only one thing: absolute hatred for Hastings District Council.

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The Christchurch earthquake had a much larger impact and the rates have been kept at a very reasonable level. Last year, pre cyclone we had a huge increase and there was no event to cause the increase. This time round there is something to attach the increase to but it's just not right. 2 massive increases in 2 years. We had a crease of \$800ish last year and \$1000 this year.

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It's about time to sort through what is "nice-to-have" and what is core business needs during the current cost of living crisis. Last year rates went up 24%, approximately, and now you're talking another 25%, STOP treating ratepayers like they have bottomless wallets!

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I accept rates increase are inevitable and I wouldn't be so perturbed if when I used some of the services Council is charging rate payers to provide, specifically animal control and noise control they were actually provided. Numerous times both services have been requested and either no services even showed or I was given excuses as to why they were substandard eg: short staffed, "there's not much we can do if they choose not to listen" . How can you justify charging for services that you only provide on paper?

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As a working māori whānau with school aged children, a mortgage to pay and high costs of living we are struggling to feed our tamariki on what we have and now we are having massive rate increases...something has to give. We don't "qualify" for additional support I would say many families will be in a similar situation too.

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The one who made the choices seems to be passive aggressive. Feels like they want to point fingers into those people who do not agree of increase in rates are at fault for the slow response of the government. Projects that are unnecessary and not all will benefit. The people pay for what the officials failure made.

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Your ratepayers are already struggling with the rising costs of living. By adding a massive or just an increase to the rates, it will be a tipping point to some rate payers. As a council the nice to do things should be fundraised for instead of taken out of you rates. If you increase the rates you will see more people defaulting on loans, more homelessness and more kids going without food, shoes, clothes or just warmth. What kind of council does that to their community?

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Wufoo · Entry Detail

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Most Hastings residents do not have the income to service a 50% rise in three years!! Incomes have NOT risen in line with inflation and interest rates therefore your residents do not have spare cash. Look how many of our children turn up hungry to school, dont go to school as they can't afford lunch or uniform!!! IF they can't afford these things they can not afford their rates to rise by 50% or their rent to rise by this amount. Landlords WILL pass this onto tenants. Only a fool would think it wont happpen. Now that you accepted the govt deal of buying out cycloe hit homes this will only get worse with each natural disaster as a precedent has been set. ECQ should have picked up this cost as per the function of this!! You should have never backed down and held the Labour govt to account. In three years time our homeless will have increases substantially under this horrrrendous plan. I work in possibly the lowest decile in Hastings. These parents can't afford much right now. YOU are about to make this a whole lot worse and people in jobs like mine have to then add picking up the broken families to our already heavy workload.

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As first time parents who have not long ago bought their first home, we are not in a financial situation to be able to pay more rates than what we already do. An increase in rates could possibly see us having to sell and leaving us homeless with our new born baby. Not ideal.

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This is grim reading where essentially, we are paying a lot more in rates and cannot expect any enhancements in our community for 10 years. This just repairs and maintains.

The biggest spend is infrastructure repair and maintenance, so this is the area of most potential savings. Council needs to assure ratepayers that there is a minimisation of compliance costs and 'red tape', and that works are done efficiently and quickly. I have discussed this with an Auckland based roading engineer who visits Hawke's Bay regularly, and her observation is that works here seem to take a long time and are not done efficiently. There should be cost savings there.

The second biggest cost is paying out cyclone damaged properties. This is a massive cost for ratepayers, and it would be easier to accept if we had a breakdown of costs and knew what proportion of this cost is covered by central government and insurance companies. It is also necessary for us to know what the plan is for when more properties are 'written off' in future weather events (and we can count on having another within the timeframe of this plan). How liable are rate payers for uninsured, under-insured and uninsurable properties? Will rates go up more every time we have weather events?

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The proposed rates increases are simply unaffordable for the majority of HDC residence. Families can not absorb these increases with the current economic climate. The fact that Council did not have reserves to cover the damage due to extreme weather events is disappointing and shows a lack of financial planning, especially given our region has had significant events in the past we know these are likely to happen. The procurement of contractors to the council needs to be slimmed down and costs heavily reduced - it's common knowledge that some contractors heavily inflate their charge rates when contracting to the council. Nice to have projects need to stop NOW - and KiwiRails plans for the city centre need to be put on hold, I am unsure why we even consider looking at their requests when there have been no issues with the trains going through the centre for as many years as they have been. More Health and safety madness. Council need to sell some assets - Splash Planet for example - why is our council running a theme park? - An international investor would potentially look at this and have the capital to develop it further. Other buildings and asserts need to go. Public events need to be put on hold for the next few years. Council have done a great job of our parks and facilities and city centre over the last few years, it's time to leave these projects and focus on the essential services only. Since my husband and I bought our house in 2020 the annual rates have increased every year. We are being priced out of our home town. My retired parents are also going struggle to meet this obligation.

SELL ASSETS NOW. STOP THE WASTE-FULL SPENDING. LESS WASTE-FULL SPENDING ON CONTRACTORS WHO ARE CHARGING EXCESSIVE RATES. NO NICE TO HAVE PROJECTS IN THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS. TELL KIWIRAIL WE CANT NOT AFFORD THE CITY CENTRE UPGRADE RIGHT NOW

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Wufoo - Entry Detail

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The glossy leaflet put out, must have cost a bomb, includes comment from the Mayor " you also told us that rates affordability has increasingly become a key concern and to balance our aspirations with the ability for our community to pay"

My view is that you are paying lip service to this comment as the proposed increase will rapidly putting many in the category of unable to afford to pay. In our situation, we own a modest 3 bedroom house in a modest part of Havelock North yet we as pensioners will be expected to find around \$100 per week for rates under your proposal. This cannot continue as you will force people out of their homes and then have less income.

I accept that there are significant costs associated with the Cyclone yet near 20% of the increase appears to be general expenditure. There is nothing in the glossy publication that shows where Council is looking at reducing costs - looking at Staff levels etc.

The proposed closure of the Frimley pool is quite wrong - it essentially leaves Hastings with no outdoor pool for recreation, family outings etc. Again look at staff levels in your Tower Building and see what can be saved there - I suspect quite significant.

There is much concern about the level of rents - this will do nothing to help as landlords will have no option but to pass this cost on, and I am not a landlord.

The last check box is significant - pay less, take longer and find more savings. I say review staff levels in the Council as next step. A review much like Government departments have made. Do this perhaps before Government hoists it on you.

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Wufoo · Entry Detail

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For retired people like ourselves these increases cut into our budget to the point of having to abandon our property or suffer cold or hunger. The increase is 60% not 25% as indicated in your cover notes and outrageous. We strongly object.

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Council's current plan proposals are in response to unprecedented natural events. Unfortunately this comes very soon after Council has taken on more debt for land/property purchases in Hastings and Havelock North and for water and wastewater upgrades. My concern is that in response to the unforeseen demands made by Cyclone Gabrielle, Council and Council staff have not looked more carefully for cost savings elsewhere and making better use of existing expenditure and contracted outcomes.

For example:

Council's salary and wages bill appears high, and is planned to increase in future years. This needs to be carefully scrutinised.

In the context of Cyclone recovery, have Council looked carefully at managing recovery project embellishments? For example the proposed replacement to the damaged one lane Puketapu Bridge is a new three lane structure. Whilst a nice to have is this necessary? How many other recovery projects are being embellished with "nice to haves".

Are Council's Contractors being held to account for completing basic maintenance for which they are already being paid under Lump Sum and Monthly Charges. For example, in roading, both urban and rural, I believe evidence shows maintenance of road stormwater assets is well below standard. This is then cruelly exposed when extreme weather events occur. Basic sealed pavement maintenance is below standard and has been for some time. Contractors wait until the pavement is broken before intervening, whereas timely interventions such as targeted wheel track sealing can be used to slow deterioration and improve levels of service. Our communities should feel the best use is being made of rates and subsidies, and that money is being spent wisely. The highly emotional and necessary "cyclone response" is likely masking poor maintenance contract performance and outcomes. Whilst often hard to accept, Council and its suppliers must ensure we get value for money in all areas.

Council proposes a 25% rate increase next year, and reductions in increases in subsequent years. My concern is that a future Council can just as quickly reverse this approach and choose to increase rates more, on top of 25% next year. As with any large organisation, if unforeseen events occur, you must first look to make savings in overheads and "nice to haves". I do not feel enough tension has been applied in these areas to reduce the real current and future pain for ratepayers.

Can you please give this feedback your consideration.

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Stop wasting money on vanity projects like that Apple core and rebranding while we are facing cost of living crisis and cyclone recovery, you should be ashamed of the money you are wasting.

Start making actual decisions on cyclone recovery. Get contractors in to fix the roads and bridges instead of making promises but not following through or constantly changing your minds

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I feel like safety for children and expanding public transport throughout the whole district (one that also works for people who don't work 9-5/live in Clive/Haumoana and wish to commute) should still be prioritized. In my opinion it is paramount to offer attractive alternatives to car usage when we want to tackle climate change (which creates extreme weather situations like cyclones which then will create more costs to recover from). Clever and not too costly solutions can be found around the world. It can be small steps, like building secure bike storage on commuter routes, so people can park and ride the bike to work.

In terms of safety for children - it should be another priority to make the way from homes to the school safe for children to walk/bike/scooter. For the obvious safety reasons but also to encourage active mode and a healthy lifestyle. Healthy kids cost the government less in the long run. Example: in Haumoana there are no safe pedestrian crossings anywhere. Especially the busy East Road is hard to cross in the morning and cars speed up as they leave the village. I can count on one hand how often a car has stopped and gave way to me and my young kids on the courtesy crossing opposite of the 4square in the past 2 years. Alternatively it would be great if the council could empower residents to create a safe road environment for their children themselves. Surely there are low cost options out there.

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I appreciate the efforts taken to reduce costs and deliver a plan to manage the debt within a set timeframe. However a rates rise of 25% is just not acceptable for anyone in this current economic climate. Almost every family in NZ is under financial strain and a rates increase at this level will have a significant impact on homeowners and renters alike.

Although less desirable to take longer to pay down the debt, it is necessary at this stage in order to ease the financial impacts upon residents in the region. The economic climate may improve and the debt may be able to be paid faster at a later stage, but at this stage 25% is unacceptable. and needs to be reduced, and spread out over a longer period of time.

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In our current environment the council needs to focus on deliverables, especially around roading, stormwater, and the bridge projects. Council needs to regularly inform the rate payer on their projects progress along with a breakdown of cost relating to these projects to ensure that the public is aware of any budget blowouts and why this has happened. You owe it to us as rate payers now that we are to carry the burden of past council negligence and wasteful spending on non-essential infrastructure and maintenance. Maintenance is a set of processes and practices which aim to ensure the continuous and efficient operation of machinery, equipment, and other types of assets and infrastructure. Cyclone Gabrielle has certainly delivered on the council's short comings highlighting so many areas that need immediate attention. Council has to become openly accountable to the rate payer and deliver clear and accurate costs and be accountable on all these major projects. Gone are the days of just throwing more rate payers money at a project that was not priced correctly or initially designed and thought through properly.

As I was involved in the aftermath of the cyclone it was clear to me that we need better communication and processes with local councils, share resources to keep costs down and implement a standard disaster recovery plan that not only meets each area's needs but can function as one that includes outside resources. Power is another big issue, and this will always play out as being an unknown quantity. As an example, the pump stations stopped and there was no back up generation, Clive suffered because of this. This is an area that really needs serious attention as unnecessary surface flooding caused so much damage, resulting in huge hikes in personal insurance costs. As a rate payer we are being hit from every direction with increased costs. Councils need to look harder at joint financing opportunities, joint bulk procurement opportunities and have clear processes when it comes to implementation. Council needs to show a significant performance increase in reducing internal operational drag and improved time management to give us any confidence.

Overall, I think council is on the right track with the long-term plan, however for the next 3 years council needs to be focused on reducing their civic commitments to help reduce our rate increase. Concentrate on major infrastructure that improves the region's ability to cope with another weather event, improved roading for better transportation around the area, with new storm water management around our main roads and rivers, build better bridges. Stop supporting unnecessary or underutilized services immediately, reduce all community programs as we can survive without them for a period of time.

