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Hastings District Council
Council Meeting

Kaupapataka

Volume 2

(Submissions 52 – 100)

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

Te Wā:
Time: **9.00am**

Te Wāhi:
Venue: **Council Chamber
Ground Floor
Civic Administration Building
Lyndon Road East
Hastings**

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Like most Business's, when it gets tough, the take Wage cuts, Stop wasteful spending.

Shouldn't cost to repair the roads, They weren't fixed correctly the first time, so should be corrected at no cost to the rate payer.
E.G. 3 sink holes in Montgomery St, Council solution is to just put fill on top, 5 years, and it just sinks again.
No brains to FIX it correctly,
The Council has employ the road repair crew, that knows what to do,

Identify the Flood Zones. Just look back over the last 100 years, you will see where they are, and then DON'T BUILD there.

Fix the roads before more waste on making the place look good.

STOP building all these DOG Box's around the place, E.G. Oliphant road. Pull down 1 house, and put up 8 Dog Box's.

Getto HB.

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I believe that the Council should be charging higher levies on developers for the provision of services to new development areas. Existing ratepayers should not be carrying some of these costs as they are not the beneficiaries of the spending. In the era of user pays the developers should be paying for the delivery of services to new development areas.

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Shivers all above options assume that we are in favour of crazy rate increases

I think parks shouldn't be neglected and asking for more money will cause ramifications. It's already a horrible cost of living

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Thanks so much for the bilingual signs and the water Museum. Thank you so much for wasting my rates on your vanity projects and nice to haves. Cut everything back to the bone. Vital services only. Spread the cost over a longer period.

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The forecast on the Hastings Council website shows an estimated rates increase of \$1000 for 2024/2025!! This is after a \$1000 increase last year. You are crippling households when we are already in a cost of living crisis and many people are struggling to get by.

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That is a huge rise in rates to pay for things we are already supposedly paying for - roads etc.
In terms of cyclone recovery, what is the forestry industry contributing to repairs and cleanup due to their waste mismanagement?
These nice projects need to wait until the priority issues are addressed, however long that takes.
Stopping wasting our money changing signs that are fine might help.

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Whilst acknowledging the massive burden on our community for cyclone recovery the proposed increases in rates over the next 3 years is a burden to far for our ratepayers. The revised valuations were hard enough to support with last years rate increases, let alone another \$1000 + increase for this year for my property and further increases over the next 3 year period. The cost of living is too high, our insurance costs have doubled, interest rates are high and people are struggling to put food on the table. This increase will tip current household budgets (that are already at breaking point) over the edge, particularly for fixed single income households. This proposal will force people to sell their homes and will have significant consequences. Council has a responsibility for community wellbeing and this LTP proposal will directly impact on community wellbeing. I am aware of a new group of people emerging who are being forced to use food banks and these are not those on minimum wage but those who earn decent salaries due to the substantial increase in costs of mortgages, insurance, inflation and rates. Council and central government must look at new debt funding structures and limits with urgency to look at alternative methods instead of burdening rate payers with this level of cost increases. HDC will also need to consider the impact and how they will manage people who simply can't or don't pay their rates due to unaffordability. I do not support the proposals to increase rates as set out in your LTP.

Please note I do NOT agree to have my private and personal information (including my name, phone number or email address) to be made public as part of this submission.

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You are basically forcing me to sell my house with that rate rise. Struggling to pay bills etc and feed myself as it is and having to freeze due to not being able to afford any heating let alone eat properly. Stop building stupid things like the million dollar water feature thing...should of just put some nice trees around to cover the tanks and not worry about prettying it up! Having better water is the issue not something hardly anyone will visit that costs a fortune and stop trying to make things so nice, they just get destroyed by the riff raff that kicks around this town getting away with all sorts of bad behavior! People are seriously struggling and this kind of rise is definately not helping those who are.

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Back to basics. Spread costs out over a longer term.

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The city center that you've all worked hard to improve will be a ghost town. Where do you think people on fixed incomes are going to find the hundreds of dollars extra to pay their rates. And that's before the regional rates increase. There is no spare money now with the cost of living crisis so there certainly won't be people out eating in restaurants or spending in shops. We've seen utterly wasteful spending on ridiculous new road signage that wasn't needed, total rebranding of council cars...why not wait until the cars were due to be replaced and rebrand then, not all at once.

It appears Councilors are so out of touch with the people they are there to represent. Wages are not increasing (maybe they are if you work for the council?) to cope with all the increases in utilities, insurance and rates so exactly where do you think people are going to find the extra money?

People are totally fed up, just get out and about and listen to the stories of stressed families not knowing how they are going to pay these massive increases. Huge areas of new houses being built yet again no one is listening to locals about concerns. How Havelock North is going to cope with the addition of the Iona subdivision is one such project. There are no carparks now...traffic is gridlocked and backed up around school drop off times and peak hours yet let's build hundreds more houses without any infrastructure...and let's put the new supermarket in the most ridiculous place possible and watch the traffic jams unfold.

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4/29/24, 8:04 AM

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Dear Sir/Madam
In reply to your proposed rates increases I would like to submit the following:
2014 District Council Rates for our address \$1939.88
2014 Regional Council Rates for our address \$205.73

Compared to a mere decade later:
2024 District Council Rates \$3619.14
2024 Regional Council Rates \$576.57

That is an increase of 86.5% for District Council rates and a whopping 180% for Regional Council rates over those ten years - with very little discernible increase in any benefit to ratepayers.
With the proposed increase in rates our family will be paying over \$100 every single week in District and Regional rates. That amount is obscene and is unsustainable for any Hawke's Bay family long term.
Councils need to address their spending and/or find other forms of government funding, and stop pushing their already burdened families to financial breaking point.
The once proud dream of owning a home has become a nightmare.
With Best Regards, Sharon Sutton

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Pay more add some projects

4/29/24, 8:04 AM

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A 25% rate increase is ridiculous. I reside on my own and this cost needs to be shared differently.

I have one car, my rubbish goes out every 6-8 wks (which includes recycling), yet you propose i pay the same increase as a family of 5 living next door to me!!! How is this fair? their impact on roading, rubbish etc far outweighs mine, so a different approach should be considered. Why am I expected to pay 'a set charge' for something i hardly use?

The inequities of just charging 'homeowners' is unfair. Perhaps a better user charge such as a price per pick up of your rubbish bin? instead of a blanket rate, same for water use per household, if you have 4 cars on a property, that household should contribute more towards the upkeep of roads - instead the proposed rates increase, only targets homeowners and not EVERYONE who resides or enjoys the surrounding area on HB.

Govt needs to put into disasters such as cyclones. Why should rate payers subsidise people stupid enough to build in known disaster zones such as Eskdale, look at its history. Then people build here again, loose their homes, but the tax payers substitutes THESE people dumb choices of building in a known flood zone, then the govt buys them out!!!!

I absolutely disagree with the proposed rates increase and it needs to be much lower in this tight time of recession. Dont expect to do everything at once and perhaps considering charging EVERYONE for the re-build through taxes, rather than those who work hard to buy their own homes. A slight increase would be acceptable, but this 25% increase is a ridiculous and negligent proposal that will cripple many. I would like to see rates worked out differently, not just the measly \$30 rebate for only putting my rubbish bin out less frequently, the cost of me creating less impact on the environment should be reward accordingly.

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All council funding to tourism should end and the high pay of council staff needs to be reduced

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The proposed rates hike is well above an acceptable and affordable increase. Many households, including mine, simply cannot afford that much increase as our wages don't increase proportionally.

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At the moment everyone is struggling thanks to the high cost of housing, living and low wages. If people have to dig any deeper there could be serious consequences to our region in many ways including health especially mental health.

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I feel that in the current economy growth should be slowed down a bit, especially if it means that my rates won't increase by over \$800 this year. I am a solo mother, on the bones of my bum, trying to give my kids the best future I can. Paying an extra \$15/week in rates with everything else going up in price around me is absolutely unsustainable and I believe that the proposed rates increases are downright unethical!!
Please, please listen to the people 🙏

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The Frimley pool is a community asset and should not be closed down.I could not understand why this summer [and previous years as well] the pool opened so early but closed early too which in my opinion are not the hours the public wanted.On hot balmy afternoons the pool closed at 5.30 just when parents were wanting to stay and spend time at the pools to cool their children down and enjoy the warm evenings.Maybe the facility would be more economically viable if the bussiness was structured to meet the communities needs + not to fit normal bussiness hours!
My other concern is there are no other public summer pools around the area.This area now has a lot of young families moving in including new immigrant families.This precious facility should be enhanced for our young children and families not closed!

