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Portion of Rubbish and recycling rates should correspond to how often households are using the service...we hardly ever put out the rubbish bin as we have very little waste for landfill but I'm sure the portion paid in rates is the same for everyone in our area. I guess a user pay system...use more pay more. Might encourage people to recycle more, especially soft plastics!

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On behalf of the Nga Toi Hawke's Bay Board, thank you for the opportunity to submit to the HDC LTP. Our submission is attached. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require any clarification.
Nga mihi nui
Leonie Wallwork

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Introduction

In response to the HDC LTP, we acknowledge the tight fiscal constraints facing the Council and the tough decisions that need to be made across the four core areas including delaying some of the 'nice-to-have' projects.

Nga Toi HB is the only independent regional arts organisation advocating for and enabling the voice of creatives from Wairoa to Central HB. Our leadership role in driving the Toi-tū regional strategic framework in collaboration with the Toi-tū steering group, is pivotal in achieving outcomes that benefit the entire region.

Nga Toi HB is working on a diverse funding strategy that will enable us to build capacity and capability by accessing multiple sustainable revenue streams over time. We have been applying for additional grants, developing partnerships, and looking at how we can optimise our business model to ensure we deliver on our roles and responsibilities under the Toi-tū framework and expectations of our sector.

The primary purpose of the Toi-tū Regional Strategic Framework is to support creatives and creativity in Te Matau a Māui / Hawke's Bay. The Toi-tū framework is supported by all Councils and has council officer representation on the steering group responsible for ensuring the framework is integrated into Toi-tū strategy and policy decisions.

Ngā Toi Hawke's Bay was contracted by HDC with Creative NZ funding to review and launch the revised Toi-tū framework. As the backbone organisation and independent advocacy body leading the collaboration and implementation of the framework, we need to be adequately resourced to deliver on our roles and responsibilities as outlined in the framework.

The Framework serves as a guiding light for the development of our current and future arts, culture, and creative initiatives within Te Matau a Māui / Hawke's Bay. Recognising Heretaunga as a hub of creativity and cultural identity, the framework amplifies the voices and presence of all members of our community. Through our many collaborating partners, including Arts Inc. Heretaunga, we have a joint mission to help everyone's scarce dollar go further if we all apply our resources to address gaps and seize opportunities.

Why?

Economic Impact: By fostering a dynamic arts and culture scene in Heretaunga, we can stimulate local businesses, create jobs, attract talent, and encourage tourism, boosting our local economy.

Studies have shown that investment in the arts leads to significant economic benefits.

- Creative New Zealand reports that the arts and creative sector contributes approximately \$10.9 billion to New Zealand's GDP and employs more than 90,000 people.
- For example, the Art Deco Festival in Napier in 2024, brought over 50,000 visitors, generating an estimated \$8.7 million for the Hawke's Bay economy, and contributing a gross benefit of \$22 million to New Zealand's economy.
- Events, like arts festivals, not only boost local businesses but also create jobs and exponentially stimulate our economy across multiple sectors.

- In recent recruitment advertising, Hawke's Bay DHB listed arts and culture as an attractive regional amenity that would attract health professionals to the district.

Community Identity and Cohesion: Creativity is not just an expression; it is a catalyst for opportunity, innovation, and enterprise.

- Research by the National Endowment for the Arts in the United States highlights how arts participation leads to improved community cohesion, increased civic engagement, and enhanced social well-being.
- Arts, culture, and creativity play a vital role in enabling thriving communities so together in partnership we can enable our communities to access and participate in the arts. This is vital for wellbeing and should be seen as an ongoing investment in community.
- On a fact-finding mission to learn from our Christchurch colleagues, we learnt the value of arts, culture, and creativity for recovery, rebuild, and the impact the arts has on the community's sense of belonging, shared pride and community cohesiveness.

Health and Well-being:

The framework covers the four pillars of well-being: Cultural, Environmental, Social, and Economic. By championing arts, culture, and creativity, we celebrate our identity, enhance our environment, ensure access and build connections, and recognise the economic value of the sector, thereby future proofing it for generations to come.

Research underscores the profound impact of arts and culture on community well-being.

A report by the World Health Organisation (WHO) titled "What is the evidence on the role of the arts in improving health and well-being?" states that engagement in the arts can alleviate anxiety, depression, and stress, and improve social cohesion.

Post Cyclone Gabrielle, these benefits are even more critical in supporting our rebuild efforts, as the arts can play a therapeutic role and aid in communal recovery.

Educational Benefits: Numerous studies highlight the positive impact of arts education on academic achievement and personal development.

- According to the New Zealand Council for Educational Research (NZCER), students involved in the arts tend to perform better academically and develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

By prioritising arts education within the Toi-tū framework, we can nurture the next generation of innovators and leaders.

In Summary

By prioritising arts and culture in our strategic planning and policy-making processes, we not only enrich our community's fabric but also pave the way for a brighter, more inclusive future. We urge you to lend your support to initiatives that empower our arts community and enable them to be at the forefront of our collective rebuild plans.