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It's about right

Pay less, slowdown further

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Pay less, take longer and find more savings

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Now is not a good time to be hiking rates this much and adding to people's financial struggles. Rates are a struggle to pay for now, even for people who live in Havelock North. This will result in a lot less spending in our local economy and small businesses will suffer. More cost savings at HDC must be found. Remove all nice-to-haves and focus on core services.

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Pay more add some projects

Pay less, take longer and find more savings

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A 50% increase in rates is honestly ridiculous. All i can see in your revised plan is LOTS more money from the tax payer, and very little benefit from it. It's a seriously DEPRESSING read and making me think it would be better to leave the region given the proposed plan. No investment in projects that you deem "nice to have" is stuff that make this a thriving city and keep people coming here. The proposed plan doesn't have any incentive for people to actually want to visit or even live here.

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This is absurd you are putting more pressure on people, with the high interest and current cost of living we are already barely able to make ends meet yet the only solution you can find is to take more and more.  
All unnecessary projects need to put to a stop before you know it you will be killing people with stress and financial burden.

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Pay less, recover slower, accept increased risks to the roading network

Pay more, expand growth areas for development accept more funding risk to ratepayers

Pay less, slowdown further

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Pay less, take longer and find more savings

Share your thoughts here . . .

I have committed my considered thoughts in respect of the proposed Long Term Plan document in the attached document.

If, for whatever reason, you cannot access/ open the said attached file, please contact me so that I can make my submission via some other way.

Please confirm receipt of this submission via return email, and whether or not you can successfully access and open the said attachment.

Thank you.

Regards,  
Peter

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9<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

Ref: 2024 HDC Rates Increase Proposal

To: Hastings District Council Councilors

Dear Councilors,  
Below are my considered thoughts in relation to the Long Term Plan (LTP) Consultation Document (proposal) that is posted in the Hastings District Council website.

Firstly, I acknowledge the depth of thought and rationalization that has gone into the preparation of the said LTP, and compliment those who were involved in its formation.

Secondly, as a regional community we need to draw a line in the sand in 2024 and stop looking at supposed facts through distorted rose-tinted glasses. This practice is doing us no good whatsoever. The time has come for New Zealanders as a whole to start looking at the facts “in the raw” (see things for what they actually are) and then dealing with them head-on.

And now I turn my attention to the LTP itself...

1. The rates increases proposed deny/ ignore the existence of a downtrodden regional and national economy – particularly the technical economic recession that N.Z. is experiencing currently and the stagflation status that is looking increasingly likely to happen. The proposed rates increases also fail to recognize that Hawke’s Bay (overall) is very much still in the throes of trying to get to its feet again after two significant events: a) 6 years of incompetent central government which had zero economic enablement focus/ orientation and capability, and b) the adverse effects of Cyclone Gabrielle (both physical and psychological).
2. Because the Hastings District Council is placing such considerable reliance (51 %) of its budget revenue funding on rates, it is imposing financial vulnerability on those ratepayers who have relatively moderate-low income means to afford the proposed rates increases. Has the HDC not considered selling or leasing at least some of its fixed assets in order to reduce this reliance on ratepayers ?
3. While I understand the stated justification to proceed to perform most particularly bridge and road infrastructural repair/ replacement work sooner rather than later, often in life the “ideal” is simply not achievable – particularly where affordability is concerned. This is very much the case where HDC’s ambition to perform as many bridge/ road repairs and/ or replacements as possible within the stated timeframe is concerned. That is, it is simply not affordable to do so, especially when such a heavy reliance is placed upon ratepayer funding.

4. If the HDC is not prepared to – and/ or cannot – source alternative funding to direct/ contribute specifically towards the rebuilding of priority Hawke's Bay infrastructural assets, then the ONLY practical realistic way to drive the recovery of Hawke's Bay is by incrementally repairing/ replacing infrastructure and raising the performance and achievements of the Hawke's Bay economy, concurrently. These two primary focuses need to occur hand-in-hand (simultaneously) so that a recovering Hawke's Bay economy generates improved economic outcomes (including increased household incomes), that then progressively enable infrastructure to be repaired/ replaced through increases in rates contributions. And as infrastructure is repaired/ replaced this will in turn help drive economic recovery and improvement. Each fuels the other – a true symbiotic relationship.

My strongest recommendation is that the HDC reviews its road and bridge repair/ replacement projects, identifying the highest priority repair/ replacement work needed, down to the least pressing work needed - spreading this work over the next 10 years (not 3 years). So the 50 % overall increase in rates identified in the LTP may become instead 55 – 60 % (considering inflationary adjustments and added cost of HDC borrowing during the next 10 years), yet the 55 – 60 % overall rates increase is spread over 10 years, averaging therefore a 5.5 – 6 % annual rates increase.

By taking a longer timeframe to repair/ rebuild/ replace infrastructure, two very important comparative benefits would eventuate:

- a) The level of annual rates increase would be more affordable for more property owners. Therefore, the HDC would be more likely to see a greater number of property owners actually pay their total HDC rates invoice, which would result in the HDC receiving an overall higher rates volume (\$) annually – to direct to its planned activities as per the LTP. I am quite certain that if the rates increases were to be persevered with as per the proposed LTP then the HDC would see a relatively high number of property owners default on paying their rates invoices either in part or wholly.
- b) Infrastructure repairs/ replacements happening progressively/ incrementally would start to stimulate/ aid the recovery of the Hawke's Bay economy, which would then progressively increase the affordability of subsequent rates increases at the 5.5 – 6.0 % rate of increase per annum until Year 10.

Note – this comment on Page 39 in the LTP is both perplexing and naïve:

“Open up more areas for growth development.

Due to the increased financial risk in a slowing economy, this option is not recommended.”

The ONLY way to prudently and reliably rebuild any economy (be it either a regional or national economy) is through stimulating and increasing productivity; which in turn generates more income, which consequently has a flow-on positive money supply effect that reignites demand (through increased spending and savings/ investment capacity).

The HDC needs to look more broadly at recovery options/ measures – beyond infrastructure repair/ replacement. Help drive the recovery of the Hawke's Bay region through better enabling/ empowering Hawke's Bay businesses – existing and new alike, which in turn will help fund HDC LTP budgeted expenditure. I have a document that I prepared for a Napier City Councilor (at his request) some years ago, which is focused on exactly how councils can practically assist in stimulating and growing an economy. Please feel free to ask for this document if you have an interest to do so.

To this end, the Regional Business Partner Programme needs to be closely reviewed as a matter of priority. Determine "why" it isn't delivering favourable outcomes for the Hawke's Bay region that everyone wants it to. I was instrumental in enhancing this programme back in 2015, by advising John Key (then Prime Minister) that it needed to incorporate a deliberate "consulting" dimension. The aforementioned review should determine "what" commercial advice is being given and to what effect (i.e. what outcomes have been achieved consequently).

5. I feel compelled to make a heartfelt point here. I have been living with my nucleus family at 539 Apley Road, Puketapu for the past 15 years. In all of this time the only tangible benefit that we have received from HDC activity has been the clearing of Puketitiri Road and Dartmoor Road following Cyclone Gabrielle, the occasional filling-in of potholes that appear in these roads, and access to the Springfield Transfer Station. That's it.

We are the self-appointed guardians of a beautiful property – which we have made so through our own toil/ labour, which includes the preservation of around 2 acres of Native Bush. We intend to continue to preserve this bush throughout our remaining tenure on this property (we will not be clearing it for productive/ monetary generating purposes) – a direct benefit for Hawke's Bay and greater New Zealand from an economic perspective.

We have purposely chosen this rural lifestyle, so as to avoid reliance on as much public infrastructure as possible, so we don't expect to pay ever-increasing rates (HDC and HBRC alike). If I continue to see attempts to raise the rates associated with our property, which I deem to be unjustifiable, I may well instigate legal proceedings to challenge such attempts in Court.

6. The HDC needs to listen closely to Hawke's Bay ratepayers at this time, and take heed of what the majority of formal submissions point to. We live in a democratic country, and an inherent aspect of democracy is to act according to the wishes of the majority. The Hawke's Bay Regional Council are currently facing public outrage due to its refusal to act according to the wishes of 90 % of submitters on the topic of changing the basis of HBRC rates calculations. This is poor governance and reflects an autocratic council



organization. I strongly advise that the HDC does not follow this example set by the HBRC.

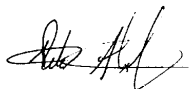
**Conclusion –**

I'd like to see the LTP revised; to better reflect the current fragile state of the (overall) Hawke's Bay economy, the current underperforming (and high cost of living) state of the New Zealand economy as a whole, and the likelihood that New Zealand may well soon enter a state of stagflation. This is about facing-up to the realistic nature of where New Zealand is actually at currently.

I'd like to see this revision also include:

- a) Reprioritizing which infrastructure is targeted for repair/ replacement and when. State the priority sequence in the LTP – name the given bridge/ road and its priority rating/ timeframe for repair/ replacement.
- b) Consideration given to sourcing HDC budget revenue from alternative sources (e.g. private individuals – I can share the name of one individual who may be interested and who has the financial wherewithal to help, if the HDC has an appetite to explore this option).
- c) The expressed exclusion of rural and lifestyle property owners from being contributors to HDC asset development which does not benefit them (e.g. fresh water supply, waste water treatment, etc).
- d) The HDC give deep consideration to further reducing non-priority HDC servicing costs (public services).
- e) HDC enactments/ undertakings in accordance with what the wishes of the majority of public submissions reflect.
- f) After Year 10, rates to be adjusted downwards, to reflect the fact that all planned infrastructural repairs/ replacements would have been completed by then. Ratepayers need to know at the front-end of entering this period of significant and consistent rates increases that ultimately this regime is for a finite (fixed) time period, after which rates will be reduced in line with a reduced reliance on rates to fund HDC activities (planned expenditure).

Sincerely,



Peter Alexander

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am VERY concerned about the way in which councils in the Hawke's Bay region are driving their own agenda into place with or without reference to public consultation input. The most recent case of this being the HBRC's decision to drive its change in the way it calculates HBRC rates – for these rates to be based on the Capital value of properties; despite the fact that 90 % of formal submissions made opposed/ rejected this endeavour.

This is sheer arrogance, and is dismissive of democratic rights and reflects very poor governance.

Where the HDC is concerned, I strongly suggest that you do not follow the same arrogant pathway to achieving what you desire, For I foresee litigation being inevitable in the event that you do.

Here's where I'm at with the HDC's proposed rates increases...

1. The HDC – like any other council (and any business for that matter) - needs to cut its cloth to suit the jacket size that is realistic obtainable/ achievable at the time, despite its desires/ preferences to achieve whatever planned projects within its preferred/ desired timeframes.
2. The HDC needs to be realistic in its understanding of where the wider New Zealand economy is at currently – we are virtually the worst performing country out of all OECD countries where productivity is concerned. So the HDC needs to ask itself the all important question of “can rate payers realistically generally be expected to afford rates increases given the low productivity (and associated income) levels generally being achieved ? And the answer that realistic mindsets will arrive at is a resounding “no”.
3. If the HDC was to practice “good governance”, it would review its projects and associated timeframes in order to:
  - a. Rationalise the shrinking/ culling/ phasing/ deferral of particular projects – and act accordingly.
  - b. Rationalise the re-prioritising of particular projects – and act accordingly.
  - c. Rationalise the assigned timeframes within particular projects are expected to be implemented – and act accordingly.
4. All government councils around New Zealand need to stop resorting to what is essentially “taxing” ratepayers more and more in order to achieve their funding requirements. Ratepayer affordability of this measure/ ploy is becoming less and less, and will soon result in ratepayers defaulting on paying their rates or only paying a level of rates which they can afford at the time. This is a regressive approach to digging New Zealand out of the deep financial mess that we're in presently.