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I wish to comment on two issues:

1. Proposed Rates Increase

The proposed rates increases over three years will see rates rise in the vicinity of 50%, following on from a significant increase this year. This is completely unacceptable for even medium-income families. Couple this with the significant increase in insurance costs and the likely commensurate rise in Regional Council rates, households will be paying upwards of \$150 per week. This is unaffordable and I certainly cannot afford it as a pensioner. I will be forced to sell and move away.

It strikes me that the proposed increases come on the back of extremely poor (perhaps even incompetent) planning in the past. Council seems very keen to spend (waste) money on nice-to-haves and frivolous projects while neglecting key infrastructure needs until they become critical. I accept that the cyclone has been a disaster to the budget but it is not the excuse you would have us believe it is for the financial crisis we now face.

Council needs to face up to its responsibilities to THE WHOLE COMMUNITY and ensure the long-term viability of that community. It must start with frank and open debate about priorities and a vision that enables people to remain in their homes. All nice to have projects and existing spending on non-core services needs to be cut completely.

2. Closure of Frimley Pool

The proposed closure of Frimley Pool is a direct assault on our community. It is proposed that we will lose a key asset while other communities go unscathed. This pool has been a very positive part of our community culture for many decades and should be invested in as opposed to being closed. In light of my earlier budget comments I need to clarify that I see the pool as a core community asset in the same light as parks and reserves, the library and other pool complexes across the region. It is not rendered redundant by the opening of the Regional Aquatic Centre as they are vastly different in both their purpose and social appeal.

One of the major drawbacks of the current operation of the pool is its restricted opening hours. Throughout summer, the pool needs to be open until at least 8pm so that families can enjoy it after work and school rather than being pressured to leave around 5pm. A little bit of creative thinking and pro-active management will undoubtedly see an increase in patronage. I also believe that all council assets should be user pays and so admission fees across all such assets needs to reflect the running costs with Council subsidy kept to a minimum.

Finally, it has been known for sometime that Council was keen to close this pool and I believe that to do so under the umbrella of ballooning costs is dishonest. Perhaps you should be upfront about the running costs of all such complexes rather than picking on Frimley. It has also been rumoured that Council is considering making the land on which the pool sits, available to be used for Social Housing. Is this being considered? Has it every been considered (officially or unofficially)? Can the Council provide a guarantee that in the event of closure, the pool land will be added back into Frimley Park and that none of it will be made available for any sort of housing? The answers to these questions is critical to both transparency and credibility.

In closing, I would implore the Council to retain this asset and rather than taking the negative view to close the pool down, take a proactive and innovative approach to ensure its ongoing viability.

I am unable to speak to this submission as I will be away but I believe very strongly in the issues I have raised and will do all I can in the community to oppose the proposed courses of action.

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

Pay less, slowdown further

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A 25% rate increase is extremely high, especially as this is on top of an already high rates bill (relative to other urban centres), and a high increase in regional council rates. So, if the council wants to set such a high rates increase, I believe it needs to first adopt an almost bare-bones infrastructure plan while critical issues are resolved.

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While I can understand the rationale behind this plan, the budget and the costs involved. Could there also be a consideration to increase the income threshold for rates rebates and factoring that into the budget? Costs are increasing significantly for everyone. and with the added burden of rates increases (at a significant amount) you may find that more households cannot keep up with the cost of living. Is there also an opportunity to factor in the budget decreasing the penalty interest rates for those who are behind in rate payments to assist with rising costs. Could there be a different way in terms of the rate payment structure?

So as I started saying at the beginning I understand that there is significant costs ahead of our district and I am for what has been proposed, but if we could have a happy balance for all involved I think that could ease some pressure off the average family household. There are economic benefits for our community by providing some relief, but most importantly mental health benefits too.

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Its time councils take a hard look at themselves. My rates will go up to over \$100 a week. You dont support local business. Branding sent outside the region. Apparently over \$40,000 to a Wellington agency. What a waste of money and it looks rubbish. We dont need every park to have a a million dollar playground purchased from overseas. Its just crazy. You have clearly wasted ratepayers money. Financial mismanagement and leadership. The current rating process is unsustainable. Why should I pay for the Horse of the Year when it is for the rich? If you ran a business in the private sector like this you would be sacked. Where are all the millions of dollars for the Cyclone relief gone? How big a pay rise are you giving yourselves this year? Too many people sitting around at the top and middle management doing very little.

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I thinking the council should look for a savings elsewhere. Streamline staff, make sure staff are meeting targets, attendance and hours they are working. To often money is wasted on staff not being fully utilised, Council should be run like a business and tax payer money respected and spent wisely. Rebranding of the Hastings council was totally unnecessary and a slap in the face of people struggling with inflation and rates rise. To spend money on branding at this time was foolish.

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Thank you to the HDC for providing this opportunity to give feedback.

Section 1

I am writing on the behalf of Hindu Council of Hawkes Bay as their President. Hindu Council of Hawkes Bay is a organisation operated by volunteers. We need a place in Hastings District where we can come together and connect as a Hindu Community and practice our traditions and cultures, retain it and pass it to our future generation. Currently, we don't have such a place where we can feel our sense of belonging. Please find below a full proposal for the request of a Hindu Cultural/ Community Center (Section 2).

Hindu Council of Hawkes Bay has held big Diwali events in Hastings, celebrated at Miter 10 Park in the last 2 years. These events have attracted wider community including people of varied ethnicities. The Diwali event is an annual event planned in Hawkes Bay. We would like to request the HDC to please allocate fundings for this annual event to support the Multicultural Strategy of HDC. Attached are the funding applications which has been lodged at the HDC the past years.

2. Request for a Hindu Cultural/ Community Center

1.0. Project Overview

The Hindu community in Hawke's Bay is diverse, i.e., we all come from different ethnic backgrounds of Bharat and other countries and do not have a common place to gather to share our heritage and to celebrate our differences and retain our values. Therefore, it is imperative for us to have a place where we can gather freely.

2.0 Purpose

Our Goals are to:

- Retain, Preserve, Educate, Practice & Connect with Hindu Culture and Community.

3.0 Vision

As Hindus living in Hawke's Bay to assimilate and contribute towards the growth and development of our region and our community while maintaining the core values of Hinduism.

4.0 Goal

Short-to-medium term: to identify a place that we can create as a venue for our Hindu Cultural Centre possibly for the next 3 to 5 years or longer.

5.0 Objectives

- To structure an organisational set-up for the functioning of the Hindu Cultural Centre,
- To allow all Hindus of Hawke's Bay a common place to meet and connect,
- To develop programmes for the education of the young Hindus,
- To identify all the Hindu celebrations that can be celebrated with ease,
- To develop fund-raising projects for the management of the Centre, and
- To retain and enhance the growth of the Hawke's Bay Hindu Community.
- To have educational and Wellbeing programs for wider communities e.g. regular Meditation and Yoga classes, Hindi language classes
- To provide support, and wellbeing center for elderly hindus.

Note to the Council from Arti: the following and lot more will fall under different Objectives given above - in the actual Plan.

6.0 Definition for Hindu

The term "Hindu" traces back to Old Persian which derived these names from the Sanskrit name Sindhu referring to the river Indus. The Greek cognates of the same terms are "Indus" (for the river) and "India" (for the land of the river). The term "Hindu" also implied a geographic, ethnic or cultural identifier for people living in the Indian subcontinent around or beyond the Sindhu (Indus) River. By the 16th century CE, the term began to refer to residents of the subcontinent who were not Turkic or Muslims. (Wikipedia, 2014) Hindus are people who religiously adhere to Hinduism. Hinduism is an Indian religion or dharma, a religious and universal order or way of life by which followers abide. On the other hand, a person can still be called a Hindu however not be religious. (Wikipedia, 2014).

6.1 Why do we need a community center?

- Hawkes Bay is lacking a place where the Hindu community can come together to preserve and practice their cultures and traditions.
- The closest Hindu community center/ temple is in Rotorua (230 km away from Hastings) and in Wellington (310 km away from Hastings).
- Hawkes Bay being a diverse community have many people from different cultures and most of them have a place of belonging for example: the Cook Island Community Center, Islamic Center Trust, Silk temples to name a few.
- We need a place of gathering where the Hindu community can gather, perform Yoga, Wellbeing, Meditation, etc.