To effectively execute the Toi-tū framework, it is essential to maintain its integrity and agility through collective stakeholder engagement. Ngā Toi Hawkes Bay, as the leadership organisation, plays a pivotal role in facilitating collaboration among stakeholders, including HDC, ensuring cohesive efforts towards a vibrant arts, culture, and creative sector.

Call to Action: Creativity, culture and the arts are treasures to be nurtured to grow and to flourish. Your commitment to supporting and investing in Nga Toi HB is crucial in realising this vision for a thriving arts sector despite adversity and current challenges. For collective impact to be realised across Council, arts organisations, and our arts community, we need a step-change in our thinking to ensure the long-term success and vibrancy of our arts, culture and creative sector in Heretaunga.

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Please start to pay off debt and not fund "nice to have" projects. Put them on hold for a few years.
Please stop increasing rates.

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

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Please find attached the Landsdale Developments Submission

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To: The Chief Executive
Hastings District Council

SUBMISSION on behalf of Landsdale Developments Limited on the Hastings District Proposed 2024-2034 Long Term and 2024/2025 Proposed Development Contribution Policy

Introduction

- 1.1 Landsdale Developments is a long term participant in land development throughout New Zealand. It was first formed in 1950 and restructured in 2017. It has undertaken residential, industrial and commercial property developments throughout New Zealand. The company was initially based in Hawkes Bay undertaking the large Knightsbridge and Citrus Grove developments in Napier and the Te Mata Road developments in Palm Brook and substantial parts of the Arataki area in Havelock North. The company is currently based in Tauranga.
- 1.2 As a long term participant in land development, Landsdale is committed to sustainable property development. The company agrees with the concept of using Development Contributions to help fund capital expenditure necessitated by growth. As a responsible, long term, participant in property development, it is committed to paying its fair share of the costs that arise from its land development activities. However, the proposed 2024 -2034 Development Contributions Policy does not adhere to the development contribution principles outlined in the Local Government Act and imposes non growth related costs onto new development via the proposed development contributions.
- 1.3 The policy must be revised to ensure that the costs charged as development contributions relate to works that are required for growth as required by s106 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 1.4 The Hastings District Council (HDC) change of focus towards investing in essential infrastructure needs in the 2024-34 Long Term Plan (LTP) is supported. Cost savings should be achieved by better planning, project management and efficiency.

Development Contribution Methodology Inconsistencies

- 1.5 Council has not followed an appropriate methodology in its draft 2024/25 development contributions policy when determining the value of proposed charges per HUE's in the 2024/2025 year.
- 1.6 Section 2.6.2 of the policy states "backlog and renewal portions of capital expenditure will be funded from sources other than development contributions". Section 3.3 of the policy includes that "any requirement to increase the level of service for existing users will not be funded by development contributions".

- 1.7 These policy statements are aligned with guidance produced by the Office of the Auditor General¹ which states:
- “Development contributions must be used for, or towards, the capital expenditure of the reserve, network infrastructure, or community infrastructure for which the contribution was required. **They cannot be used for the maintenance of the reserve, network infrastructure, or community infrastructure**”.*
- 1.8 Despite the above statements in the policy, the list of projects in the schedule contained in the development contributions policy clearly identify renewal projects, and attributes up to 100% of the cost of these projects to be covered by Development Contributions. For example, \$56.3 million worth of wastewater projects alone have “renewal or upgrade” in their name and yet state that 100% of the costs of these projects are attributable to growth. So while the policy purports to say the right things, that isn’t carried through to how costs are allocated and projects funded.
- 1.9 The proposed policy fails to take the benefit to the community of planned projects, particularly those projects that are planned to relieve current constraints within the wastewater network. When HDC consulted with the community last year² it included the following example in the current Development Contributions Policy:
- “The costs that make up development contributions are identified by assessing proposed infrastructure investments and determining what components or proportion of those investments are necessitated by or attributable to growth and which are not. Some investments are readily identifiable as being necessitable(sic) by growth where others are a mix of growth and non-growth. As an example, replacing an older sewer pipe and pump station would generally be a non-growth cost. However, upsizing the replacement infrastructure to provide additional capacity for growth would increase the costs of replacement. This cost increment can be attributed to growth.”*
- 1.10 Following the example in last years’ consultation document, development contribution are only to cover the cost to upsize infrastructure for provide capacity for future growth, not funding the entire projects as is proposed in the 2024-34 policy.
- 1.11 The Infrastructure Constraints report produced by HDC last year, identified many existing areas of Hastings where the wastewater network is currently constrained due to past intensification, asset deterioration and inflow and infiltration of stormwater and groundwater into the wastewater network. These all lead to these parts of the Hastings Wastewater Network needing to be upgraded to bring the wastewater level of service in these areas up to standard.
- 1.12 The same projects identified in the 2023 HDC Infrastructure Constraint report as being needed because of existing operational and maintenance issues or where the current level of service is not being met have been included in the development contribution schedule, stating that 100% of project costs are to be recovered from Development Contributions.