5. Instead of hiking rates, the HDC needs to derive alternative ways of achieving its budget funding requirements. Necessarily, these alternative ways must/ should focus on PRODUCTIVITY improvement enablement. All councils need to decide whether they are truly an integrated part of New Zealand society or not – right now it very much seems that they don't have this sense. On this point, the HDC and HBRC might like to contact David Seymour for a copy of the paper that the 'Game Changer Collective' wrote a few years ago – which David has a copy of. Or you can request it directly from me. I was the main author of this paper. Within you will find a range of REALISTIC ideas for stimulating our economy, that don't rely on invoicing Kiwis for successively higher levels of rates.
6. I laughed (cynically and knowingly) at the way in which the HBRC ignored my formal submission with respect to factoring-in an allowance for the fact that approximately 50 % of our property is planted in native bush. I suggested that if the HBRC was to either change the basis of its rates calculations or increase rates then it should/ must include an offset factor reflecting such plantings (which don't serve any productive/ income purpose and positively contribute to a healthy climate/ environment). This dismissive attitude spoke volumes, reaffirming my belief that all that councils are really trying to do is increase their rates (tax) pools to meet their own desired projects. Shameful.

Lastly, nowhere in New Zealand can sustain successively higher levels of rates. Particularly when the ROI in relation to rates is indiscernible. For example, the greatest benefit that me and my family nucleus have received during my lifetime in Hawke's Bay is the clearing of the Puketitiri Road and Dartmoor Valley Road of landslides and silt deposits following Cyclone Gabrielle. That's it. Other than that we occasionally see a pothole filled-in with tar seal, only to reappear a short time afterwards due to the quality of the tar seal fill used.

So is the HDC actually enablement orientated, or is it instead self-interested – like so many other human organisations around the world ?

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,  
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## Background

Mayfair community planning in 2017 identified two key aspirations – upgrade of Bill Mathewson Park and the establishment of a community hub. Upgrades to the park subsequently happened, but the setting up of the community hub remains outstanding.

Initial scoping of potential sites was conducted in late 2022, with St Martins Hall at 1120 Willowpark Rd North being the preferred site due to its proximity and existing facilities – see Attachment A.

The Mayfair Community Group has recently undertaken engagement on a proposed community hub to understand whether this continued to be an aspiration in the community. The engagement took place from 10 – 15 April 2024. The engagement utilised a mixed methods approach, including online and face-to-face. The online survey was promoted through social media and emails. A hard copy survey was conducted face-to-face at the Community Day on 13 April at Mayfair School. Copies were also made available at Barnardos, the Kindergarten and St Martins.

There was a total of 171 engagements over the period, with the responses overwhelming indicating support for a hub and identifying the range of services and activities that should be delivered through the hub – see Attachment B. The Mayfair Community Group met in late April 2024 to review the input and agree priorities for the proposed community hub. The group also agreed that the initial establishment of the community hub would draw on a range of existing resources and infrastructure in the community, which may not be completely fit for purpose, but which would allow a 12-month pilot of the hub. At the completion of the initial 12 months, a longer-term plan for the community hub will be considered through a review.

## Establishing a Mayfair Community Hub

The overall drive for the establishment of a community hub in Mayfair is to develop strong and positive community members, particularly youth, children, parents and the elderly. It is hoped that creating positive community members will reduce anti-social behaviours, including those associated the local gang presence and the use of drugs. Based on the engagement input, it is proposed that the community hub focus on coordinating the delivery of the following activities and services:

1. Health and Wellbeing
  - a. Medical services and health clinics - including immunisations, health checks and health promotion
  - b. Mental health services – including counselling and resources, responding to the needs of youth and the elderly
  - c. Nutrition support – which considers the needs of the elderly and children.
2. Strengthening Families
  - a. Parenting classes
  - b. Family violence support
  - c. Ministry of Social Development services
  - d. Kainga Ora services and housing support.
3. Community Safety
  - a. Neighbourhood Support
  - b. Police presence
  - c. Overseeing delivery of broader safety measures – including community security cameras and traffic calming.
4. Advocacy, Education and Employment
  - a. Access to advocacy services – including Citizens Advice Bureau, Community Law, Justice of the Peace
  - b. Budgeting services
  - c. Access to adult education - including development of a relationship with EIT.
5. Community Connection
  - a. Overseeing activities that build community connection – including a BBQ in the park, a fenced playground in the park, community days and events
  - b. Support community leadership development – particularly youth mentorship.

The community hub would also broker and promote activities and services being delivered by others within or near the community including; fitness activities, cooking lessons, pataka kai, coffee groups, dental services, clothing support and the like.

## Collaborative Approach

A range of partners and stakeholders will be critical to establishing the community hub including; Hastings District Council, The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings, Ministry of Social Development, Kainga Ora, NZ Police, local health providers, local social service providers, community organisations, funding organisations and others. Managers and Coordinators of other local community hubs and centres will be sought as mentors and advisors for the establishment of the Mayfair hub.

## Funding Requirements

The following funding is sought for the first 12 months of the community hub operation.

Item	Function	Cost	Funder
Coordinator	Establishment and operation of the hub.	\$150,000*.	HDC
Operations.	Rent, power.	\$30,000*.	HDC

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WIFI and software.	\$2,000	Sponsor
Phone.	\$1,200.	Sponsor
Basic Fit Out. Office furniture – desks, tables, chairs, partitions, cabinets	\$3,000	Sponsor

\*Note that the Coordinator and Rent funding is for an 18 month period, to allow an establishment time of six months, in addition to 12 months operation.

Communications Planning

A communications and stakeholder engagement plan will be developed to carefully manage and balance the implementation of the hub activities and services with existing services being delivered at St Martins and also to ensure neighbours to the property are well-informed.

Review of Hub Implementation

A review will be conducted towards the end of the initial 12 months of operation to consider utilisation of the facility, activities and services. This may lead to the commissioning of a feasibility study to determine ongoing viability of activities and services, suitability of site and sustainable funding sources.

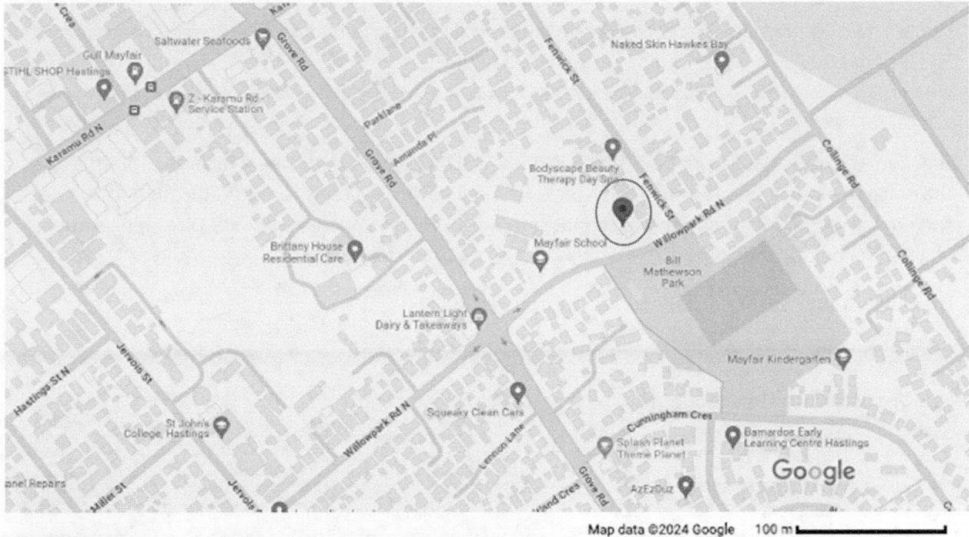
Attached document submission: Attachment A – Location of proposed hub, Attachment B - Insights from community engagement

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Attachment A – St Martins Location

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Building

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## Attachment B- Mayfair Community Hub Engagement Insights – April 2024

The Mayfair Community Group has recently undertaken engagement on a proposed community hub. The insights from the engagement are provided below.

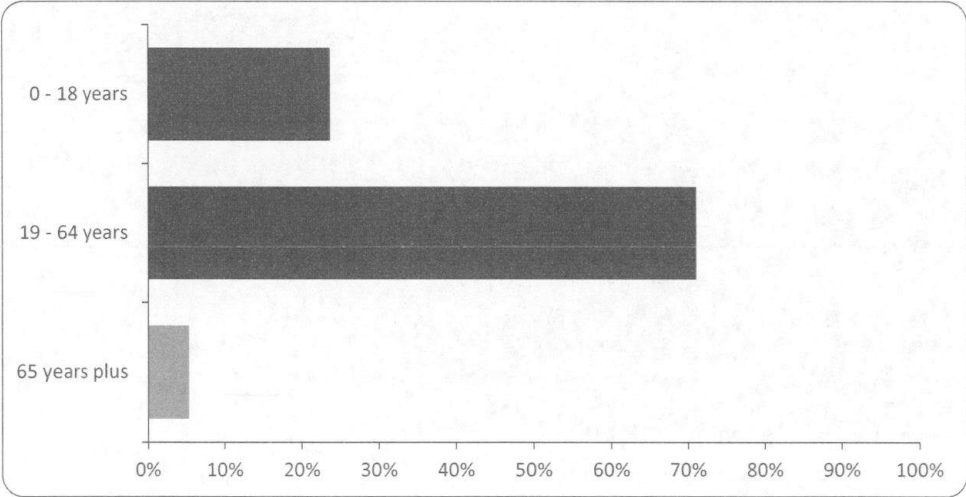
### Overview

Engagement took place from 10 – 15 April 2024. The engagement utilised a mixed methods approach, including online and face-to-face. The online survey was promoted through social media and emails. A hard copy survey was conducted face-to-face at the Community Day on 13 April at Mayfair School. Copies were also made available at Barnardos, the Kindergarten and St Martins.

There was a total of 171 engagements over the period.

The age distribution was largely representative of the community, as demonstrated below.

### Age Distribution of Respondents



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0 - 18 years	23.67%	40
19 - 64 years	71.01%	120
65 years plus	5.33%	9
TOTAL		169

*Note: 2 online respondents skipped this answer*

Question 1: If Mayfair had a community hub building, what services or support would you want to see being provided there?

The key themes from the responses to this question are provided below.

1. Support for Youth:

- Teen health, mental health and counselling services
- Music lessons or performance
- Video games
- Learning how to cook for kids
- Dance classes
- Kids playroom
- Gaming, WIFI, organised sports or games
- After school programs
- Youth mentorship

2. Community Connection:

- Building closer community connections through community events, like the community day
- Neighbourhood watch
- Friendship coffee groups
- Local advocacy

3. Support for Elderly:

- Health services and medical checks
- Social services for the elderly
- Elderly support and advocacy

4. Mental Health Support:

- Mental health services and wellbeing initiatives
- Grieving and suicide support
- Mental health resources

5. Social Services and Support:

- Kainga Ora and MSD
- Budgeting services
- Social workers and family violence services

- Services for job search and employment support

6. Health and Wellbeing:

- Medical services and health clinics
- Health promotion
- Immunisations
- Dental services
- Nutrition support
- Fitness activities (gym, classes, yoga)

7. Education and Skill Development:

- Adult education support
- Learning hubs
- Computer and IT classes
- Leadership guidance
- Life skills programs
- Literacy and English classes
- Māori language (Te Reo) classes

8. Community Safety:

- Policing
- Community watch
- Security cameras
- Safety measures for children
- Safer communities initiatives

9. Support for Families:

- Parenting classes
- Support for men
- Support for single moms
- Family violence support
- Youth and family support services
- Toddler/baby groups

10. Access to Basic Needs:

- Food pantry - Pataka kai/Nourished 4 Nil

- Budgeting advice
- Clothing support
- Access to hygiene products
- Meals on a budget lessons

Question 2: Why do you think it is important that these services or supports are provided in Mayfair?

The key themes from the responses to this question are provided below.