6.2 Connect

In the past three years, Hindu Council of Hawkes Bay have organised many religious and cultural events in Haswkes Bay. Our major events such as Diwali and Holi had gathering of up to five thousand people. Our smallest gathering such as Janasthami and Garba

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had minimum of 250 people from the Hindu Community.

Our recent data collection in a very limited span of time (April, 2024) from Hawkes shows that there areapproximately hindus living in Hawkes Bay.

6.3 Educate

Living in a foreign country, far away from our home lands, we are our cultures and values. Our young and future generations need to learn, practice and preserve.

We would want our younger generation to live in a cohesive environment where they should have the ability to learn more than one culture. Ability to practice hinduism while also respecting other religions. Ability to learn, safeguard and carry forward our traditions and values for generations to come.

6.4 Maintain hindu culture

Hindu Calendar has more than one event every month and we try to celebrate at least once a month so we can preserve our culture and connect with our hindu community.

Having a cultural center would be beneficial toward achieving our goals and objectives.

So far we are having these gatherings in either school halls, grounds or on people's private property (please see photos attached).

Most events are funded by donations as our community is desperate to have a presence.

We also have a presence on social media with 885 followers on our facebook page.

We are doing all we could to maintain our identity for the past 3 years in Hawke's Bay. With most of the hindu community living in Hastings we believe having a centre in Hastings will have greater benefits.

7.0 Facilities to include in the Hindu Cultural Center

These are the following things planned to include in the Hindu Cultural Center.

- A place for a library - a library equipped with a collection of books, manuscripts, and resources for research and learning.
- A place for cooking- a vegetarian kitchen promoting a healthy and cultural food experience
- Event center/ hall/ multicultural event center - a spacious place that could gather 300 + people for event, gathering and cultural activities.
- A place for worship - a room that could be used for religious purposes.
- Outdoor place - an outdoor space big enough to hold gatherings of 500 to 1000 people.

8.0 What we expect from our local council

The council has a Multicultural Strategy where it embraces and supports all diverse communities. Therefore, we are looking forward to getting assistance from the local council with:

- A piece of land that we could use to build a cultural center or
- an already established community center that could be utilized by our community or
- support from the mayor and council in reaching our goals by connecting us with stakeholders who may have resources to help us. (not sure if we should put this in?)

The Hindu Cultural Center will be available for other communities to use when vacant or not in use.

9.0 Outcome

Achieving our goals of having a community center. Please elaborate more in here

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Community Events Fund Application
Application CEF00025 From Ms Angeline Chand
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Event Details

Event name *	Hastings Diwali Festival of Lights
Event description *	<p>Diwali is a festival of lights and one of the major festivals celebrated by indians all around the world. It is a major event in Hindu culture. The festival usually lasts five days and is celebrated during the Hindu lunisolar month Kar tika (between mid-October and mid-November). One of the most popular festivals of Hinduism, Diwali symbolizes the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance". In the lead-up to Diwali, celebrants will prepare by cleaning, renovating, and decorating their homes and workplaces with diyas (oil lamps) and rangolis (colorful art circle patterns). During Diwali, people wear their finest clothes, illuminate the interior and exterior of their homes with diyas and rangoli, perform worship ceremonies of Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity and wealth, light fireworks, and partake in family feasts, where mithai (sweets) and gifts are shared.</p> <p>Provide a short description (250 words recommended) of your project - what are you out to do?</p>
How many people are you expecting at your event	500-600
What are the primary areas of focus for this project/program? *	<p>Arts and culture > Festivals > Cultural festival</p> <p>You can select items from any area of the list - all have equal value. Only select sub-categories if you want to be more specific. In this question we want to know about the field of work (e.g. arts, sport, health), rather than the types of people it will affect (e.g. young people, refugees)</p>
Who are the expected primary beneficiaries of this project/program? *	<p>Ethnic and racial groups > Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) people</p> <p>Ethnic and racial groups > People of Asian descent</p> <p>Please choose only the group/s that are at the very core of this project/program. If your initiative is open to everyone, choose the first item, 'Universal - no particularly targeted beneficiaries'</p>
Is this a new event? *	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes this is a new event

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☐ No this is an annual event**Event Start date ***

22/10/2022

Must be a date, * Applicants must be made two months prior to the event date.

Event End date *

22/10/2022

Must be a date

Where will the event take place? *

Mitre 10 Regional Sports Park, 42 Percival Drive, Hastings

If on land not owned by the group, please provide signed permission from the owner

Signed permission from land owner (if applicable)*No files have been uploaded***Which other organisations or groups will be involved in the event (if applicable)?**

Hastings District Council

Please attach any supporting documents you would like considered along side your application.*No files have been uploaded***Event Details - New Event****Why do you think there is a need for this event? ***

Hastings District Council has a Diversity strategy which welcomes people from all ethnicity. Diwali is a festival which is celebrated by Indians and decedents of Indians around the world. Its a big festival, celebrating the good over evil. Hastings has been missing out on this celebration. Its a big opportunity to show case the diversity of Indian culture in Hastings.

Must be no more than 200 words.

Please describe how the community will benefit from this event *

The hindu community and including other communities (as per guest turn over) will come together to celebrate. Hindu community very seldomly as a whole celebrates Diwali in Hasting so it will a great opportunity for people to come together and show their traditions/cultures to the rest of the Hawkes Bay.

The young generation is losing the traditions/ cultural festivals so this will be an excellent opportunity for them to learn about their culture and carry it on.

The other community will get an opportunity to come celebrate and learn about hindu culture.

Must be no more than 200 words.

Describe the estimated number, gender, age and location/region of those participating in the project (150 words recommended)

What are the outcomes the event aims to achieve? *

Success would be measure by the following:

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1. Guest from community attending the celebration, expectation of 500-600 people
2. Delivery of performances to the audience
3. Showcasing the special tradition of Diwali during the event such as rangoli arts
4. To bring together people in this uncertain times of covid and give them an opportunity to be joyful and share the love

Must be no more than 400 words.

Health and Safety

You shall be responsible for ensuring all relative legislation is complied with relating to the purpose of this grant. This includes, but not limited to the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and Regulations.

Please indicate you have read and accept this responsibility: ☒

Event Value, Marketing and Growth Strategy**Event Value**

Estimate number of local people participating in the event (from the Hastings District)

600

Must be a number.

including spectators, participants, officials and media

Estimate number of visitors participating in the event (from outside the Hastings District)

50

Must be a number.

including spectators, participants, officials and media whose visit can be attributed to the event

Estimate number of visitor nights to the region

1

Must be a number.

including spectators, participants, officials and media whose visit can be attributed to the event

What are the benefit to the Hastings District Council for sponsoring the event

Hastings District Council will be recognized by Hindu Council of Hawkes Bay and people by honoring its Diversity Strategy by supporting this event. Hastings has never had a Diwali festival on a big scale in the community. By sponsoring this event, HDC will become more recognized and appreciated by ethnic communities.

Event Marketing Approach and Growth Strategy

What is your current strategy to market and grow the event

Marketing on the social media, radio, website. Promotion will start in September

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List all the marketing methods you are planning to use

- ☒ Website ☒ Radio ☒ Paid Social Media
☒ Social Media ☒ Word of mouth ☐ Other:
☐ News paper ☐ Direct mail

What engagement opportunities are planned with local businesses, communities, and/or schools

Children and adults from all age group are encouraged to participate. Wider community will be invited to attend the event

Are you planning to use local providers, regional resources and/or infrastructure

Yes - 100%

Financial Information

* indicates a required field

Budget Information

Is your organisation GST registered? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please provide GST number

134370785
 Must be a registered GST number

Budget

If your organisation is GST registered DO NOT include GST in these costs.

Income	\$	Expenditure	\$
stall fees	\$200.00	Hire of venue	\$3,000.00
		Hire of sound system, stage and lighting	\$14,000.00
		Stage decoration	\$2,000.00
		Hire of rubbish bins	\$500.00
		Toilet hire	\$1,000.00
		Bouncy slide	\$500.00
		Photographer hire	\$300.00
		Photobooth decoration and hire	\$500.00
	\$	Koha for performances	\$1,000.00
	\$	Sundries	\$1,000.00

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	\$	Contingency Funding	\$1,000.00
	\$	Advertising	\$500.00

Budget Totals

Total Income Amount

\$200.00

This number/amount is calculated.