¹ Using development contributions and financial contributions to fund local authorities’ growth-related assets. Office of the Auditor General, 2013.

² Statement of Proposal: Long Term Plan Amendment – Dealing with Growth, Hastings District Council 2023. Page 12, Development Contributions Policy

- 1.13 By way of a further example, Section 3.36 of the HDC Infrastructure Constraints Report³, states that the Louie/Ada/Hood wastewater catchments have a *“need for significant upgrades to address LoS issues”*, and yet Council is attempting to cover 100% of the cost of this work using Development Contributions. This is only one of many projects that has costs incorrectly attributed to development contributions in the policy schedule.
- 1.14 The proposed policy is in breach of section 106 of the LGA which requires the Development contribution policy to:
- “...summarise and explain the total cost of capital expenditure identified in the long-term plan, or identified under clause 1(2) of Schedule 13 that the local authority expects to incur to meet the increased demand for community facilities resulting from growth;...”**
- 1.15 In 2014 the Local Government Act was amended to include Section 197AB. This section sets principles to be adhered to when developing the Development Contribution Policy required by section 106. The proposed policy is in breach of those principles.
- 1.16 The proposed policy is also contrary to the methodology for calculating Development Contributions in Schedule 13 Of the LGA.
- 1.17 The proposed policy also fails to meet HDC’s own requirement in the policy of “providing a consistent and equitable basis to recover the cost of capital expenditure to service growth in the Hastings District.”

Projects not included in the Long Term Plan (LTP)

- 1.18 Many of the projects listed in the Development Contributions Policy are identified in the period covered by the LTP. However, these projects themselves are not identified in the LTP document. This is despite the Local Government Act requiring HDC to demonstrate what development contributions are to be used for and relating those contributions to projects identified in the LTP⁴.
- 1.19 The consultation document for the LTP identified that increased levels of investment are required for each of the 3 waters activities in the LTP. As an example, capital expenditure on wastewater projects in the LTP shows Council is planning on spending \$77Million in the first year of the LTP on wastewater projects, but only assigns \$50.8Million of these costs to individual projects.
- 1.20 The Office of the Auditor General requires: *“Consultation documents should concisely and clearly present the significant issues, plans, and projects that councils intend to include in their LTPs. Key issues should be presented so that people can easily understand and respond to them.”*
- 1.21 How can the community understand and respond to issues when the projects proposed to resolve them are not even listed in the supporting information to the LTP consultation document?

³ Infrastructure Constraints Report, Hastings District Council, April 2023

⁴ See s106(2)(a)

Split of costs between Infill Developments and Greenfields

- 1.22 The consultation document for the LTP identifies that the intensification of housing means more stormwater that HDC's systems needs to cope with and states that investments are required to increase stormwater capacity.
- 1.23 Despite this, infill development in the proposed development contribution policy is exempt from paying for the cost of any stormwater upgrades, in addition to not paying a share for parks and reserves. This exemption does not meet the fair share criteria stated in the development contribution policy.
- 1.24 We agree with the need for investment to occur to increase stormwater capacity, however the cost for doing this needs to be attributed correctly.
- 1.25 Growth is not the only reason stormwater capacity in the Hastings District needs to be increased. HDC's current level of service whereby stormwater infrastructure is sized for a 1-in-5 year is too low. It is less than the level of service required under the Building Code. Drainage pipes on private properties that lead to the Council infrastructure must be sized to convey a 1-in-10 year storm, yet Hastings District Council only provide infrastructure sized for a smaller event. Given the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle and the need to build for resilience, Council must ensure that their levels of service are fit for purpose.

Retirement Units – Unfair Subsidy

- 1.26 Table 4.6.1 in the Development Contribution Policy charges only 0.33 of a HUE for each retirement village unit and 0.3 of a HUE for each aged care room in recognizing that occupancy of these units is less than an average household.
- 1.27 Appendix G of the policy states that Development Contributions are based on an average household occupancy of 2.7.
- 1.28 On the basis of the subsidy offered it appears that Council consider that each retirement unit and room is occupied by less than one person, highlighting the fact that the Development Contributions Policy is unfairly subsidising retirement units and rooms.

Resource Efficiencies and the need to Benchmark

- 1.29 Section 14(c) of the Local Government Act requires Council to ensure prudent stewardship and the efficient and effective use of resources in the interests of its district including by planning effectively for the future management of its assets.
- 1.30 The HDC 2023 Infrastructure constraints report identified that there is a significant amount of inflow and infiltration in the Hastings Wastewater network, that is stormwater runoff incorrectly flowing into the wastewater network, or groundwater infiltrating into the wastewater network.
- 1.31 The proposed programme of works doesn't address the root cause of inflow and infiltration causing capacity constraints in the wastewater network, and instead is focused on upsizing wastewater assets. Without addressing inflow and infiltration HDC will end up with oversized wastewater pipes, pump stations and treatment facilities, and associated

increased operational costs for pumping and treating water that shouldn't be in the wastewater network in the first place.