1. Community Accessibility and Proximity:

- Accessible for all community
- Closer to home
- Not accessible elsewhere
- Transport issues, being local
- Easier to access services in own community
- Access for whānau without transport
- Access to services for the community - local
- Services that people can walk to
- Create a space closer to home
- To have services available within walking distance

2. Safety and Security:

- Keep kids safe
- So children and women have a safe place
- To harbour a sense of community and reduce isolation
- To create a safer community
- Safe environment for mums and children
- Safe space if homes are not safe

3. Support for Youth and Families:

- Keep kids occupied
- Keep kids entertained
- Support for the next generation
- To get our youth off the streets

- To help our youth who don't have transport
  - To support the community and whānau
4. Community Development and Well-being:
- Something for all ages of the community
  - To build a more positive community
  - To bring community spirit and unity
5. Addressing Social Issues and Needs:
- Deprivation and low income
  - Anti-social behaviour and crime
  - Support for those struggling with transport
  - Support for lonely people in the community
  - Need for guidance and leadership for youth
  - Addressing issues of violence, gangs, and crime

Question 3: What other improvements would you like to see in Bill Mathewson Park and the surrounding area?

The key themes from the responses to this question are provided below.

1. Safety and Security:
- Security cameras connected to Police
  - More community Police presence
  - Traffic calming measures
  - Better lighting
  - Fencing for safety
  - Gated play areas for safety
  - Addressing gang presence and drugs
2. Community Infrastructure and Amenities:
- Playgrounds with fencing for safety
  - Park upkeep and maintenance
  - Better lighting and seating
  - Rubbish bins and cleanliness
  - Toilet upgrades

- Indoor snow sports centre
- Basketball court
- Volleyball net for community activity
- Community garden and workshops
- Barbecue area

3. Coordination with Existing Services:

- Coordination with existing services in St. Martins
- Coordinate with neighbouring communities
- Coordinate events at the park with other activities

4. Transportation and Accessibility:

- Addressing road works and traffic management
- Concerns about double parking

5. Community Engagement and Activities:

- Community events and market days
- Sports games and activities organized by community leaders





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The community cannot afford a ~20-25% rate increase, we need a return to basics.

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I understand how important it is that a government can run only by collecting taxes from the people. My small request is that don't collecting taxes for poor family and single parent family it costs lots of problem to them financially.

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As a Havelock North resident all my life and a ratepayer for 54 years it is becoming unaffordable to live here as a superannuitant and CSC card holder with an over \$2200 increase in rates since my land value more than doubled in 2023/24 and the subsequent Regional Council increases. The rates rebate will (including this year) see an increase of \$90 in that time. As a 1 person homeowner who uses less water, refuse and recycling resources this is inequitable. The NZ government should be paying for road and bridge damage to the region out of NZTA revenue and homeowners insurance for other damage. Council needs to take a look at unnecessary spending (eg extending outer curb on roundabouts) and updating playgrounds, reduce the number of workers standing around watching the repair of water leaks etc and GET back to BASICS for the next few years. I am saying NO to such a large increase in rates for the next 3 years.

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I've had a substantial increase in the capital value of my property over a one year period.While this seems like a good thing in terms of equity development, I can't help but think these values have been severely inflated to gain more rates revenue.Im not a property investor, I am simply a homeowner that believes we are starting to become a city of working poor that are having to work longer hours to keep up with the costs of living. Do you think maybe saving to fix infrastructure caused by cyclone damage instead of borrowing to fix infrastructure would be an alternative. I travel Hawke's Bay regularly on almost a daily basis and I think enough has been done to get by. A lot of the companies that get the contracts to do these jobs are simply about a bigger profit from the last job they've done...in the industry its called "taking the piss"...and it's happening because of poor management and communication and no accountability, and sad to say corruption.

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Money that is being spent on the new museum in Queen Street could have waited spent that money on the roads, money spent on road signs in English and Māori didn't need to be done.  
25% is a huge increase while in a recession plus also with their being a possible increase in regional rates is way too much in my views for the middle income earners.

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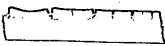

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Reduce the scope of works dramatically. Focus on core business only. The council needs to finds ways shrink staff numbers and payroll and Reduce rates, we need less government and vanity projects. Less policy papers and consultants and more common sense. Do the basics right water, roads, rubbish and leave the rest to user pays and free market solutions. We have had enough of above inflation rate increases, it's time to do less and find efficiencies in your organization.

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I am already struggling to pay mortgage working more hours now.I need to pay more rates means it is nearly killing me.I love this country but developing this country means all family have have responsibility. Please cut down benefits. They still need to get benefits.Lot people selling house now because they can't afford to pay mortgage,insurance, rates,grocery bills and power bill.All ready people is struggling this rates is going up means giving to us more pressure. Sorry I am respecting this country lot.I am thinking council making bit more fair decisions for homeowners. Thank you

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Your proposed increase of 25% will put already over stretched households under extreme pressure. The people who only just managed to pay their rates will possibly default and that will also put the council under greater pressure. Both council and households will suffer. We are paying higher insurance also due to the claims made for the cyclone. There needs to be a compromise as this rate is unsustainable. There is also no rebate for single homeowners. Surely an affordable rate is better than a rate that will cripple the community.

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Rates increase is excessive and unacceptable. Find more savings and better solutions. Not everyone can afford \$1000+ rates increase.  
My vote for your reelection depends on your management of the rates increase.

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Totally disagree with the increase of rates!!!

In my opinion, - Rate payers seem to be the target of having to foot increasing amount of recovery debts by continuous rate increases!!!

Politicians should be made accountable and put the ridiculous increase of their latest pay rise toward helping pay for the debts incurred instead of accepting a pay rise consider the fairest way for the government to fund the costs of the cyclone etc....by giving their pay rise to the CRTR and to the less fortunate areas of need!

Leave the rate payers alone!! As a rate payer and first home owner myself, trying to keep up with the continual hike in rates, high cost of living, inflation, mortgage, every day financial challenges etc.... Enough is enough!

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This is absolutely unrealistic, unreasonable and unacceptable. How can this council expect people to pay more when we not only lost income from covid, then the cyclone and now a recession which was created and forced on us by Adrian Orr. I for one will not be paying anything over my current rates bill and I know the majority of people in Hastings won't be either. Good luck trying to enforce poverty and homelessness on all of us. Sandra why don't you try using your last term as Mayor to support the public and make a difference for good and not to line your pockets.

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Unaffordable. Everyone wanting money for this, money for that to cover "Costs". Have less and be happy. What a joke. I've worked for 46yrs. Scrimped, gone without, to actually provide security for myself in my later life. People who have less, actually aren't happy. Look at what is going on in our country and it's getting worse. Not all of us have the luxury of having partners that can buffer the extra expenses. Everyone that pays tax, should be responsible for the recovery of Hawkes Bay. It's not rate payers only, that drive the roads, use bridges, etc etc. I'm all for user pays. I can see changes happening across the board with who holds positions, where decision making is made, that affects most of the general public. Listening to what people are saying is crucial, in order for everyone to move forward. Nobody is irreplaceable. That's a loud and clear message in modern day NZ

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The Arts are vital to the hauora and wairua of our region. I would argue that, rather than 'nice to have', artistic experiences are even more essential to our community to heal and to bring people together after Covid, the cyclone and the enduring financial hardship many face. We have already lost Hawke's Bay Arts Festival. We need a festival of the arts that is accessible and that gives local artists opportunities to perform and create.

Fringe in the 'Stings has the potential to touch the lives of a huge number of people, and to attract visitors to the region. We want to expand our offerings to youth, liaising with Manioro Rainbow Hub and other youth groups. We would like to offer more free artistic experiences to a wider range of people. We would like to continue to offer space for emerging artists to produce new works, and volunteer opportunities as a door into the arts.

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I haven't answered question 2 because I don't agree with either of the two choices offered. Things are really tough out there at the moment. Pensioners, people on fixed incomes and those with families simply cannot afford the magnitude of the council's proposed rate increase. I submit therefore, that whereas the council has made good progress on lots of its initiatives over the past couple of decades, now is the time to defer or postpone any of the nice to have, non-essential work programmes (including cycleways) and concentrate on just those essential infrastructure projects that are absolutely essential to keep the city going. In my opinion, we have reached a stage where we are now in a position where we can afford to coast a bit and then pick up on the other things again in a few years' time (probably beyond the three-year horizon). Listen to your Ratepayers! The current proposals are unacceptable. Please reduce the proposed rate increases to something that is more affordable for people who are struggling so much.

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The proposed rate increases are obscene and reflect a council which lacks prudent financial controls and shows complete disrespect for ratepayers in what are extremely difficult financial times. The whole country is feeling the pain due to the expending excesses of both the previous Labour Governments, lack of control by the Reserve Bank Governor and this is not helped by wasteful spending by councils on 'feel good' projects which are not essential core Council requirements and undertakings - the Hastings District Council is not immune from these criticisms.

I urge you to take my following advice on board and go back to providing services that are core to District and other Councils - namely clean water, waste water, storm water, rubbish collecting and maintaining roads and footpaths. All non essential spending outside these areas should be put on hold and probably dropped altogether.

Here are some ideas which I strongly recommend you adopt:

1. No more cycleways.
2. Stop roundabouts like the one recently installed at the Frederick Street/Caroline Road intersection. This roundabout has destroyed traffic flow and has made the intersection much more dangerous. As someone who uses both Frederick Street and Caroline Road regularly, sometimes daily, the new roundabout makes me very nervous as I approach it mainly because of the speed of other traffic, the failure of drivers on Frederick Street in particular to give way and the fact that almost no drivers using the roundabout indicate. It is an accident waiting to happen on a daily basis and a waste of taxpayers money trying to fix a problem that did not exist.
3. Remove the Maori Wards before the next Local Body elections. It is clear legislation is going to be passed making referenda a requirement for the installation of Maori Wards. There is no doubt that Council will lose such a referendum comprehensively and therefore you should be pre-emptive in removing the Wards to save the cost of said referendum and separate elections. We are one people and Councils should recognise that instead of being racially divisive and pandering to Maori activism.
4. My understanding is Hastings District Council is one of the most advanced in respect of the requirements for Local Waters Done Well. If you have not done so I suggest that you should immediately contact Minister Simeon Brown so this may be further advanced and so ratepayers receive the rate reduction benefits as evidenced by the plan recently announced for Auckland. There seems no reason to me why these benefits should not flow through New Zealand and also no reason that with the work already completed that Hastings District Council should not be at the forefront for receiving these benefits.
5. I am sure my view that support received from the previous Labour Government was grossly inadequate when compared to the damage done throughout the district by Cyclone Gabrielle is generally accepted. Are you keeping the pressure on the new Coalition Government for more financial help with this. In Catherine Wedd and Katie Nimon Hawkes Bay has two up and coming MP's, future Cabinet Members I would think and the Hastings District Council area runs through both of their Electorates as I understand it. If you are not, Council should be taking full advantage of their capabilities and commitment to Hawkes Bay. I do not think we have been so well served since the days of Craig Foss and Chris Tremain. Government must be persuaded to carry more of the cost of the restoration of all of Hawkes Bay following this disaster.
6. Get back to communicating in English only. It is the common language of your District and would have resulted in probably four fewer pages in the recently sent out which would have been a small saving for ratepayers. Most Maori I know, friends, contacts and work colleagues of many years standing do not want to be involved in the pandering and patronisation of Maori as has been the case in the last 6 years in particular. Have a look and see how many Maori are by choice are on the General Roll throughout New Zealand - I think it is a big majority over the activists infesting the Maori Roll..
7. Do not pander to the Climate Change alarmists. Sure the climate is changing just as it has since time began. Blaming Cyclone Gabrielle on Climate Change is misleading - it was more likely an after effect of the Tongan Volcano eruption.

In conclusion there was a saying in common use when I was growing up in Hawkes Bay in the 1950's and 1960's - save the pennies and the pounds will look after themselves. It is past time that the Hastings District Council followed that ethic - because when it is all said and done Councilors and Staff are employees of Ratepayers, not the other way round.

Think again about your levels of proposed borrowing - it is going to be a noose around ratepayers necks for several generations to come.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission on the Annual Plan.

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My thoughts are we need infill development rather than green fields development.

We need direct fast connector roads to get people around.

We need to cut projects that do not add economic value but keep others like CBD enhancement, which have added value directly in business and improved the look of Hastings which attracts people to it.

We understand the cyclone costs and the great work HDC does.