Total Expenditure Amount

\$25,300.00

This number/amount is calculated.

Income - Expenditure

-\$25,100.00

This number/amount is calculated.

What is the total amount of funding you are requesting from Hastings District Council ? *

\$17,000.00

Must be a dollar amount.

What is the total financial support you are requesting in this application?

Additional Budget Information

Do you have any other information to add to your budget?

Hindu Council of Hawkes Bay will apply to other funding agencies to source the funding for the event.

Are you requesting any additional in-kind support from Hastings District Council?

Yes for advertisement

Such as marketing on Hastings District Council social media networks, signage for display on Council billboard sites, flags for installation on Council street poles, marquees, etc

Accountability for a previous grants and funding

If your group/organisation previously received funding from Hastings District Council please specify details below

Name of Project	Year Received	Amount Received	Accountability Report
Holi Festival of colors 2021	08/03/2021	\$1,000.00	Filename: Holi 2021 Report 14 April 2021 - updated.docx File size: 142.0 kB
Holi Festival of colours 2022	09/02/2022	\$2,000.00	No files have been uploaded

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		Total: \$3,000.00	
	Must be a date		

Declaration*** indicates a required field**

In making this declaration I declare that:

1. I am authorised to do so and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein is true and correct.
2. Any funding received will be used for the project for which it was approved and in the event that this is not possible, the funding will be refunded to Council.
3. The organisation will comply with any reasonable request from Hastings District Council to monitor performance and accountability.
4. This organisation will not make any material or substantial alteration to the project without obtaining approval from the Hastings District Council Community Grants Advisor
5. This organisation will obtain approval from Hastings District City Council prior to using their name or logo in any promotional material.
6. This organisation is fully compliant with all applicable legislation, including part 3 of the requirements under the [Vulnerable Children Act 2014](#) to safety check your volunteers and staff (if applicable).
7. This organisation is aware that the personal information that you provide in this form will be held and protected by Hastings District Council in accordance with our Privacy Statement.

Full name of authorised signatory *

Ms Angeline Chand

Full name of organisation

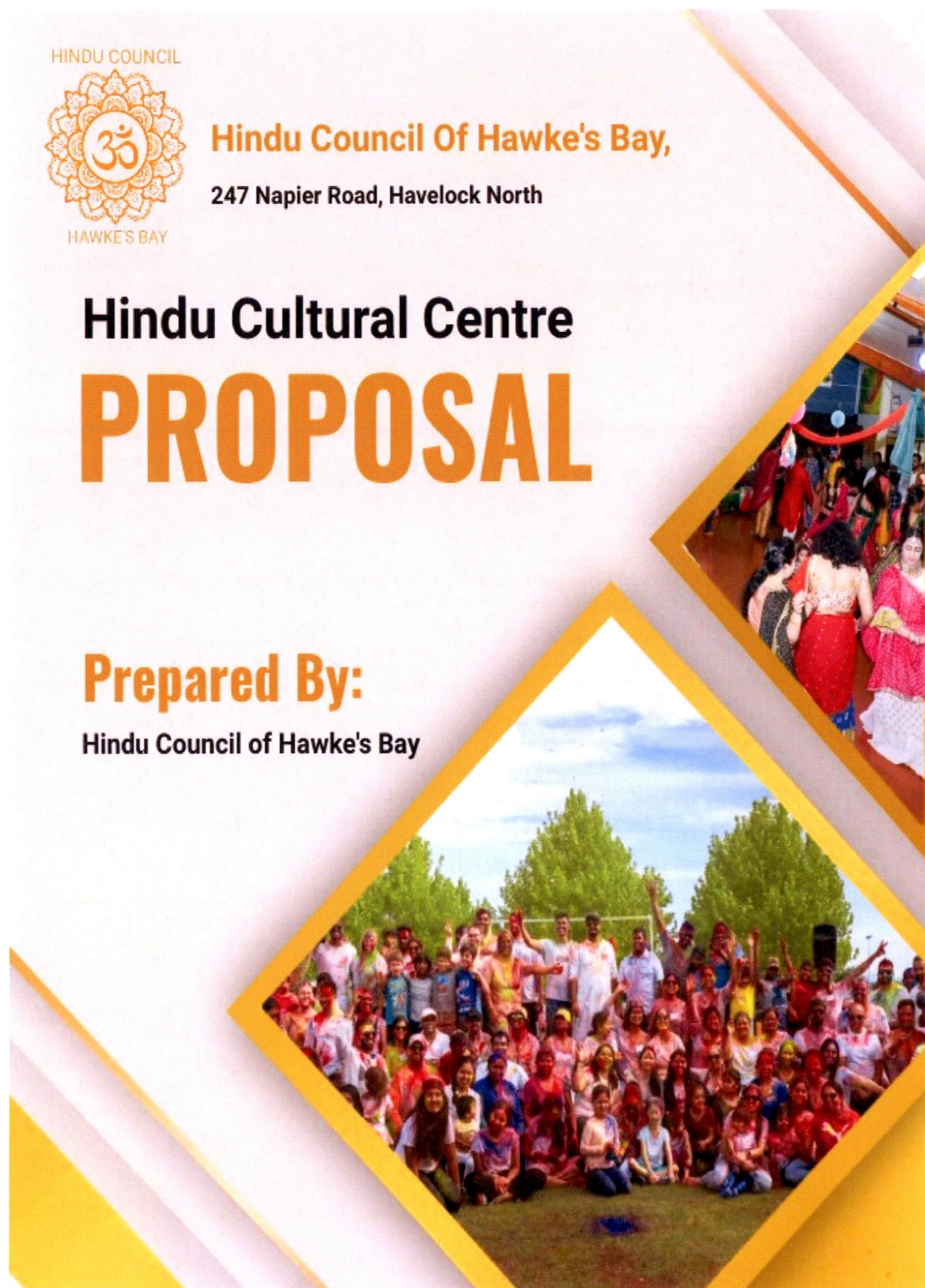
Hindu Council of Hawkes Bay

Position of authorised signatory *

President

Date of declaration *06/08/2022
Must be a date

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Introduction

The growing Hindu community in Hawke's Bay is diverse, i.e., we all come from different ethnic backgrounds of Bharat (India) and other countries and do not have a common place to gather to share our heritage, celebrate our differences, and retain our values. Therefore, it is imperative for us to have a place where we can gather freely.

This is the Proposal to the Hastings District Council for assistance that the Hindu Council of Hawke's Bay needs to achieve the above requirement for its members.

Hindu Council of Hawke's Bay

Hindu Council of Hawke's Bay is a registered and charitable organisation. It was established in 2021 and has been active ever since.

- **Our Vision**

As Hindus living in Hawke's Bay to assimilate and contribute towards the growth and development of our region and our community while maintaining the core values of Hinduism.

- **Goal**

Short-to-medium term: to identify a place that we can create as a venue for our Hindu Cultural Centre (also referred as Hindu Community Center hereafter) possibly for the next 3 to 5 years or longer.

- **Objectives**

- To structure an organizational set-up for the functioning of the Hindu Cultural Centre,
- To allow all Hindus of Hawke's Bay a common place to meet and connect,
- To develop programs for the education of young Hindus,
- To identify all the Hindu celebrations that can be celebrated with ease,
- To develop fund-raising projects for the management of the Centre, and,
- To retain and enhance the growth of the Hawke's Bay Hindu Community,
- To provide a venue for the elderly Hindus to gather for support, and
- To create educational and well-being programs for the wider communities in Hawke's Bay.

Justification for a Hindu Community Centre

Bharat (India) is one of the ancient civilizations that has retained and enhanced her traditions, beliefs, values, and religious practices. We need a place of gathering where the Hindu community can congregate, celebrate, and perform Yoga, Wellbeing, Meditation, Cultural events, etc.

- Hawke's Bay is lacking a place where the Hindu community can come together to preserve and practice their cultures and traditions.

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- The closest Hindu community centre/ temple is in Rotorua (230 km away from Hastings) and Wellington (310 km away from Hastings).
- Hawke's Bay being a diverse community has many people from different cultures and most of them have a place of belonging, for example: the Cook Island Community Centre, Islamic Centre Trust, and Sikh Temples to name a few.