- 1.32 The prevention of inflow and infiltration getting into the wastewater network should be addressed first if HDC want to fulfil their strategic objective of "water and land sources used wisely".
- 1.33 While the Councils Strategic Objectives are commendable, and we agree with them, it is clear that these objectives are not driving the delivery of the capital works programmes or the resource efficiency of the Council.
- 1.34 For example, comparing the leakage rates from the drinking water network indicated in the HDC Infrastructure Constraints Report indicated that the drinking water network in Hastings loses 29% of water with an ILI of 5.74. This would place Hastings as the third worst council for leakage in New Zealand.
- 1.35 We recommend that HDC benchmark the performance of their infrastructure against other Councils, for instance by joining the Water New Zealand's National Performance Review. This would help to highlight the current inefficiencies in Hastings' infrastructure and identify areas where Council could become more efficient to reduce costs for Ratepayers.

Hourly Rates charged Exceed Reasonable Costs

- 1.36 The proposed hourly rates to be charged for building, engineering and planning applications are far too high. In particular, the proposed fees for building consent officers time of \$260-\$290 per hour far exceed a reasonable cost for this service.
- 1.37 In comparison, Auckland Council fee charges currently sit in a range from \$186 -\$219 per hour for building consent, depending on the particular staffs' level of competency. Closer to home, Napier City Council charges \$100 per hour for building administrators and \$200 per hour for Building Consent Officers.
- 1.38 Under section 150(4) of the Local Government Act local authorities can not recover more than the reasonable costs incurred by the local authority for which the fee is charged.
- 1.39 We are deeply concerned about the exorbitant rates being charged by HDC in this area and believe this is another area where Council should be benchmarking the rates that they charge against other Councils. Where these are substantially different, for instance with Building Consent officers, the efficiencies of those teams should be reviewed.

Conclusion

- 1.40 The Development Contribution policy is not fit for purpose. It does not meet the requirements of the LGA and is not in a form that can be adopted by Council.
- 1.41 The policy is contrary to the requirements of ss106 and 197AB and the requirements of schedule 13 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 1.42 Development contributions are being used to fund upgrades of existing services that have been identified in the HDC 2023 Infrastructure Constraints Report. The need for those upgrades is not driven by growth.

- 1.43 While the desire to minimise the impact of infrastructure upgrades on ratepayers is understood, that does not mean that development contributions can be loaded with costs that do not relate to growth.
- 1.44 Cost savings should be made through better efficiency, better planning better contracting processes, better supervision, better accountability for project milestones and outcomes and better financial controls.
- 1.45 The issues facing Hastings District are substantial. Cyclone Gabrielle has added to those issues but can not be used as an excuse. The issues arising from poor town planning, poor infrastructure planning, inadequate maintenance and inefficiency all predate Cyclone Gabrielle.
- 1.46 Loading the cost of these shortcomings onto new development simply masks the problems. Not only is this unlawful. It is incredibly shortsighted.
- 1.47 Landsdale Developments Ltd wishes to be heard in support of its submission.



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**SUBMISSION on behalf of Development Nous Limited on the Hastings District
Proposed 2024-2034 Long Term and 2024/2025 Proposed Development Contribution
Policy**

Introduction

- 1.1 Development Nous Limited ("The Submitter") is a land development consultant based in Hastings. We have long established relationships with many developers in Hawke's Bay.
- 1.2 We welcome this opportunity to make a submission on the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan ("The Plan") and associated 2024/2025 Development Contributions Policy ("The Policy").
- 1.3 The Submitter agrees with the concept of fair and equitable use of Development Contributions to help fund capital expenditure. In principle, we also support the Hastings District Council ("The Council") proposed focus towards investing in essential infrastructure needs rather than the nice-to-haves in The Plan.
- 1.4 It is further acknowledged that The Council is in a difficult position given their current debt constraints and the currently limited availability of readily available alternative funding tools.
- 1.5 However, the Policy as proposed does not correctly apportion the ratio of costs between growth and maintenance of existing infrastructure and seeks to attribute the costs of the vast majority of works proposed in The Plan to the effects of growth. This approach does not adhere to the principles governing development contributions set out in the Local Government Act
- 1.6 The Submitter seeks that The Policy be revised to ensure that development contributions are correctly attributed to works that are a reflection of growth rather than being attributed to addressing operational and maintenance needs by way of upgrading existing infrastructure.
- 1.7 The Submitter further considers that savings and efficiencies could be achieved through a more targeted approach to infrastructure and levels of service and targeting basic operational matters such as the minimisation of stormwater into the wastewater network, a focus on addressing water leakage and the use of funds to acquire land for future infrastructure purposes in an integrated and planner manner.