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We are struggling to make ends meet as it is. Such a large increase in our rates will place an extreme financial burden on myself and my family.

I understand the cyclone affected the whole community, however we have already been disadvantaged for being unaffected by the increase in our land value. To be disadvantaged even more by the large increase in rates is kicking us when we are already down. There is a real living crisis out there and it is currently impossible for us to move forward. We were sitting quite comfortably this time last year, but 12months later and we are sitting in the red financially and having to make massive cuts and changes already just to make ends meet. And we have no other debt than our mortgage. I would hate to think the position others are in!!

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We bought in Hastings in 2021. First time homebuyers.

Our rates were \$2800 when we bought. They are now anticipated to be \$4500. In three years, thats a 60% increase. When coupled with the cost of living crisis, HDC is significantly contributing to making home ownership in Hastings unaffordable. If this rates increase is adopted and the upward trend looks to stay, we will not be able to stay in Hastings long term.

I believe rates should be higher for investment properties, and lower for first home buyers/single property owners.

Addressing natural hazard preparations and recovery, I do not want to see home owners who have chosen lower-risk home locations shoulder the cost for those who have chosen to live by waterways and in other higher risk zones. I believe encouraging people to relocate away from high risk areas should be incentivised via lower rates.

Finally, your compliance team has recently shut down one of the only open air live music venues in the city. So please, give us a reason to stay.

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Disagree on the proposal of Rating area One where Hastings proposed rates 24/25 may increase to \$4,399. This is not Auckland which has a larger growth and population, where I was living 10 years ago and was paying over \$3000 in rates. Forward to current time, I was made redundant 6 months ago and now have a lower pay job now like many who can't afford that amount in rates on top of the cost of living.

We should not have to give you ideas on how to run the region as this is why we voted your team in. Sale off Airport or Port Shares if these are available.

Get better road contractors in to do our roads instead of cheapest that just clip the ticket. i.e. Karamu road is a disgrace especially when it has a large volume of traffic on it. Heretaunga Road to Havelock from Willowpark has now got pot holes. Yet some of Omaha Road is a nice sealed road to drive on.

Kerbside food scraps don't work and will lead to bins falling over or attacked by animals, and if this is the case that it will be introduced then people should not have to pay if they are using a compost heap on their property like I do.

Have a long term funding over 10years if 5years reduces rates to 19% then longer reduce to 8% and keep pushing government for more funds because we didn't learn from the Christchurch earthquake recovering and we sure still haven't learnt from Cyclone Gabrielle and it wont be our last cyclone in the region.

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Please cut more costs, because we are going to have to cut more costs as a household to afford the rates increase. One suggestion is to please cut spending on climate change efforts.

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The increase is too high and will put many at risk of financial hardship. We are in a cost of living crisis. People are already having a tough time. i think a slow and steady approach will be the answer.

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Cannot afford another ridiculously high increase. My rates went up around 18% last year . This is not sustainable.



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Twenty five percent increase to rates is totally unacceptable.

Rates are essentially a wealth tax which is already unfair enough and rampaging ahead with ill-conceived proposal during a period when the country is already feeling the effects of 6 years of central government mismanagement and uncertainty for many homeowners will create discontent at unprecedented levels.

I fail to see why the Council think homeowners in the region should pay half the costs.

There is already enough waste on projects that are totally unnecessary that border on negligence with public purse and fiascos and white elephants I see daily in the region.

Its time the Council woke up and learned to be prudent with rates.

Hawkes Bay already has an embarrassing track record on local authority incompetence and bickering and extorting rates will just add more weight to that argument.

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I havn't ticked any of the boxes above as they are biased/ trying to avoid the issues/ prop up Council agenda.

Cyclone targeted rate needs to be larger as we have 800 years of humans mucking the environment about. Yes we are faced with tough choices mainly because hdc and hbrc has not done the required maintenance of waterways over many, many years, While I understand that National Government policies have made things difficult this is not an excuse for dropping the ball when the key function of councils is infrastructure and sustainability based.

In the light of that we/you need to focuss funding on sorting our waterways out. humans have spent the last 800 or so years mucking up the environment - early polynesian/ Maori burnt down half our forests to grow kumera, bracken fern and to provide habitat for Moa. Settlers in the last 180 years have completley changed the way that waterways run so that almost all creeks, streams and rivers are in artificial channels designed to speed the flow of water thus making peak flows larger and erosion much much greater to say nothing of the loss of soil from slopes denuded of their forest cover. with 89% approx of our forest cover gone and about the same amount of flood mitigating swamps gone the Cyclone damage was totally forseeable. We have also centralised our services so they are reliant on " just in time " delivery via large road destroying trucks.

Growth is a oszi scheme and sooner or later we will have to pay for it. Lets focuss on sustainabiity and a good lifestyle for all Hawkes Bay citizens. More people means more infrastructure, etc, etc which has to be paid for out of the same area of land, so more intensificaton, more erosion, more housing etc until the whole thing falls over. Yes GDP looks good, like after the Christchurch earthquake but most people end up with less each and the whole standard of living drops for most people. We are dropping battery hens to put in infill housing so creating battery people !

Debt plan must be to find more savings - stop paying ever increasing amounts to Council and Council staff and counsultants. Make sports and cycle ways pay their way. W e now have professional sports woth million/billions and we still subsidise them. Cycles should be registered and chipped and pay a fee for thev use of cycleways. Buses are a waste of money. For the few people who cannot drive/afford a car we can set up a volunteer survice or the can work or cycle ?? Isn't that why we have spent megabucks on cycle and walkways.

Nice to have is just that but only if you have surplus money after paying the above bills

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Hello

The 25% rates increase in today's times is going to create financial hardship on middle/low income people. Anyone renting out places will pass the cost on to renters. Prices are already impossible as it is for them. Therefore I firmly disagree with such an enormous rate increase proposal. Thank you.

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Hawke's Bay Agricultural and Pastoral Society, request that the Heretaunga Hastings District Council considers the attached proposal to continue funding Napier Port Hawke's Bay Primary Sector Awards, Bayleys Hawke's Bay Wine Awards and the Hawke's Bay A&P Show through LTP events funding.

Attach a document to your submission

hastings\_district\_council\_events\_funding\_proposal.pdf



## Proposal for Event Funding

Hawke's Bay Agricultural and Pastoral Society, request that the Heretaunga Hastings District Council considers the proposal to continue funding the below listed events.

We hold these regional events, to promote our primary sector to a wide audience. By running events, recognising our heritage, encouraging education, fostering wellbeing, and celebrating excellence, we help Hawke's Bay's primary industries grow, while continuing the legacy of our foundation members. Supporting innovative thinking, our society contributes to positive economic development across the region.

NAPIER PORT HAWKE'S BAY PRIMARY SECTOR AWARDS

BAYLEYS HAWKE'S BAY WINE AWARDS

HAWKE'S BAY A&P SHOW

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### Hawke's Bay Agricultural and Pastoral Society

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The Hawke's Bay A&P Society was formed to support our region's primary industry sector.

Founded in 1858, we're a charitable, not for profit society that aims to bring town and country communities together.

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## Napier Port Hawke's Bay Primary Sector Awards

The Napier Port Primary Sector Awards tells the story of excellence within rural Hawke's Bay and celebrates success, business innovation and growth. The winners represent a wide range of the primary sector who are making an immense contribution to the growth and success of the industry.



The Napier Port Hawke's Bay Primary Sector Awards have a long history and contribute significantly to the primary industry across the region. Entrants across all categories represent some of the finest and most innovative, industrious primary producers in the country, producing some of the highest quality food and fibre to be found anywhere in the world. This event helps to enhance Hawke's Bay reputation.

### Scope and Scale

The Napier Port Primary Sector Awards are an opportunity to encourage people to identify who's making a difference and nominate them for their respective award category. The awards represent and recognise leader's past, present and future, who contribute to making our region succeed, enhancing regional pride. Previous recipients have carried on achieving incredible heights within the sector in Hawke's Bay and across New Zealand.

This event has attracted up to 500 attendees when held onsite at Tomoana Showgrounds – new venue slightly reduces this number to 400 however brings a fresh-new feel and prestige to the event.

### Key Objectives

The primary objective of the Napier Port Hawke's Bay Primary Sector Awards is to identify, promote and celebrate excellence in Hawke's Bay primary sectors. In doing so, we endorse the contribution that pastoral farming has to the economic, cultural and social well-being of our region. For 50 years the Hawke's Bay A&P Society has championed this iconic competition. It is the premier event on the Hawke's Bay calendar and is considered by the farming and business community as the most prestigious award to win within the sector in Hawke's Bay.

This regionally significant competition seeks to identify those operators that maximise the potential of the property they farm in an efficient and sustainable manner.

- To identify, promote and celebrate excellence in the primary sector within the Hawke's Bay region.
- To recognise both individuals and organisations that have made a significant contribution to the sector through either innovation, leadership, community involvement or excellence in business.
- To host a prestigious Awards Dinner that is worthy of the accolades being presented on the evening, enhancing civic pride.
- To provide opportunities to drive economic development and investment.

### Event Location & Logistics

The Napier Port Primary Sector Awards has primarily been held onsite at Tomoana Showgrounds in the Exhibition Hall, however the 2024 event is being moved to Toitoti Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre. We believe moving the event at Toitoti will take the event to another level of professionalism and showcases one of Heretaunga Hastings District Council world-class venues within the area, as well as the expertise of the onsite team at Toitoti Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre.

### Return on Investment – Heretaunga Hastings District Council (Industry Leader Award)

- Heretaunga Hastings District Council receives the exclusive and naming rights to the Heretaunga Hastings District Council Hawke's Bay Industry Leader Award
- Heretaunga Hastings District Council will be promoted on all media communications, publicity material and marketing material relevant to this award. This includes social media campaigns, marketing material, programmes, menus, PowerPoints and any other collateral.
- Your logo & brand showcased on the Hawke's Bay A&P Society website - Primary Sector Awards page.
- Your logo will be showcased at the Awards Dinner through the AV during the evening as well as sole branding for your respective category.
- Heretaunga Hastings District Council will receive invitations to attend sponsorship and industry related functions throughout the year to meet with other sponsors and network with industry professionals.
- Promotional video screened at the Awards Dinner as your representative walks to the stage to present Award.
- You will have use of the Awards official logo for promotional purposes within your business.
- You and your team will receive four complimentary tickets for the Awards Dinner
- 10% discount on tickets to attend the Awards Dinner.
- Position on the judging panel of the 2024 Heretaunga Hastings District Council Industry Leader Award.
- Exposure in the Hawke's Bay Today supplement put together by the Hawke's Bay A&P Society.
- Your business will be supporting the Hawke's Bay A&P Society which is a Charitable organisation working for the primary sector and your business will be investing back into the community through the Industry Leader Award.

**Sponsorship Value    \$7,000.00 + GST per year**

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## Bayleys Hawke's Bay Wine Awards

The Bayley's Hawke's Bay Wine Awards is New Zealand's longest running regional wine competition and the event is proudly owned and managed by the Hawke's Bay A&P Society.



The awards honour the incredible talent in Hawke's Bay winemaking and viticulture and are crucial to our region's winemaking community and reputation. By identifying, promoting and celebrating excellence in the industry, we acknowledge the contribution winemaking makes to the economic, cultural and social wellbeing of Hawke's Bay.

### Scope and Scale

The Bayleys Hawke's Bay Wine Awards are an opportunity to identify our region's top winemakers and viticulturalists and pay homage to their talent, skill and expertise. Hawke's Bay has been announced as one of the Great Wine Capitals of the World, confirming the region's reputation as New Zealand's Food and Wine Country.

This event has attracted up to 500 attendees when held onsite at Tomoana Showgrounds – new venue slightly reduces this number to 400 however brings a fresh-new feel and prestige to the event.

### Key Objectives

The primary objective of the Bayleys Hawke's Bay Wine Awards is to identify, promote and celebrate excellence in wine making and viticulture industry within the Hawke's Bay region.

For over 23 years the Hawke's Bay A&P Society has owned and managed this competition. It is the premier wine awards event on the Hawke's Bay calendar and is considered by the wine, viticulture and business community as the most prestigious wine award to win within the industry in Hawke's Bay.