- **To Connect**

In the past three years, the Hindu Council of Hawke's Bay has organised many religious and cultural events in Hawke's Bay. Our major events such as Diwali and Holi had gatherings of up to five thousand people. Our smallest gatherings such as Janmashtami and Garba had a minimum of 250 people from the Hindu Community. These events show that there is a desire by Hawke's Bay Hindus to connect at a common place where they feel a sense of belongingness and sharing. (Photos in the Appendix One of some of those events).

We also have a presence on social media with approximately 900 followers on our Facebook page (Appendix Two).

Our recent data was collected within one month from the Hindu community residing in Hawke's Bay through Google form and manual data collection with their willingness to have a community centre. The data was collected in a short timeframe from those two methods, and it indicates there are 247 Hindu Community Members with household count of 826 people agreeing to the need for the Hindus in Hawke's Bay to have a common place for gathering and to achieve the Objectives stated above. Please note that the respondents are only a small fraction of all the Hindus residing in Hawke's Bay.

- **To Educate**

Living in a foreign country, far away from our homelands, we desire to maintain our cultures and values. Our young and future generations need to learn, practice, and preserve their heritage.

The Hindu Community expects their younger generation to live in a cohesive environment where they can learn their culture; and practice Hinduism while always respecting the religions and cultural diversity of Hawke's Bay and the rest of the country. They are the future of the Hindu Community.

- **To Retain Our Identity**

Hindu Calendar has more than one event every month and we try to celebrate at least once a month so we can preserve our culture and connect with our Hindu community. Currently, we are gathering in either school halls, grounds, or on private properties (refer to Appendix One). Most events are funded by donations as our community is desperate to have a presence. We have done all we could to maintain our identity for the past three years in Hawke's Bay.

With most of the Hindus living in Hastings, we believe having a centre in Hastings will have greater benefits.

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Proposed Facilities/Functions for the Hindu Community Centre

- A place for a library that is equipped with a broad range of books, manuscripts, and resources for research and learning.
- A place for cooking - a vegetarian kitchen promoting healthy and delicious food experience for the Hindus and the wider community.
- An event centre/hall that is spacious enough for 300 + people to gather for cultural activities.
- A place for worship - a room that could be used for religious purposes.
- Outdoor space to hold gatherings of up to 500 people.
- Amenities for toilets, bathrooms, and changing rooms.
- The centre will be open for use as an evacuation place during any emergencies or natural calamities for everyone in Hawke's Bay.

Our Request to the Mayor and the Council

The Hawke's Bay District Council has a Multicultural Strategy where it embraces and supports all diverse communities. Therefore, we are looking forward to getting assistance from the local council with:

- A piece of land that we could use to build a cultural centre, or
- An already established community centre that we can utilize for our purposes, or/and
- Support from the Mayor and the Council in reaching our goals and objectives by connecting us with Stakeholders who may have the resources to help us with our Proposal.

Appendix One

Examples of events celebrated by Hindu Council of Hawkes Bay from 2021 to date.

<div>Events done by Hindu Council</div> <div>2021- Present Date</div>
<div>Ram Pran Prathista Gathering 2024</div> <div></div>

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Shivratri 2024



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Janmashtami 2023



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Ganesh Utsav 2023



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Ram Navami 2021



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Navratri 2022



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Ramayana Katha 2021



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Appendix Two

These are the current online social media page and website address of Hindu Council of Hawkes Bay:

<https://www.facebook.com/HCOHB/>

<https://www.hinducouncilhb.com/>

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Appendix Three

The Hindu Council of Hawke's Bay collected data from the Hindu Community who are in support of a Hindu Cultural Centre in Hawke's Bay. The data-gathering period was short and lasted from 6th April to 8th May 2024. In this short period, the data gathered showed that approximately 826 Hindus are living in Hawke's Bay and support the Hindu Council of Hawke's Bay's proposal for a Hindu Cultural Centre through their signatures. The attached documents are evidence of the collected signatures.

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There is a general concern amongst the rate paying public, many of whom have worked hard to build their homes and pay down debt, only to find that their capital is being eroded by the proliferation of State Owned homes being built in the neighbourhoods of Hastings.

Council must take notice of the needs and rights of existing home owners/rate payers who are very concerned at the continued expansion of State Homes, some of which are double storied, most of which are crammed in tightly, and which attract an element of resident who are either incapable of or are just too lazy to keep their rented property in a fit state.

Council are encouraged therefore, to assess very carefully when consent is being requested to build more State Homes.

Is it the right place? Does it impact on current home owners rights and capital? Does the construction impede current home owners' privacy and safety?Are there sufficient controls in place to ensure State properties are well looked after, and will tenants be evicted for unruly behaviour?

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Don't close the Frimley pools. Open it up sooner and close it later. Lots of schools use those pools. It provides employment to kids.

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A rate increase to the already struggling region is a pathetic idea. People are struggling to make ends meet and live now and you are wanting to make it harder again. People in the region are sick and tired of how expensive it is to live. You should be giving out relief rather than punching everyone straight in the gut. I know this isn't going to change anything as you have already made your mind up and our word means nothing.
From a very angry rate payer. One of many across Heretaunga

Sort it out and help us rather than ruining us

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With huge increase to rates you are forcing people to
Sell their properties as they cannot keep
Up with this rates & insurance & rent cost. This will force local business to close down & end in less work for local people
With online businesses on the rise without these additional costs to contend with - Main Street business will die.

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cut to council wages and mayor wages be are already paying to much rates 25% is too much cant afford it

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Pay more, go quicker, invest more

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Given the current financial climate I do not think it is sustainable for the rate payers to carry such an increase to rates . The good years prior to Covid and cyclones where money was frivolously wasted are now catching up with you . Expecting the rate payers to foot the bill for previous reckless spending !

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Pay less, take longer and find more savings

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Why don't you follow in the government's footsteps and dump half of your councillors to save money. STOP raping us poor working folk, we are already struggling, WHERE are we supposed to find all of this extra money you want?

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I would not like to pay for the food scrap bins if you do not need them, I already use my food scraps for compost and worm farm. I do not use the rubbish collection each week, only once a fortnight as do not have enough rubbish to put out, so feel should not have to pay the full amount, also we do not have the recycling as well to go out, this is about once a month, in some ways these things should be considered. One size does not always fit.

The Frimley pool if not getting used for the few months it is open close it. If schools want to use it then they pay for it. The splash planet is a big enough white elephant that sits closed for how many months, the money could be spent on other things that do get used more regular like the parks and cycle, walk ways.

Rates rebates need to be looked at as people that share a house with someone who is a pensioner needs to be looked at, for the working person wages are not always that fantastic.

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Pay less, take longer and find more savings

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Note on the above questions: Why haven't you included the option to say 'pay less' on the growth aspect of the plan?

comments on the plan:

"Inflation is still at levels not seen since the 1990s," consumer prices senior manager at Stats NZ Nicola Growden said this time last year. it's only a year ago that we had inflation levels of 6.7%. At the time that inflation was driven by food prices. Those prices have not reduced - they remain high, but now that we've lapped them, they are no longer being taken into account for inflation - but that money still has to come out of our wallets. With inflation at 4% currently, one of the biggest drivers is household utilities - power bills going up. Interest rates are going to remain painfully high until this inflation level comes down. Many are facing huge interest rate increases, coming off the back of 2-5yr fixed rates; this will bite for the rest of the year. A 25% increase at this stage, is untenable. The council has sold this as a 'recovery' increase, selling it as outside of their control. I feel that the additional 8% for cyclone is to be expected. But the majority of the increase is from projects other than the cyclone. 17% would be difficult at the best of times. Hiding behind the cyclone recovery with a rate increase of 17% is insulting.

Economic commentators are expecting mortgage interest rates to begin to decrease in 6-12 months (they will begin to decrease, they will still be high). Apart from cutting some of the projects leading to the 17% increase, I would much rather see the 25/15/10% increase over the next few years be flattened. It isn't just people's rates going up - power bills are increasing, food still remains at the high levels we say back last year. Then mortgage rates have been hitting and will continue to hit. I object so strongly to the 17%. Where do you expect people to find this money from? There will be no point having a Hastings City Centre as all of those businesses will be out of business as people are forced to stay home. More projects will have to be cancelled.

No New Events? Which current events can be cancelled/postponed?

To give you some personal context, this June, my mortgage will be \$404 more per month than it was last June. If this rates increase goes ahead I'll have to find \$100 extra per month for my rates also, needing \$505 per month more than last June. I'm not paid any more than I was last June as our company also had to recover from the cyclone. But people only earn so much. Don't break us with a 25% increase, please.