Specific Matters of Submission

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for a 1 in 5 year event. Given the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle and the need to build for resilience, Council must ensure that their own levels of service are fit for purpose.

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- 1.23 Furthermore, those increases appear to being used to fund projects which are related to maintaining an existing level of service or replacing aged infrastructure, which cannot be attributed in total to growth.

Resource Efficiencies and the need to Benchmark

- 1.24 Section 14(c) of the Local Government Act requires Council to ensure prudent stewardship and the efficient and effective use of resources in the interests of its district including by planning effectively for the future management of its assets.
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Hourly Rates charged Exceed Reasonable Costs

- 1.33 The proposed hourly rates to be charged for building, engineering and planning applications are far too high. In particular, the proposed fees for building consent officers time of \$260-\$290 per hour far exceed a reasonable cost for this service.
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- 1.36 The Submitter is deeply concerned about the exorbitant rates being charged by HDC in this area and believe this is an area where Council should be benchmarking the rates that they charge against other Councils. Where these are substantially different, for instance with Building Consent officers, the efficiencies of those teams should be reviewed.

Conclusions and Relief Sought

- 1.37 The proposed Development Contribution policy is not fit for purpose; it does not meet the requirements of the LGA and is not in a form that can be adopted by Council.
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- 1.39 The Policy, as drafted, effectively seeks to utilise the vast majority of charges payable by new developments to fund various projects and operational upgrades through the District, for which there is no fair or reasonable apportionment. This is contrary to the requirements of the Local Government Act and the adopted policy approach of The Council.
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- 1.42 Development Nous Limited wishes to be heard in support of its submission.



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Pay less, slowdown further

Pay less, take longer and find more savings

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I consider the proposed rate increases to be excessive and will in time have a disastrous effect on anyone on a fixed income and /or in primary production where the increases cannot be passed on and therefor have to be absorbed within the business !!

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Pay more add some projects

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Looking at the proposed increase in my rates I'm very disappointed with HDC and Regional Council. Adding the proposed rates increases together, my rates will rise by approximately \$1,500 a year. While I can find ways to trim my costs, how will others already on the breadline fare? HDC, I ask the following questions ...

Anyone in business knows the biggest 'bill' is salaries, where can HDC make savings in-house? We're being told there have to be cuts in many areas as not enough funds and while the region is doing it tough following Cyclone Gabrielle, rather than using the justification extra staffing was needed for buyouts etc, where could staff have been redeployed?

What did it cost to produce, print and distribute the booklet to all households justifying the rise in rates? I, and I know others, view glossy publications in our letterboxes as a waste of money. I was not impressed.

What is the ROI on the crazy water 'showcase'. Apart from the initial building costs, what is cost of running that 'project'?

If closing the Frimley Pool can give you the savings you outline, how much will excluding flouride in our water save? Yes, I know your answer is related to the then Director General's edict, however, my further questions are - what does purchasing this toxic waste product cost? How much is spent on wages for those who administer and monitor flouride in our water? It is totally crazy HDC has imposed flouride on us, and Napier water is flouride free.

Following on from the last point, I was one of those poisoned by the water from my household tap in 2016 and following that invested in a whole of house water filtration system and an under sink flouride filtration for when you put flouride back into our water.

Research now proves administering flouride this way has no benefit to children's teeth. Dental health comes from educating families to educate their children. To back this up, our family lived rurally for many years on non-town water, either from rain water or a bore over many years with neither of our two getting their first filling until they were both well into their 20's. For the sake of our children's future health, I implore HDC to turn off flouride now.

As I believe HDC has already made its decision, I seriously doubt the value of submitting - although feel it is imperative you know how we feel as we will be those who vote at the next Council election. I've lived in Hawke's Bay since 1985 and it is my choice, for now, to stay. I sincerely trust people are not driven away by increasing rates. After all, next year is just the first step of three years of proposed increases.

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I appreciate there is a lot of additional expenditure to recover from Cyclone Gabrielle. This country, this province, grew for many, many years with with what were termed country roads. Country roads don't have to be fully sealed, high speed roads. Rebuilding roads since Gabrielle should be taken slowly.

Administration costs use more than 35% of the budget. This is ratepayer money. In line with Government policy to reduce staff numbers and payroll costs in Government departments, similar actions should be taken by HDC to reduce administration costs by at least 10%. There must be some pain. It is not business as usual. Times are difficult. Put \$1.5 million back to spend on infrastructure.

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Subject: LTP Event Strategy support for annual Matariki Maori New Year Celebrations in Hastings.
Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Inc, a key organizer and major funder of the Matariki Maori New Year celebrations in Hastings, is seeking support from the Hastings District Council. The goal is to ensure a thriving event ecosystem in the region, with Matariki as a central cultural event.

Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Inc has been actively involved in organising the Matariki Maori New Year celebrations in Hastings since 2001. Matariki, also known as the Pleiades star cluster, holds significant cultural and spiritual importance for Maori communities. The three major principles of Matariki are:

- Remembrance – honouring those we have lost since the last rising of Matariki.
- Celebrating the present – gathering to give thanks for what we have
- Looking to the future – Looking forward to the promise of a new year.

Economic and Social Impact:

The Matariki celebrations attract visitors from within and outside the region, contributing to the local economy through tourism, hospitality, and retail.

Socially, the celebrations strengthen community bonds and create a sense of belonging.

Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Inc is committed to organizing sustainable events. Efforts are made to minimize waste, promote eco-friendly practices, and respect the natural environment.

Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Inc seeks logistical support from the Hastings District Council to continue to enhance the Matariki celebrations and community engagement in Hastings CBD, Wai Aroha Water Discovery Centre and Mitre10 HB Sportspark. Support from the Council will ensure the longevity and success of this culturally significant event.

In conclusion, the Matariki Maori New Year celebrations organised by Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Inc play a vital role in preserving a revived tradition within a modern context, promoting community well-being, and fostering cultural pride. We urge the Hastings District Council to recognise the value of Matariki and provide the necessary support to sustain this treasured tradition.

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Please find attached a submission to the HDC LTP on behalf of CDL Land New Zealand.

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To: The Chief Executive
Hastings District Council

**SUBMISSION on behalf of CDL Land (NZ) Limited on the Hastings District Proposed
2024-2034 Long Term and 2024/2025 Proposed Development Contribution Policy**

Introduction

- 1.1 CDL Land (NZ) Limited ("The Submitter") is a major land developer in Hawkes Bay. We have long established relationships with many companies and consultants in Hawkes Bay. The Submitter is currently developing the Iona Structure Plan area, which will release a significant volume of housing supply into the Havelock North community. We welcome this opportunity to make a submission on the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan ("The Plan") and associated 2024/2025 Development Contributions Policy ("The Policy").
- 1.2 The Submitter agrees with the concept of fair and equitable use of Development Contributions to help fund capital expenditure. In principle, we also support the Hastings District Council ("The Council") proposed focus towards investing in essential infrastructure needs rather than the nice-to-haves in The Plan.
- 1.3 It is further acknowledged that The Council is in a difficult position given their current debt constraints and the currently limited availability of readily available alternative funding tools.
- 1.4 However, the Policy as proposed does not correctly apportion the ratio of costs between growth and maintenance of existing infrastructure and seeks to attribute the costs of the vast majority of works proposed in The Plan to the effects of growth. This approach does not adhere to the principles governing development contributions set out in the Local Government Act
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- 1.6 The Submitter further considers that savings and efficiencies could be achieved through a more targeted approach to infrastructure and levels of service and targeting basic operational matters such as the minimisation of stormwater into the wastewater network, a focus on addressing water leakage and the use of funds to acquire land for future infrastructure purposes in an integrated and planner manner.

Specific Matters of Submission

Development Contribution Methodology Inconsistencies

- 1.7 The Council has not followed the methodology in its draft 2024/25 development contributions policy when determining the value of proposed charges per HUE's in the 2024/2025 year.
- 1.8 Section 2.6.2 of The Policy states "*backlog and renewal portions of capital expenditure will be funded from sources other than development contributions*". Section 3.3 of The Policy includes that "*any requirement to increase the level of service for existing users will not be funded by development contributions*".
- 1.9 These policy statements are aligned with guidance produced by the Office of the Auditor General¹ which states [emphasis added]:
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- 1.10 Despite the above statements in The Policy, the list of projects in the schedule contained in The Policy the development contributions policy clearly identify renewal projects, and attributes up to 100% of the cost of these projects to be covered by Development Contributions. For example, \$56.3 million worth of wastewater projects alone have "*renewal or upgrade*" in their name and yet state that 100% of the costs of these projects are attributable to growth.
- 1.11 The proposed Policy fails to take the benefit to the community of planned projects, particularly those projects that are planned to relieve current constraints within the wastewater network. The Submitter notes that when The Council consulted with the community last year² it included the following example in the current Development Contributions Policy:
"The costs that make up development contributions are identified by assessing proposed infrastructure investments and determining what components or proportion of those investments are necessitated by or attributable to growth and which are not. Some investments are readily identifiable as being necessitable(sic) by growth where others are a mix of growth and non-growth. As an example, replacing an older sewer pipe and pump station would generally be a non-growth cost. However, upsizing the replacement infrastructure to provide additional capacity for growth would increase the costs of replacement. This cost increment can be attributed to growth."

¹ Using development contributions and financial contributions to fund local authorities' growth-related assets. Office of the Auditor General, 2013.

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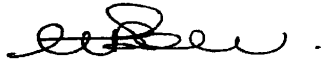
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I do not support the HDC long-term plan in its current form and submit that HDC's proposed rates increases are completely unacceptable and its strategic plan should be returned to the drawing board until a proposal that provides delivery at acceptable cost can be achieved.