- To identify, promote and celebrate excellence in Hawke's Bays winemaking and viticulture industry.
- To endorse the contribution of viticulture and winemaking to the economic, cultural and social wellbeing of Hawke's Bay.
- To champion and promote the Wine Awards Sponsors and Hawke's Bay A&P Society to the Hawke's Bay Community and beyond.
- To host a prestigious Awards Dinner that enhances community pride and is worthy of the accolades being presented on the evening.
- To provide opportunities to drive economic development and investment.

#### **Event Location and Logistics**

The Bayleys Hawke's Bay Wine Awards has been held onsite at Tomoana Showgrounds in the Exhibition Hall until 2023 when the event was moved to Toitoti Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre, both Heretaunga Hastings District Council owned venues. This change of venues enhanced the professionalism and prestige of the awards – making this event one of the most sort after Awards Dinners in the region.

Holding the event at Toitoti Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre, showcases one of Heretaunga Hastings District Council amazing venues and the expertise of the onsite team at Toitoti Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre.

#### **Return on Investment – Heretaunga Hastings District Council (Other Premium Red Varietals)**

- Exclusive naming rights to the Other Premium Red Varietals Category and all promotion associated with this category.
- Your company name will be on all promoted materials associated with the Awards Dinner and your category in entirety.
- Your company name or logo will be on all printed materials such as the invitations, tickets, menus and evening booklet.
- Your logo will be showcased at the Awards Dinner through the AV during the evening as well as sole branding for your respective category.
- Promotional video screened at the Awards Dinner as your representative walks to the stage.
- A representative will have a short speaking slot and will present the award for your category.
- You and your team will receive invitations to attend sponsorship and industry related functions throughout the year to meet with other sponsors and network with industry professionals.
- You will have use of the Awards official logo for promotional purposes within your business.
- Access to the entrant's database over the years of sponsorship to be utilised for relevant sponsorship leverage.
- Four complimentary tickets to attend the Awards Dinner.
- Opportunity to receive a special sponsor price of 10% discount on additional tickets purchased to make up a table of 10.

**Sponsorship Value    \$6,000.00 + GST per year**

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### Hawke's Bay A&P Show

The Hawke's Bay A&P Show, hosted at the Tomoana Showgrounds is a cornerstone event with the Hawke's Bay community and each year highlights the importance of farming to our community and honours the tradition and legacy of the agriculture and pastoral legends who created the event in 1863.



Agricultural shows are iconic events which provide community connections and wellbeing. The Hawke's Bay A&P Show encourages agricultural education and career pathways to employment within the primary sector. Competitions and benchmarking of agricultural pursuits and produce are utilised as methods to engage with youth and connect with further positive opportunities.

The Hawke's Bay A&P Society champions all that is great about the Hawke's Bay region and rural New Zealand, allowing visitors to take part in traditional activities, heritage and culture, along with supporting the great strides the sector is taking in agricultural, wellness and business innovation.

#### Scope and Scale

The Hawke's Bay A&P Show is a massive event that brings rural life to the city like no other event can and welcomes around 30,000 visitors through the gates at the Tomoana Showgrounds each year.

The HB A&P Show focuses on agricultural and pastoral elements; animals, competitions and the prestige associated with winning top prizes for the best of the best livestock.

Some of the country's best and most prestigious livestock and equestrian events pack the schedule, accompanied by fun-filled family entertainment. The HB A&P Show resonates with the people of Hawke's Bay and has a positive impact on the primary sector, fostering health and wellbeing while celebrating culture and heritage.

Visitors to the show get the opportunity to see horses, ponies, sheep, alpacas, dogs, pigs, poultry and so much more. Shearing competitions are fast and furious, and world-class equestrians strut their stuff to the audience's delight. Crowd favourite remains the farmyard, which is considered one of the best in New Zealand. Families love the opportunity to get up close to all kinds of farm animals. Carnival rides continue to be popular, and a show visit is never complete without a hotdog on stick.

Rural enthusiasts delight in the huge array of livestock displays and competitions, agricultural machinery, seminars and educational talks. Trading opportunities are provided with a huge number of retail and hospitality stands.



### Enriching communities

The A&P Shows play an important role in the development and preservation of regional communities throughout New Zealand. Show day provides positive social impact, alongside the many beneficial partnerships formed with community organisations.

The show's contribution to community enhances wellbeing in our region. It's evident across the board from equestrian sports and livestock displays, through to community organisations benefitting from the opportunity to raise funds at the event.

### Return on Investment – Heretaunga Hastings District Council (Platinum Partner)

- Full access to Members Marquee.
- Trade side discount for Sponsors – 100%.
- Invitation to attend the Show Launch.
- Opportunity to supply signage within section exhibiting or relevant sponsorship pavilion.
- Naming rights for individual sections.
- Name/logo and link to your website on [www.hbap.co.nz](http://www.hbap.co.nz) – HB A&P Show page
- Hawke's Bay A&P Show – social media promotions.
- Feature story inclusion – HB Today.
- Acknowledgement by MC's and announcers on site the Hawke's Bay A&P Show.
- Advertising – media and radio opportunities.
- Partner - ticket selling opportunities – early bird pricing.
- Complimentary tickets: 10 x Family passes.

**Sponsorship Value    \$25,000.00 + GST per year**

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### Closing Note

We appreciate the partnership we have with the Heretaunga Hastings District Council; your financial support helps us continue holding these regional events which not only, celebrate culture and heritage, they highlight the talent in our region which helps to enhance the district reputation.

If there are other benefits which are important to Heretaunga Hastings District Council, for any of the three events this proposal covers, please submit these for consideration.







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Council is there to provide essential infrastructure and services, as legislated, to the community. It has no other mandate nor purpose. It should go without saying that the provision of services to the community should be affordable and in sync with general prevailing economic factors impacting on citizens lives and ability to pay. Suggesting rates increases of 25% does not reflect the reality of the economic crisis that New Zealanders are experiencing with increases across the board to food, power charges, insurance, fuel, maintenance, health services and many other staples of life, quite unmatched by increases in income. As a general rule, I believe that rates should not increase beyond the rate of inflation however accept that the impact of Cyclone Gabriel will have an extraordinary effect requiring an increase above that of inflation. Take a leaf out of the current NZ Government handbook and set a rates target in the order of 12% and instruct the management to bring back options on how this can be achieved.

HDC get real with your budgeting and do what others have to, cut your cloth to suit the ability of your constituents to pay.

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I understand that unexpected events such as Gabrielle and Covid have put strain on our local financial abilities.  
My preference is for the least expensive options due to building financial pressure as a young and growing family.

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**Share your thoughts here . . .**

One of the main things we are hearing is that one of the reasons for the increase cost is that it cost more now than 3 years ago to complete the work, it feels as though that is just a cop out. We have been paying rates for years to go towards maintenance of our infrastructure however the council has not invested the money into it, now it is a necessity and the rate payer is hit again. What other avenues of revenue has the council considered to pay for their poor historical decision making?

What plans, or assurances will there be for rates to decrease anytime in the future? Once cyclone recovery has been sorted will the cyclone targeted rate only be replaced with some other rate or increase? Rates are already \$5k+ pa for some, there needs to be more work done around affordability and finding more savings and other revenue opportunities.

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I believe that a large number of ratepayers will struggle to meet the potential 158% increase in rates over the next three years, and in representing ratepayers, councillors must cut increases therefore to the bare minimum required to meet basic services and necessary cyclone recovery costs.

"Normal" operating costs and the rate increases required to cover those should be increased at a percentage not greater than annual inflation, and given the premium required to pay cyclone recovery costs, basic rate increases should be kept well below inflation in the medium term. During the cyclone recovery period, "nice to have" projects should be deferred, and wasteful vanity projects such as the recently completed water compound beside the Council Buildings cancelled completely. Hopefully in hindsight councillors are finally embarrassed by the monies they have wasted on that facility, its location, and surrounds.

Rather than blending cyclone recovery costs into the overall rate take, I feel strongly that rates should be presented annually as a basic operating rate to meet normal Council Operating Costs, with Cyclone Recovery Costs identified as an annual levy in addition to that. Council is then required to manage operating budgets and keep increases within inflation levels, and once the cyclone recovery costs are met, the overall rates take will not be inflated unrealistically.

Thanks for the opportunity to share my thoughts - which reflect the thoughts also of many in the community.

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Pay more, expand growth areas for development accept more funding risk to ratepayers

Pay more add some projects

Pay more, go quicker, invest more

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Keep growing and moving forward. Don't stagnate! Also keep the Sustainable Homes Loan - removing that is pointless and it will only negatively affect families who need a healthier, warmer, drier and/or sustainable home... which will save them money in the long term. If the rates are going to rise significantly then these people need ways to access funds that will decrease their living costs.

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Pay less. slowdown further

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Nasty Pain, but could be worse

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Share your thoughts here . . .

HDC has been severely effected by woody biomass brought down the catchment and will continue to be so. This woody debris has significant value when converted to certified biochar. The same system which produces the certified biochar + carbon removal credits, can also achieve similar outcomes from green slash, waste treatment plant biosolids and other feedstocks. This proposal is currently in various stages of acceptance with three other District Councils, and is deployed in more than 70 projects globally. The case for the system is commercially astute, providing a direct economic lift of approximately \$150/Tonne of woody debris, plus earnings. The secondary benefits include energy generation providing resilience and reduced cost. Our suggestion is that such a system would remove the operational expense of woody biomass disposal, provide significant new revenues to the local economy and/or Council, and provide local energy generation for industry or homes.

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**The Council and Ratepayers regrettably have experienced significant issues with woody debris in the catchment and in condemned buildings.**

**Epic Char proposes to systematically remove the remainder of this woody biomass for Council with a solution that will deliver environmentally sustainable social and economic outcomes for the region, retaining the system for alternative feedstocks and/or future woody debris events.**

**The Epic Char solution is based on the mass production of Biochar using the woody biomass as feedstock:**

- Produces high value commodities: certified biochar and carbon credits – benefits the environment
- Each manufacturing unit also delivers 2.7 GWH of Electricity (385 average households) and 17.7 GWH of Heat Energy (6 hectares of glasshouse) – benefits community housing and industry.
- 25-year asset can then provide ongoing solution for LWD and other feedstock to enable local and industrial waste management solutions over the long term – benefits the Council and ratepayers over the longer term.

### What is Biochar?

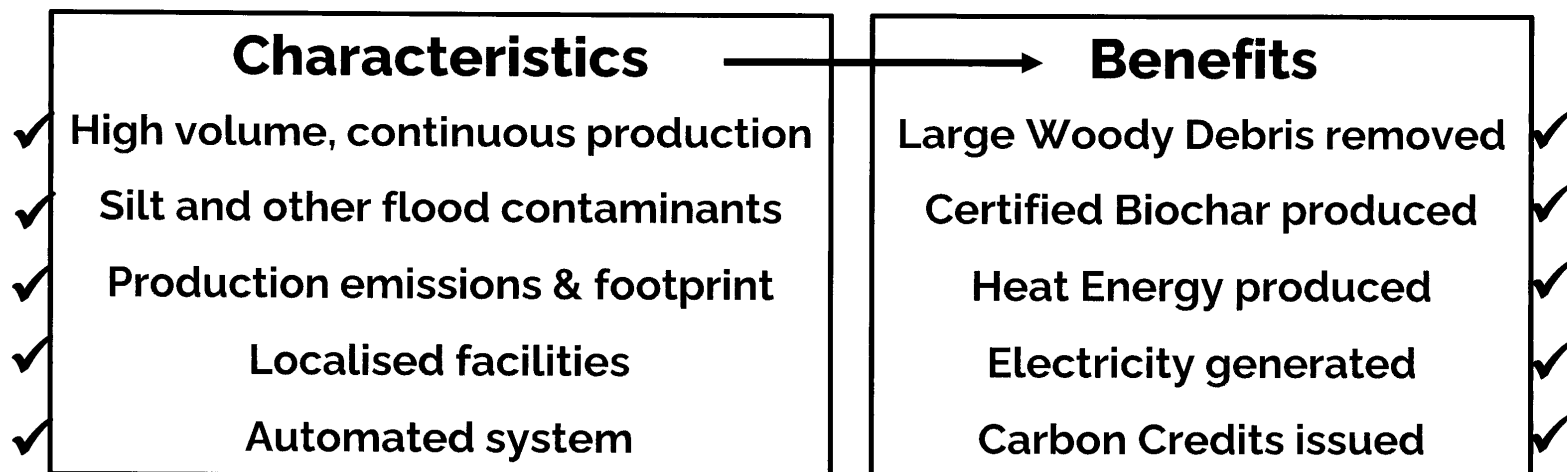
Biochar is defined by the International Biochar Initiative as "the solid material obtained from the thermochemical conversion of biomass in an oxygen-limited environment".