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We are yet to read through this documentation but we have some questions as below:

What is the council doing to manage the careful spending of rate payers dollars.
Are there areas within the council that could be cut back?
Who is accountable for the spending of the dollars?

I understand that you have a Wellbeing department for your staff. I work for the government and I do not have Wellbeing support.
How much is this costing the ratepayer? Shouldn't this be an individual responsibility?

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

Pay less, slowdown further

Pay less, take longer and find more savings

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i think the 25 percent rate increase is more so due to bad financial planning on hdc's part. yes the cyclone cost was indisputable but this was also matched as well as donations. financial planning on this was in my opinion also poor. consultants on top of consultants and then ran out of money to complete said jobs. the spending on he likes of splash planet and the showgrounds which is not re-cooping spend. it's never open and not being utilised. the other large commercial spend with property has lead the council to be so far in debt and now you except the rate payers who are already struggling with the rise of costs and to put food on the table to pay this . people are already putting off things like going to the dentist or doctor because insurance rates and basic living costs are so high. this will do nothing but create more put out families or poverty. sell commercial assets the council has overspent on instead of hitting the hastings community when they are already down. shame on you .

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CANCER SOCIETY SUBMISSION TO HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCILTHREE-YEAR PLAN CONSULTATION

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Do you want to speak to the Council in support of your submission: YES

ABOUT THOSE MAKING THIS SUBMISSION

The Cancer Society Hawke's Bay Centre is a charitable organisation that serves Central Hawke's Bay, Hastings, Napier, and Wairoa. Our centre provides a range of services, including Health Promotion, which involves working collaboratively with communities to reduce the incidence of cancer. We advocate for cancer prevention environments, raise awareness, and provide education on the matter.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Three-Year Plan. We appreciate the Council's efforts in developing a Three-Year Plan that carries a unique opportunity to address the unprecedented situation and prioritise the key areas that require urgent recovery.

We greatly commend the Council's commitment to fostering a resilient and safer place, and investing in community projects over the recent years, including upgrading parks and community facilities. Additionally, we would like to thank the Council for allocating funding to the current Plan to maintain our existing community assets and address any immediate service issues.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Three-Year Plan.

SUN PROTECTION

The Cancer Society recognises and appreciates the Council's efforts in maintaining crucial infrastructure such as land transport, water supply, waste and stormwater networks. At the same time, we would like to take this opportunity to raise awareness about another health and safety concern in our community - the high incidence of skin cancer caused by overexposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR) from the sun. We believe that the Council can play an essential role in mitigating this issue by taking measures to promote sun safety and protection.

Excessive sun exposure in children during the first ten years of their life can be particularly problematic, as it more than doubles their risk of developing melanoma skin cancer later on in life. In 2020, the Hawke's Bay District Health Board had one of the highest rates of melanoma deaths compared to the national average and 15 other DHBs across the country [1]. Fortunately, the majority of these deaths are preventable, as over 90% of all skin cancer cases are caused by excessive sun exposure [2].

The Council's Plan presents a valuable opportunity to emphasise the importance of sun protection in park and playground maintenance. By incorporating a sun protection policy into the Plan, the Council can effectively safeguard our precious community assets, such as outdoor community facilities and playgrounds, while prioritising the health of the community and encouraging healthier lifestyles. The Council can play a significant role in preventing skin cancer in our community, and it is our hope that this matter will be given due consideration.

It is with great appreciation that we would like to bring your attention to the valuable research conducted by Dr Bronwen McNoe, a Senior Research Fellow from the University of Otago, which is a part of the ongoing New Zealand Playgrounds Mapping Project. The research has been included in Appendix B and comprises an audit of direct shade provision available across playgrounds in Hastings.

It is noteworthy that the Council has shown a commitment to the health and wellbeing of our community, especially our young ones, by investing in excellent shade at playgrounds located in or near economically disadvantaged areas, as highlighted in Dr McNoe's research. This initiative is particularly beneficial as families in these areas may struggle to afford personal sun protection items such as sun hats, sunscreen, sun-protective clothing, and sunglasses.

We hope that this information proves useful, and we would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to both Dr McNoe and the Council for their contribution towards promoting the health of our community.

We fully support the Council's ongoing efforts to create more SunSmart environments and promote SunSmart behaviours in areas near or within disadvantaged communities. It is clear that the availability of sufficient shade in these regions is of utmost importance.

We believe that planting native trees and other natural sources of shade is a wise and cost-effective alternative to large shade structures. It also enhances the play area's aesthetic appeal, which aligns with the public's feedback on what the Council should include in its Plan. This feedback emphasises the protection of green spaces and the promotion of healthy native ecosystems, flora, and fauna.

We hope that the Council will continue to pursue this win-win solution that addresses multiple concerns.

We would like to respectfully suggest that the Council consider replacing the trees damaged by the cyclone in the parks with native trees around the playgrounds of the affected parks. This could provide more direct shade at the play area and help preserve the natural beauty of the parks, while also promoting an eco-friendlier environment. Moreover, the Council could use the funds from the cyclone recovery targeted rate (CRTR) to restore the parks affected by the cyclone.

We appreciate the Council's efforts and dedication to ensuring the community's safety and resilience, and we look forward to working together to achieve these objectives.

DRINKING WATER

We would like to express our gratitude for the commitment shown by the Council in installing drinking fountains in some of our most popular parks located in lower socioeconomic neighbourhoods. We appreciate the effort put into maintaining the fountains available at Flaxmere Park, Kirkpatrick Park, Ron Giorgi Park, St Aubyn Reserve, and St Leonards Park.

Nonetheless, Dr. McNoe's investigation revealed that there is a need for more public drinking fountains in Hastings' parks and reserves (see Appendix B). Another study conducted in 2020 by RefillNZ also highlighted that the number of drinking fountains in Hastings is 0.29 per 5,000 residents [4]. This indicates that it can be challenging to find a drinking fountain, and it is often easier to purchase a sealed-bottled drink. We understand that the Council has limited resources, but we believe that increasing the number of drinking fountains would greatly benefit the community and promote healthy, sustainable practices.

In response to public feedback on the Long-Term Plan, the community highlighted their desire to "reduce plastics and waste generally". The Council can make use of the Three-Year Plan to address this concern by increasing the availability of drinking fountains in parks and reserves. By doing so, the Council can help mitigate the negative impact of single-use plastic bottles littering and reduce the amount of beverage bottles sent to landfills.

Moreover, the excessive promotion of bottled sugary drinks can create an environment that places them above water in popularity [5,6]. This is an issue, as

sugary drinks have been linked to New Zealand's high obesity rates, which can increase the risk of several types of cancer, such as bowel cancer, which is one of Hawke's Bay's most prevalent types [7,8]. By improving access to drinking fountains, the Council can help improve the community's health and well-being.

It is important to recognise that achieving a healthy diet and weight can be challenging and inequitable for many people in New Zealand. A concerning one-third of children and two-thirds of adults in the country are overweight or obese, with adults ranking second highest among all OECD countries for overweight or obesity [9,10]. It is also important to acknowledge that Māori and Pacific people are particularly vulnerable to unhealthy diets and excess weight due to historical factors and an environment that promotes affordable unhealthy food [11].

With this in mind, we would like to ask that the Council continue investing in making more drinking fountains available for parks, with a focus on equitable distribution. This measure will ensure that all residents, regardless of their location or background, have access to free and safe drinking water when out and about. We understand that installing drinking fountains can be complex. However, we believe that this is an effective solution that can bring significant benefits, not only in terms of promoting better health outcomes but also in fostering a sense of community and shared responsibility in sustainability.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Council to implement a Sun Protection Policy in the forthcoming Three-Year Plan. This policy will involve the Council's responsibility to create resilient infrastructure by identifying and managing UVR hazards and allocating appropriate financial resources.
2. The Council to invest in planting native trees to provide sufficient direct shade in playgrounds in cyclone-affected parks and reserves.
3. The Council to invest in more drinking fountains in high-use equity-centred playgrounds to ensure equitable access for all.

*Please refer to **Appendix A** for guidance on a sun protection policy.*

CONCLUSION

Cancer can be an extremely challenging disease that can cause significant physical, emotional, and financial strain on individuals, families, communities, and health services.