New Zealand, including Hasting's residents, are facing a national cost of living crisis, at the same time as the country is in recession. While it is always beholden on the HDC to show that it is being fiscally responsible with rate payers' money, during a time when rate payers are already struggling, it is more important than ever that the HDC is doing everything in its power to keep its costs under control. The proposed long-term plan does not achieve this, and the need for additional spending should be sort through the reduction of existing spending, rather than increasing costs to rate payers.

In consideration of its plan, it is my view that the HDC should immediately stop spending on all non-core and 'nice to have' activities. Such activities would include but are not limited to; cycleways, LED streetlight conversions, excessive park restorations and improvements (such as the Taroa reserve), environmental enhancement projects, youth development, Maori and mana whenua projects. Funding and subsidies for loss generating services and facilities should also be stopped and alternative options, including divestment, should be considered. Some examples of these might include, Splash planet, Frimley Pools, Toi Toi, HB showgrounds, and any public transport subsidies.

Finally, while the HDC is funded by rate payers, it should remember that it exists to serve those rate payers, first and foremost. As such the HDC should not be funding special interest groups (such as youth programmes and Iwi and mana whenua initiatives), with rate payer money. These activities should not be the responsibility of the HDC and should be funded by either central government or the user groups themselves.

Thank you for consideration of my submission. New Zealand has entered a period of austerity, and it is hoped that the HDC will recognise this and follow suit.

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Submission to: HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN
To: Hastings District Council
From: Hawke's Bay Netball Centre Incorporated ("HBN")
Date: 27th May 2024

1. Introduction

a) Details of Submitter

Hawke's Bay Netball (HBN) exists to connect and inspire Hawke's Bay communities through Netball.

HBN was formed in 2012. Over the next two years each of the four independent netball centers at Hastings, Napier, Central HB, and Wairoa progressively wound up and were amalgamated under the umbrella of Hawke's Bay Netball.

This change was largely triggered by the development of an 18-court facility at the Hawke's Bay Regional Sports Park, and the subsequent move of Hastings Netball Centre away from Windsor Park.

Today, Hawke's Bay Netball currently operates from four venues – one in Hastings, two in Napier and one in Central Hawke's Bay – delivering a variety of competitive and social competitions, development programs, player coach and official pathways.

With around 7,000 players, the Hawke's Bay Netball Centre is the fourth largest in the country and covers an extensive geographic area.

HBN focuses on:

1. Delivering positive netball experiences.
2. Advocating for playing environments that are safe, welcoming, and fun.
3. Ensuring netball is local, affordable, and accessible.
4. Growing opportunities for all people to enjoy being physically active through Netball.
5. Forming strong partnerships that strengthen all aspects of the game.

There is an active Board currently consisting of seven (7) members who meet monthly, and an operational team led by a full-time General Manager.

b) Netball in Hawke's Bay

7.3% of the active female population in Hawke's Bay participates in Netball - this is 2.2% higher than the national average. (ref: Sport NZ Insights tool)

Netball is the highest secondary school participation sport in Hawke's Bay.

A survey of netball members in 2022 showed that:

- The ethnicity composition of players is primarily represented by European (54%) and Māori (36%)

- The Player profile of Hawke's Bay Netball is youthful with 76% of players aged between 5 – 12yrs.
- Hastings has a higher teenage cohort (47%) associated with the secondary school competitions being run by the Centre. There is also an older cohort who participates and enjoys netball.

This demonstrates the HBN accommodates a wide age range and that current and future facilities (courts and ancillaries) need to be mindful of being age and stage appropriate to meet the player's needs (i.e.: the impact of different surfaces).

Consideration needs to be given to the overall playing experience and what factors are critical for attracting and retaining players in different age groups.

Facilities are acknowledged by Sport New Zealand as critically important components of a successful play, active recreation, and sport system.

Participation growth

Participation showed notable growth from 2015 up to the COVID pandemic. Primarily, from the introduction of social netball.

Other growth is evident in men's netball and future FERNs Years 3-4.

Netball participation cannot rely on population growth alone to deliver more players. The traditional netball player profile base is forecast to decrease across all territorial areas over the next 25 years. This is against a backdrop of a growing but aging population.

Need to increase the capture rate through improved offerings and experiences, and/or expanding markets (i.e. men's netball, walking netball, mum's netball).

c) Hawke's Bay - netball facility strategy 2023

Facilities are one of the most important components of Netball as without them no-one can play. But, just as important is that the region has facilities which are of the right standard.

Hawke's Bay is at a point when the current network of netball facilities needs to be addressed to ensure community wellbeing outcomes at a local level can be achieved.

In 2022 the HBN Board secured funding from the Lotteries Commission to undertake a study which would support regional organizations to understand the provision of netball facilities in Hawke's Bay, one which addresses the current facility network and considers the future facility demand for the sport.