Making biochar has been an ancient, low-tech practice. The biochar produced, when added to soil, made plants grow better and require less fertilizer and watering. The traditional methods were limited in modern terms, posing problems with environmental impacts, particularly emissions, the qualities of the biochar itself and in their limited potential and scalability.



The large woody biomass problem is here now and for years to come.

Is modern **Biochar** capable of being a large part of the solution?



Can these biochar facilities deal with the 900,000+ Tonnes of LWD we currently have?

The units are modular, operating alone or in parallel, each processing 12000 T/a.  
15 units would process the current inventory within 5 years. Spread across the East Coast, perhaps: Wairoa; Matawhero; Te Karaka; Tolaga Bay; Tokomaru Bay; Ruatoria; Te Araroa.

In each case, local relationships with community, forest owners, contractors, transport are essential to outcomes being sustained: “locally led, regionally supported, and centrally enabled”, Phase Two of the Government response to the MILU.

This substantially fulfils the MILU Response Phase One requirements 6.1 and 6.3:

- 6.1 effective, sufficient clean-up of woody debris to manage the risks it presents;
- 6.2 strengthening resource management functions and decision-making;
- 6.3 strengthening partnerships for future resilience; and
- 6.4 reducing risks of new woody debris flows and sedimentation.

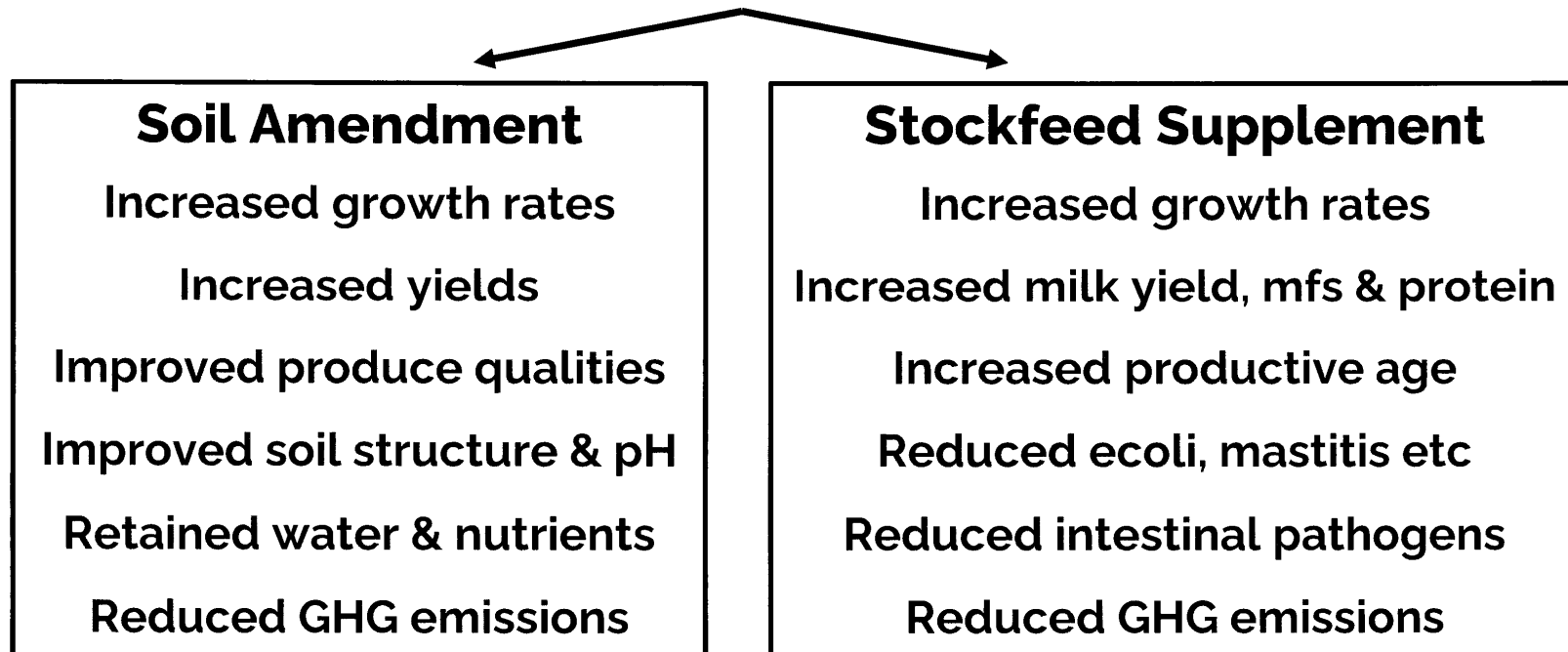
Is this financially achievable?

A range of options are available to make this system fiscally viable for Council, especially when considering the shared need with other District Council's nearby.



**What good is all of that biochar?**

**Biochar has its greatest productivity impacts in primary production.**







*When amended with biochar at a rate of 8 tons per acre, wheat growth dramatically increased compared to wheat grown on unamended soil near Spokane, Washington. (Photo courtesy of Kristin Trippe, USDA ARS).*

### **Soil Ammendment**

Vineyard + >30% T/ha

Potatoes + >50% T/ha

Zucchini + >25% yield

Cucumber + >70% yield

Tropical/Conifer + >10%  
faster growth

### **Stockfeed Supplement**

Beef growth + 12% faster

Milk production + >1.4l/head/day

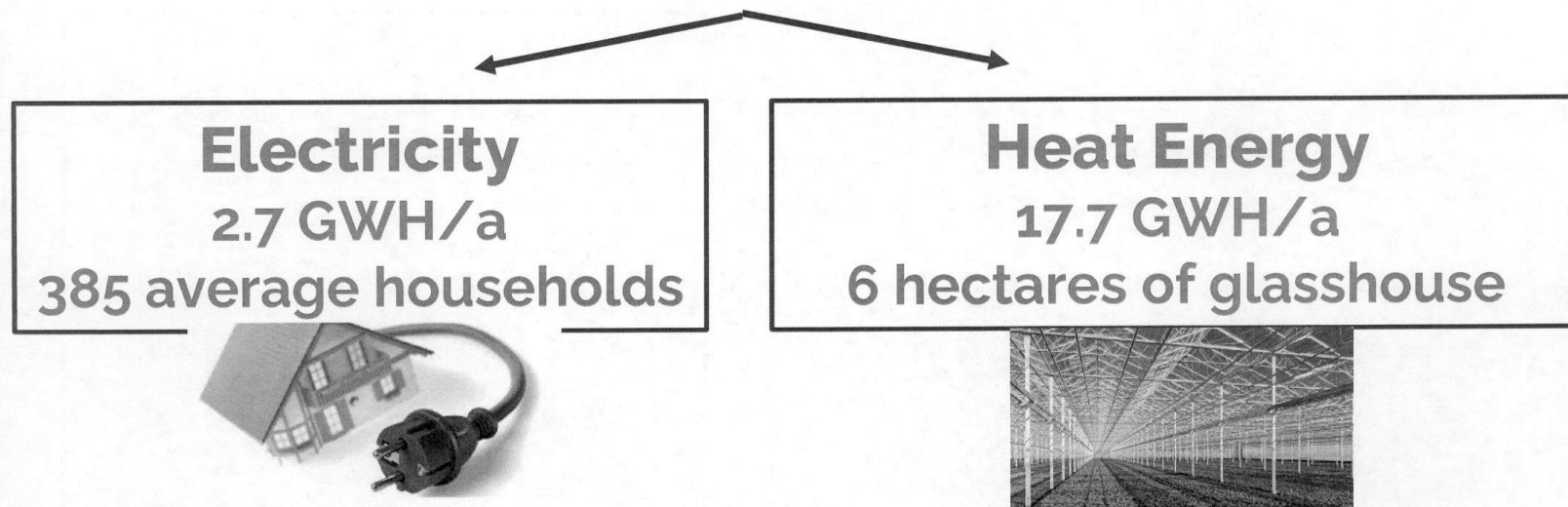
Mastitis reduction - >2%

Herd replacement reduction - >5%



## What about all that surplus energy?

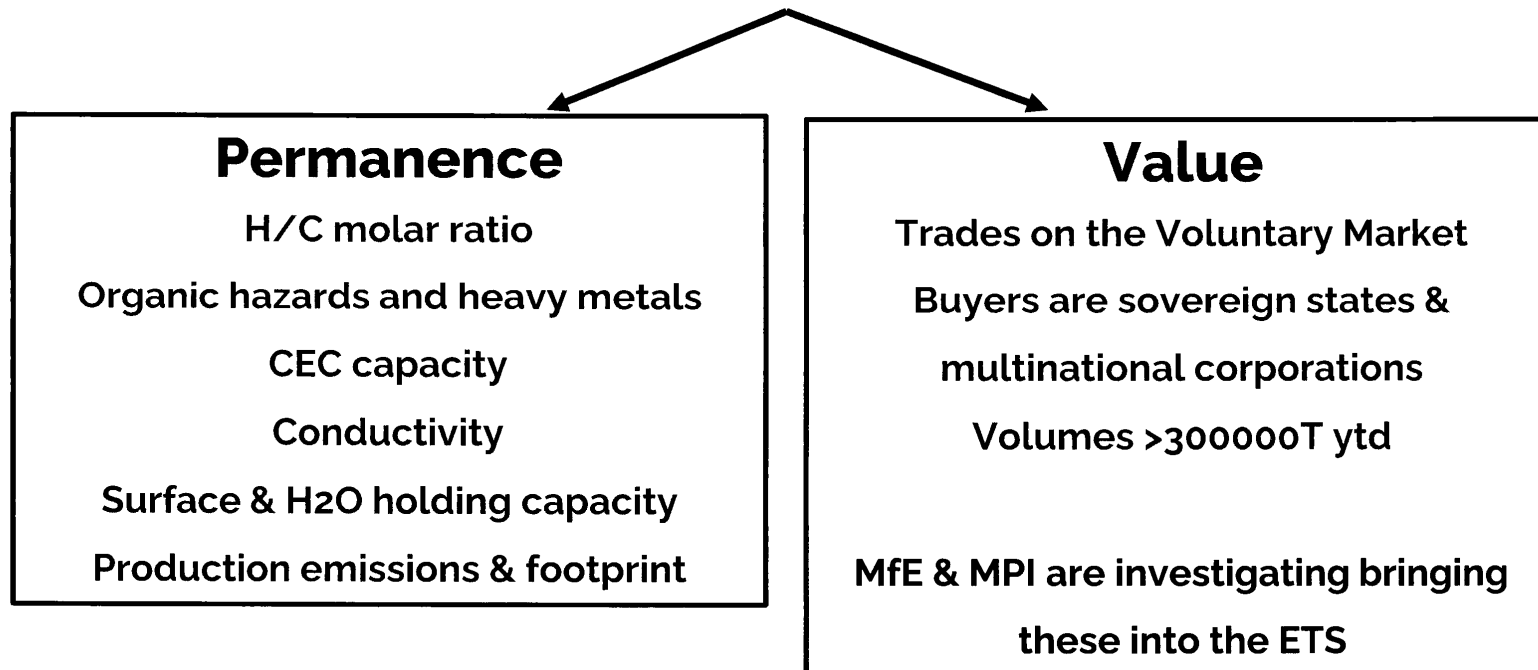
Our Biochar production releases heat energy, about 20% of that converts to electricity. Per unit, that looks like this:



Local generation of energy reduces transmission cost, grid-failure risk and unit cost. Direct economic benefit + resilience, while also enabling the horticulture industry.