We take great pride in the range of facilities, community events, festivals, and playgrounds that Hastings District Council offers. We are also grateful that the Council is committed to ensuring that the safety and wellbeing of residents and visitors in these amenities are a top priority.

The research shows that up to 50% of cancers in New Zealand can be prevented [12]. We firmly believe that everyone has a meaningful role to play in addressing this issue. This plan presents an opportunity for the Council to work collaboratively towards reducing the incidence of cancer in Hawke's Bay.

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APPENDIX A

XXX City Council

Sun Protection Policy

Aim

For the City Council to contribute to a reduction in the incidence of skin cancer within XXX by improving shade and other sun protection measures throughout the City.

Drivers

By taking action in three key areas the City Council will minimise the incidence of excessive and harmful patterns of Ultraviolet Radiation (UVR) exposure to residents of XXX.

- Council as a consent authority
- Parks, gardens and recreational facilities owned and operated by the City Council
- Promotion and education of sun protection.

Background

XXX City Council acknowledges that skin cancer rates in New Zealand are the highest in the world and as a nation we have the highest death rates for both melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers in the world. Nationally, skin cancers are by far the most common type of cancer and accounts for just over 80 percent of all new cancers each year.

The high levels of ultraviolet radiation present throughout much of the year, and especially during the summer months, are related to the prevalence of skin cancer. The summer months extend from September through to March each year with peak UVR times between 10am - 4pm. XXX has an annual average of 1700 sunshine hours.

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There is no specific obligation on Councils to develop sun protection policies. However, the Local Government Act 2002 empowers local authorities to promote social, environmental, economic and cultural wellbeing for their communities for the present and in the future. The XXX City Council recognises it has a role in providing safe and healthy environments for the people of XXX and a sun protection policy will enhance the social and environmental wellbeing of the City.

The City Council recognises its role in providing safe and healthy environments for the people of XXX. Where people are outdoors enjoying the many facilities that our City has to offer, exposure to the effects of ultraviolet radiation can be minimised through the provision of adequate shading. Whilst some exposure to ultraviolet light is important for the development of Vitamin D, overexposure can have negative effects on a person's health. There is also a personal responsibility role for people to minimise their own risks to ultraviolet radiation overexposure.

Drivers

Council as a consent authority

- The District Plan can provide rules about the development of outdoor areas that are used by the public. Demonstration that shade issues have been considered in planning processes will be encouraged.
- Through other legislation relevant to use of public space (The Reserves Act, The Conservation Act), the local authority can act as a consent authority. This role would require that this policy is taken into account when considering issues pertinent to legislative requirements.
- Newly built shade shelters should provide for protection from the sun as well as other elements throughout the year. Shade protection in summer should not hamper winter sun in the same places during cooler times of the year. Therefore a balance needs to be achieved about where shade is placed so as to have benefits in both summer and winter months.

Parks, gardens and recreational facilities owned and operated by the City Council

- The City Council's 'Tree Policy' covers residential planting, public parks and recreation reserves. It provides consistent procedures and approaches to the planting and removal of trees on Council owned land. Council will firstly consider use of natural shading options where new shading opportunities arise, as well as when replacing existing shade.
- Provision of shade for recreational users is important. Shade trees should be established in all areas especially where children's play areas are being provided.
- Shade audits of City Council owned parks, gardens and recreational facilities will be carried out every three years. Recommendations from the audits will be prioritised and incorporated into the triennial Asset Management Plan process.
- During the high ultraviolet radiation season, the City Council will encourage the scheduling of outdoor community events, parades and to occur outside the hours of 10am-4pm in order to avoid the times of greatest harmful ultraviolet exposure.

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- Events either hosted or held at City council owned facilities during the high ultraviolet radiation season will promote the SunSmart message. Information, appropriate personal sun protection such as sunscreen and temporary shade should also be provided. A SunSmart plan shall be a fundamental part of event planning.
- Where City Council facilities and events are hired or contracted out, the contractor will ensure that they align with this policy and work in conjunction with the Cancer Society, and this expectation will be documented in the relevant contracts with the City Council.

Promotion and education of sun protection

The City Council has a role in providing education about the effects of ultraviolet radiation and to promote the SunSmart message.

- Utilise the City Council website to provide information about personal sun protection measures. Links to appropriate websites such as the Cancer Society and SunSmart will be available.
- Make sun protection information available in the Council customer service area and at appropriate City Council owned facilities.
- At all outdoor facilities and events, actively promote SunSmart messages over loudspeaker systems throughout the duration of the event, and particularly during the high ultraviolet periods of the day.

Council as employers of outdoor workers and contractors

The City Council employ many staff (directly or indirectly) who work some or all of the day in an outdoor environment. Outdoor employees can include parks and gardens staff, road maintenance workers, engineers, parking officers, environmental health officers and others. Sun protection is an important workplace health and safety issue and there is a responsibility for employees to provide a safe environment for its employees under the XXX Council Health and Safety Policy.

- Provide solar protection information to employees.
- Provide a training module on skin cancers for outdoor workers: include this in the induction process of any employees.
- Provide outdoor employees with access to protective clothing, e.g. hats and sunscreen where necessary.
- Encourage volunteers to use SPF30+ broad spectrum sunscreen or have available; and to wear appropriate outdoor protection clothing.

APPENDIX B: Playground Mapping Project - ongoing

Playground name	Address	Shade (*=for play equipment at about midday in summer months)	Other amenities	Accessible equipment	Drinking fountain	NZDep18, 1 (least deprived) - 10 (most deprived)
Bridge Pa Domain	38 Raukawa Road, Bridge Pa (adjacent to)	There is no direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground.			No	10
Flaxmere Park Playground	50 Henderson Road, Flaxmere, Hastings 4120	There is some direct shade* for the junior play equipment in this playground provided by shade sails. There is also a gazebo provided for picnic tables and seating for shade.	pump track, skatepark, public toilets, seating (some with shade), picnic table (gazebo), barbeque (gazebo), splash pad, fenced, half basketball court, drinking fountain (by public toilets).		Yes	10
Hugh Little Park Playground	31 Montrose Street, Flaxmere, Hastings 4120	There is no shade in this playground. There are a couple of trees planted that may provide shade in the future.	seating (no shade)		No	10
Kingsley Park Playground	61 Kingsley Place, Hastings 4120	There is no direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground. The established trees planted on the roadside of the playground may provide some shade at other times during the day and for spectators.			No	10
Kirkpatrick Park Playground	668 Kiwi St, Camberley, Hastings 4120	There is no direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground. There is a gazebo for the picnic table and barbeque and some tree shade for seating.	basketball court, seating (with tree shade), picnic table (gazebo), barbeque (gazebo), splash pad, drinking fountain		Yes	10

Len Harlen Park	2 Ramsey Crescent, Flaxmere, Hastings 4120	There is no direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground. There is a couple of established trees to one side of the playground that may provide some shade at other times during the day.	seating (no shade)		No	10
Nanny Kona Park	76 Taret Street, Flaxmere, Hastings 4120	There is direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground provided by trees planted adjacent to the playground.	seating (one with tree shade), half basketball court		No	10
Ron Giorgi Parks	36 Walton Way, Hastings 4120	There is no direct shade* for the play equipment or seating in this playground. There are some established trees in the surrounding park that may provide shade at other times during the day. There is also a shade sail for the picnic tables.	seating (no shade), drinking fountain, picnic tables (with shade sails), half basketball court		Yes	10
Sunderland Dr Reserve Playground	14 Sunderland Drive, Hastings 4120	There is no direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground. This picnic table has at least some tree shade.	seating (no shade), picnic table (tree shade)		No	10
Whenua Takoha Reserve	1011 Cobham Place, Raureka, Hastings 4120	There is no direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground. There is a shade gazebo for the picnic table (not in photo)	seating (no shade), picnic table (shade gazebo - not in photo), half basketball court (not in photo)		No	10
Civic Square Hastings	201 Eastbourne Street East, Hastings 4122	There is good direct shade* provided for the play equipment in this playground by trees planted adjacent to the playground.	fenced, seating and picnic table (with tree shade)		No	9