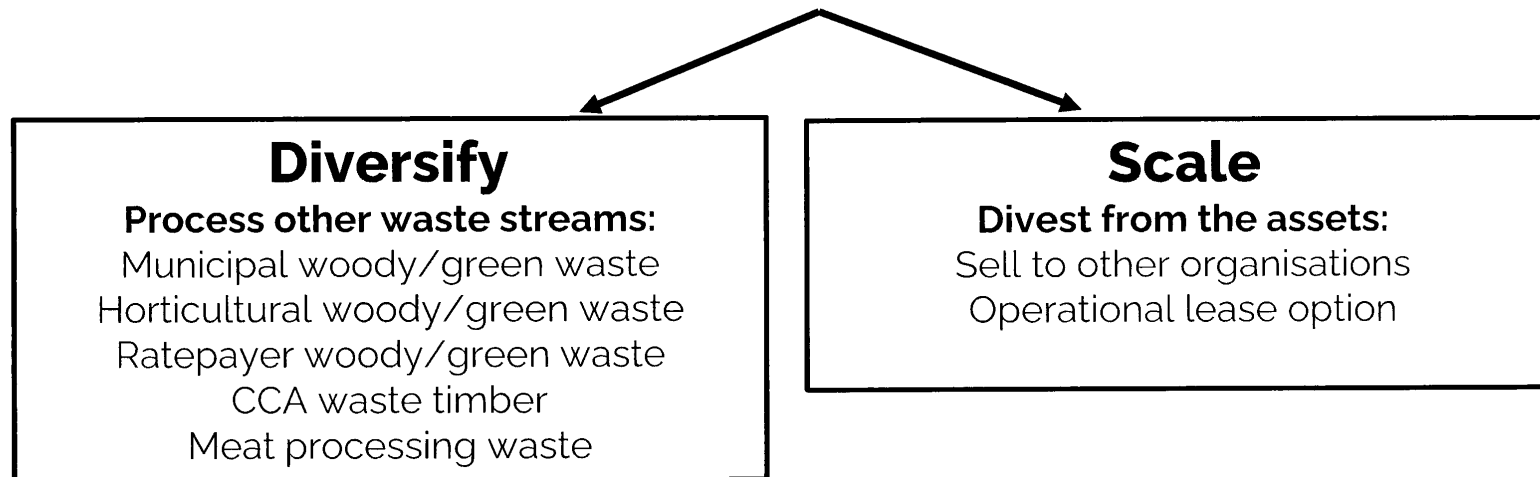
Is it true that Biochar can be a tool in climate change?

## Certified Biochar sequesters carbon

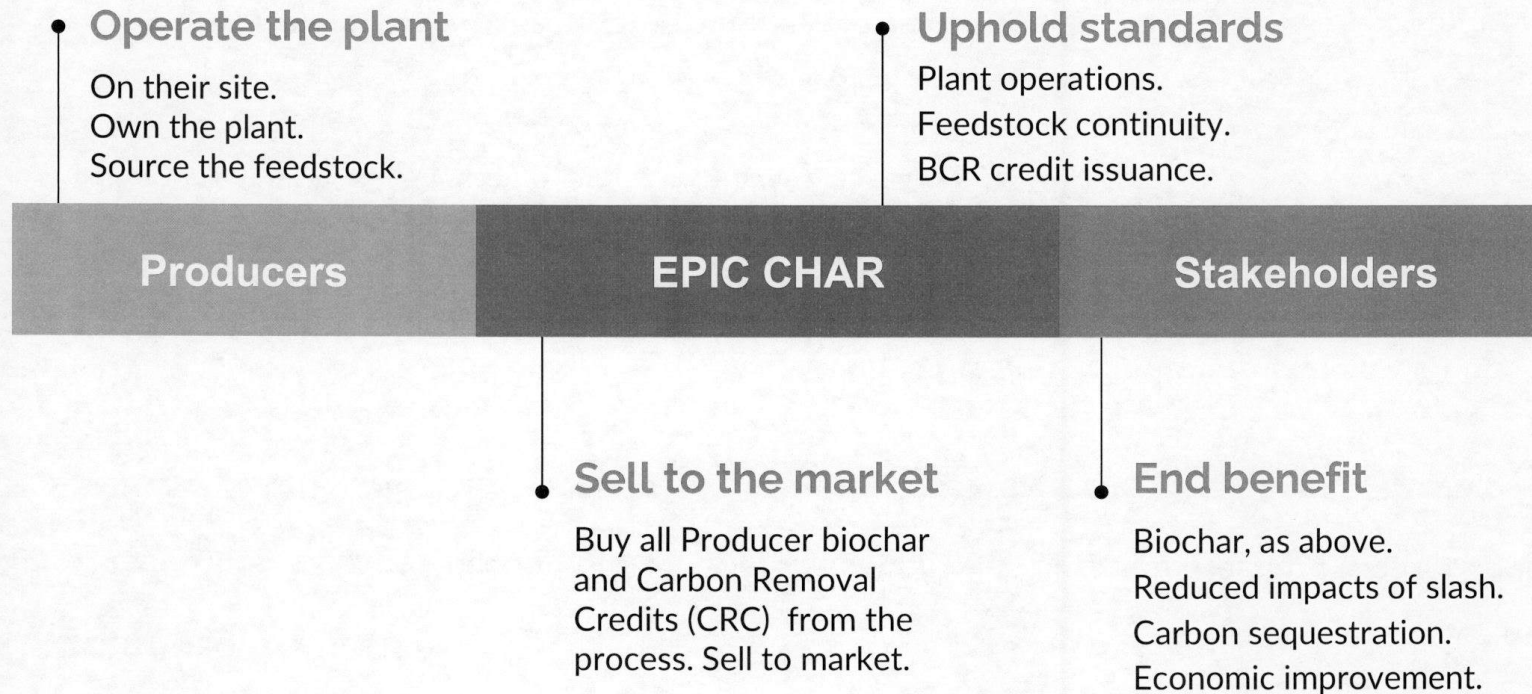


## Once we've dealt with the LWD inventory, then what?

The 5-year period estimated to process the current LWD inventory will ordinarily be the 100% ROI point. The unit has an estimated 25-year lifespan. Once that LWD inventory is processed:



## Aligning a new Industry





## Concluding Remarks

**Epic Char proposes this system and the commercialisation of its output to Hastings District Council.**

**The Epic Char solution will deliver environmentally sustainable social and economic outcomes for the region.**

**The Epic Char solution is based on the mass production of Biochar using the existing LWD and alternates as feedstock:**

- Produces high value commodities: certified biochar and carbon credits – benefits the environment
- Each manufacturing unit also delivers 2.7 GWH of Electricity (385 average households) and 17.7 GWH of Heat Energy (6 hectares of glasshouse) – benefits community housing and industry.
- 25-year asset can then provide ongoing solution for LWD and other feedstock to enable local and industrial waste management solutions over the long term – benefits the Council and ratepayers over the longer term.
- Benefits the wider economic development objectives of GDC delivering significant economic multiplier effects

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RMA 2018 projects should be superseded by Cyclone recovery and flood protection.

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Dear Hastings District Council,

We consider the Rodney Green Arenas to be regional assets, providing well-being and recreation to all of Hawke's Bay. We work to provide a quality venue for indoor sports, which have outstripped grass-based sports participation in recent years. We are grateful for the support we get from Hastings and Napier councils, but sadly, we are at a crossroads in terms of financial sustainability due to increased power and insurance costs beyond our control.

Our power costs have doubled, and insurance costs are now unaffordable, having risen from \$70k in 2020 to a hefty \$390k for the 2025 financial year. We're asking for support from both councils to help us navigate this massive increase in premiums, whether by additional OPEX support or some other means of "sharing the load" to ensure we can continue offering a quality indoor sports and events centre to Hawke's Bay. This level of insurance premium is financially unsustainable for our Trust.

We are asking for a meeting to discuss options. our facility is a real asset to our community and especially to the youth of Hawke's Bay.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,  
Janene Dixon-Smith

General Manager Rodney Green Arenas

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**Date: 16 May 2024**

**Submission to the LTP.**

**Subject: Operational and Renewal support for The Regional Indoor Sports and Events Centre Trust from Hastings District Council.**

The submission to the Hastings District Council's long-term plan highlights the need for increased operational and renewal support for the Rodney Green Arenas, a premier sports facility. The council has supported the arena for over a decade with \$55,000 p/a plus GST for operational expenses (OPEX) and \$35,000 p/a plus GST for capital expenses (CAPEX) renewals each year. However, these figures have not been adjusted for inflation, leading to a loss in buying power.

Despite an increase in OPEX to \$85,000 p/a plus GST after the completion of the new Rodney Green Foundation Arena, the funds are insufficient to cover rising costs due to inflation. The primary objectives of the arena include providing public sports and recreational facilities for physical development, fun, and well-being in the region, as well as offering educational resources for EIT students in various disciplines. Encouragement of sport plays a major role in the wellbeing of our community, helping our youth to reach their full potential through positive pathways and enabling our elderly to live independently and healthy for longer.

The Trust's objectives focus on optimising facility utilisation, aligning revenue activity with expenses, accommodating large events for the region, attracting visitors to the region to support economic wellbeing, aligning strategies with HDC and meeting the growing demand for high-quality indoor recreational facilities. The Trust is committed to innovation, efficiency, cost reduction, superior customer service, and health and safety standards.

In recent years, the Regional Indoor Sports and Events Centre Trust has experienced significant growth, thanks to investments from Hastings District Council's \$2M donation and central government and charitable organisations like Lottery Grants. We completed a \$19.5 million expansion, adding 6 new indoor courts to meet increasing demand and host national and international sports events, demonstrating our dedication to serving the community. This submission calls for increased financial support to ensure the facility's continued success and service to the community.

Considering the critical role that the Regional Indoor Sports and Events Centre plays in fostering the well-being and development of our community, we respectfully request the following decisions from the Hastings District Council:

**1. Operational Support:** We kindly ask for the operational support provided by the Hastings District Council to be increased to \$300,000 OPEX per annum, plus GST, to help cover the growing operational expenses of Rodney Green Arenas. One primary concern is the massive spike in our insurance premiums. From a manageable \$70,000 in 2020, it shot up to \$390,000 by 2024. This sharp increase is putting immense strain on our financial sustainability, and the future of Rodney Green Arenas hangs in the balance.

**2. Renewal Support:** Additionally, we seek an increase in the renewal support from the Hastings District Council to \$150,000 CAPEX per annum, plus GST, to ensure that essential capital improvements and maintenance are adequately funded.

**3. Annual Inflation Adjustment:** Most importantly, we request that these new proposed operational and renewal support figures be inflation-adjusted annually. This measure is crucial to future-proof

this invaluable community asset, guaranteeing that the quality of the experience our community members have when they participate in the arena remains exceptional.

By making these adjustments, the Hastings District Council will continue to play a pivotal role in supporting our people's physical and educational development while contributing to the overall well-being of our community. We appreciate your consideration of this proposal and look forward to your support in ensuring the ongoing success and excellence of the Regional Indoor Sports and Events Centre Trust.

Yours sincerely,

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Congratulations. The booklet, The Road to Recovery, explained in detail the financial hurdles we are facing and how we can acheive success. Well put together.

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Pay less, slowdown further



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To put simply, we don't have money. There is no point to rush things in an inflated economy. We need to live and need this small savings weekly to put food on the table

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I feel making us pay higher rates  
So you can build or pay your debit  
Eg splash planet  
Buying the showgrounds when the money could of gone to the roads

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Pay more, expand growth areas for development accept more funding risk to ratepayers

Pay more add some projects

Pay less, take longer and find more savings

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Filled out on behalf of Hunter C in Customer Services.

Eunice is more shops and businesses in the Flaxmere area with the loss of New World they are lacking in shopping areas and she would rather see the growth for business as opposed to housing. That is all

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