St Aubyn Reserve	406 Hinau Street, St Leonards, Hastings 4120	This play equipment in this playground has good shade provided by shade sails.	pump track, drinking fountain, picnic table (not shaded), seating (not shaded)		Yes	9
William Nelson Park Playground	300 Saint Aubyn Street West, Hastings 4122	There is very little direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground. There are some small trees on the roadside of the playground that may provide shade as they grow. There are shade sails for seating on the other side of the park by the skate park.	skatepark, public toilets, half basketball court, seating on other side of the park (shade sails)		No	9
Anderson Park, Havelock North	28 Lipscombe Crescent, Havelock North 4130	There is no direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground.	public toilets (Te Aute Road entrance), seating (no shade)		No	8
Gregory Park	14 School Road, Clive 4102	There is no direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground.	picnic table (no shade)		No	8
Ngaruroro Ave Reserve	14 Ngaruroro Avenue, Whakatu, Hastings 4180	There is no direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground. There is a shade gazebo for picnic tables and barbeque. There are established trees planted adjacent to the playground that may provide shade for spectators and at other times during the day.	half basketball court, picnic tables (with gazebo), barbeque (gazebo)		No	8
Waimarama Domain	9 Moori Road, Waimārama 4294 (behind public toilets)	There is no direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground. There is shade sails for the picnic tables and barbeque. There are some established trees in the surrounding area that may provide shade at other times of the day and for spectators.	barbeque (shade sail), picnic table (shade sail), seating (no shade)		No	8

Akina Park	900 Willowpark Road South, Hastings 4122	There is no direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground. There are established trees in the surrounding area that may provide shade at other times of the day and elsewhere in the park.	seating (no shade)		No	7
Cornwall Park Playground	707 Roberts Street, Hastings 4122	There is excellent direct shade* in this playground for some of the play equipment and for seating and picnic tables. This is provided both by lots of established trees planted around the playground and by shade sails.	splash pad, Changing Places NZ Fully Accessible Public Bathroom, seating (with shade sails and tree shade), picnic tables (some with shade sail), public toilets	ramps, ground level interactive panels, use of high contrast colours for low vision users, high backed swings, a wheelchair swing, carousels that are directly accessible by wheelchair or transfer	No	7
Ebbett Park	600 Oliphant Road, Hastings 4120	There is some direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground provided by a couple of trees planted within the play area. There is no direct shade for the picnic table although it may receive some shade at other times of the day from trees planted nearby. The seat is not shaded.	public toilets, seating (no shade), picnic table (no shade)		No	7
Farndon Park	29 Farndon Road, Clive 4102 (adjacent to tennis courts)	There is some direct shade* provided for the play equipment in this playground by a couple of established trees planted adjacent to the playground.	indoor pool adjacent, tennis courts		No	7

Te Awanga Domain	10 Wellwood Terracem Te Awanga 4102	There is some direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground provided by a couple of established trees.	public toilets, fully fenced, adjacent to beach, seating (no shade)		No	7
QueenS Square	203 Princes St, Hastings 4120	There is direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground provided by trees planted adjacent to the playground.	picnic table (tree shade), seating (no shade)		No	7 surrounded by decile 10, 8 and 6 neighbourhoods
Chatham Park Playground	12 Chatham Road, Hastings 4120	There is no direct shade* in this playground. There are lots of established trees in the surrounding park that may provide shade in other parts of the park.	public toilets (only open during organised events), seating (no shade)		No	6
St Leonards Park	902 Southampton Street West, St Leonards, Hastings 4120	There is some shade provided in this playground by two shade sails (for toddler play equipment) and some tree shade for a picnic table and spectators.	pump track, fully fenced, seating (no shade), picnic table (tree shade), public toilets, drinking fountain		yes	6 surrounded by decile 7 and 8 neighbourhoods
Frimley Park Playground	326 Frimley Road, Frimley, Hastings 4120	There is some direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground provided by three large shade sails. There are lots of established trees in the surrounding area that may provide shade for spectators.	seating (some with tree shade), picnic table (some with tree shade), public toilets, pump track	accessible inground carousel (?)	No	6
Windsor Park (Lions Community Park)	910 Sylvan Road, Hastings	There is minimal direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground. There are lots of established trees in the surrounding area that provide shade for some seats and picnic tables and may provide shade at other times during the day.	public toilets, adjacent to Splash planet, seating (some with tree shade), picnic tables (tree shade), barbeque		No	4 surrounded by decile 10, 9 and 8 neighbourhoods

Evers_Swindell Reserve	211 Clive Terrace, Clive 4102	There is good direct shade* for these swings provided by established trees.	adjacent to the river, public toilet		No	4
Haumoana Memorial Park	29 Memorial Park Ave, Hastings 4102	There is no direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground. The picnic table does have some tree shade.	skate ramp, seating (no shade), picnic table (tree shade)		No	3 surrounded by decile 7 and 6 neighbourhoods
Grant Street Reserve	14 Grant Street, Havelock North 4130	There is some direct shade* for one of the sets of swings in this playground provided by trees planted adjacent to the swings.			No	3
Puketapu Park	56 Dartmoor Road, Puketapu, Napier 4186	There is minimal direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground. There are established trees in the surrounding area that may provide shade at other times of the day and for spectators.	seating (no shade), picnic tables (some with tree shade), barbeque, public toilets		No	3
Havelock North Village Green	33 Te Mata Peak Road, Havelock North 4130	There is some direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground provided by a number of shade sails. There is also shade provided by shade sails for picnic tables and seating.	adjacent to outdoor swimming pool (Havelock North Village Pool), skatepark, seating (some with shade sails), picnic tables (with shade sails)		No	2
Lawrie Cooke Reserve	23 Matariki Avenue, Frimley, Hastings 4120	There is some direct shade* in this playground from shade sails for both some play equipment and for a picnic table.	picnic tables (some with shade sail)		No	2

Eskdale Park	33 Shaw Road, Eskdale,	There is good direct shade* for both the play equipment and spectators in this playground. This is provided by lots of established trees planted in the area.	seating (with shade)		No	1
Northwood Reserve Hastings	9 Northwood Avenue, Mahora, Hastings 4120	There is no direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground. There are some relatively young trees that may provide some shade as they grow.	seating (with tree shade)		No	1 surrounded by decile 10 and 8 neighbourhoods
Keirunga Gardens	12 Puflett Road, Havelock North 4130	There is no direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground. There is vegetation behind the playground that may provide shade at other times of the day.			No	1
Meissner Reserve Playground	30 Meissner Road, Havelock North 4130	There is some direct shade provided for the swings in this playground by a shade sail. The other play equipment is not shaded. There are a couple of young trees planted that may provide shade as they grow.	seating (no shade)		No	1
Palmbrook Reserve	10 Fairview Place, Havelock North 4130	There is no direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground. There is one young tree planted in the playground that may provide shade in the future.	seating (may have partial shade from the trees planted nearby)		No	1

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Our submission comes from a non working, Superannuitants perspective.
Our HDC rates this year will increase from \$4044 to \$5005, an increase of \$961
By year 2026/27 from \$4044 to \$6394, an increase of \$2350
HRC rates increase by 45% this year.

We are currently considering ways to reduce our discretionary spend to cover the increase. This will mostly be social outings with friends at cafes and restaurants. Local business will suffer if this practice becomes widespread amongst superannuitants.

We are sure the Council understands there is a Cost of Living crisis and took that into account when proposing the extraordinary rates increase.

If Central Government is not fully funding the Cyclone recovery and we have to borrow \$230 million to bridge the gap, has council questioned how Central Govt. funded the Christchurch earthquake compared to our Cyclone recovery.
If it was funded differently we would be interested in the reason why.

Regards

Terence and Helen Kennelly

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Good evening

With all due respect, you have to balance your budget! Even the miniscule part of information that we have received from you with the booklet, seems ridiculously high. 1.9 billions of dollars for key infrastructure (huge number by itself), but compared to 1.5 billions operating expenditure and 322 millions of financing costs; so for every single dollar to spend on the infrastructure you are proposing to spend one more on you "operating".

If you are looking for place to start with cutting the costs, start with yourself. Seriously, you claim in your pamphlet that you are not sure about three water project future, but you are already hiring the "3 Waters Compliance Systems Support Officer", what sort of position is that?!

You are also hiring "Marketing Coordinator - Arts & Culture" , why on earth you need a marketing coordinator for arts and culture? Why do we even need arts and culture department?

And that is just scratching the surface, people can `t afford your lavish spending anymore, please stop it and start actually saving our money.

Kind regards

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