HBN engaged Visitor Solutions to develop a Facility Strategy in response to various challenges that are impacting the ability to deliver quality and sustainable netball opportunities in Hawke's Bay and specifically in Hastings at the Mitre 10 Regional Sports Park

HBN's vision is to connect and inspire local communities through netball, and the purpose of the study is to help to bring facility owners together with this vision.

The outcome of the study is a comprehensive plan which is designed to support facility owners to understand what is required to support the Hawke's Bay communities who love being physically active through netball.

The HBN Board has worked hard to ensure the recommendations in the strategy are realistic, and sustainable.

In making this submission HBN wants to work with Hastings District Council and the Regional Sports Park Trust to improve and progress netball facilities in Hastings – specifically the Mitre 10 Sports Park, and to collaborate on solutions with other potential organizations who use and enjoy this venue.

HBN's role is to bring an informed voice to the table of the regional leadership organizations and specifically to support Councils and local Trusts as facility owners, to be able to make decisions that keep the community thriving through their chosen activities of choice.

2. The network of Netball Facilities in Hawke's Bay

Facility hierarchy

A facility hierarchy acknowledges the need for a strategic compromise between infrastructure demand and supply within the region. An identified hierarchy enables consideration for scale of development to address the need whether this be in the hierarchy of provision or the size of the catchment and the profile of the user.

Guiding principles:

There are three key principles which underpin a successful facility network:

Network resilience.

The network is resilient to overcome possible displacement or disruption to activity, while reducing over-reliance on a centralised site

Quality experiences.

Facilities foster quality experiences to support all levels and formats of the game. Facilities are safe, surfaces are well maintained, there is good shelter from sun and rain, and ancillary facilities are appropriate for all participants, including spectators, administrators, and officials.

Accessibility.

Courts are located to best service netball catchment areas across Hawke's Bay and remain affordable to encourage participation.

Facilities are serviced by carparking which is appropriate to the number and size of the facility. Facilities can be easily accessed by emergency vehicles.

Court Supply/Demand and Court Quality

- Overall, throughout the network there are sufficient courts to meet current and future demand.
- But the key issues identified a high level of concern with the quality of the courts, access to the courts and the supporting ancillary amenities that contribute to the quality of the experience.
- Court surfaces, access and supporting infrastructure need improvement to fully unlock the potential of existing courts.
- There are no mid-range facility options in the region including options such as rubberized court surfaces or outdoor covered courts.
- There are varying levels of provision within this mid- range banding available for consideration. Further enhanced levels include rubberised surfaces with additional fibreglass to provide more shock absorbing qualities and enclosed courts with a roof and permeable sides.
- Shelter for spectators from sun and rain highly desired facility improvements across all outdoor sites.

3. Mitre 10 Sports Park - Netball Facility

Role

- Within the Netball Facility Network hierarchy, the role of the Mitre 10 Regional Sport Park is as a **Regional Facility**. This means that it is a primary netball site which facilitates secondary school competitions and most club activities – including most club training.
- The site caters for all grades of netball including junior, secondary school, club, and social competitions.
- With 18 courts, the Mitre 10 Sports Park regional netball centre is the primary site for hosting regional, sub-regional and national tournaments.
- Within the Hawke’s Bay Regional network of netball facilities, Mitre10 Sports Park has a critical role.
- Other sites within the network, particularly, the ‘District Sites’ feed through to Mitre 10 Park

The Pros

- The courts are generally in good condition.
- The number of courts is good through to 2048.
- Park of a wider sports precinct

The Cons

- Over recent years several challenges have accumulated at the netball venue in Hastings which is significantly impacting on the ability for HBN to deliver quality and sustainable netball opportunities from the netball facilities at the Mitre 10 Sports Park.
- There is an immediate need to improve visibility, accessibility, and connectivity to the courts. In the medium to long-term, upgrade court surfaces to provide a higher surface standard and explore covered court provision.
- As an original anchor tenant, the netball centre has effectively been built around with no integration or opportunity to enhance the overall park experience and offerings.
- Limited visibility and connection to the netball centre.
- Lack of sufficient and suitable carparking available.
- Close and well-lit car parking and pathways are critical to provide a safe setting for visitors and players alike (particularly when considering the netball player’s profile).
- Improved toilets (number and quality) and shelter are sought by members.

Participant insights

- In 2022 HBN obtained insights from netball participants via an online survey. 513 responses were received from throughout the region.

- The survey confirmed that facilities are one of the most important components in determining the quality of the overall playing experience and are critical for attracting player interest and retaining players throughout the different age groups.
- 52% of respondents regard the facilities at Mitre 10 Park as a deterrent for retaining and attracting new members.
- Desired improvements:
 - 61% - Improved parking
 - 36% - Improved toilet quality and number
 - 22% - Improved changing rooms
 - 21% - Better shelter

4. The way forward

Netball has identified four key moves that will assist to address the deterrents to participation:

1. Immediate – Mitre 10 park is constrained by limited and unsuitable car parking. To help alleviate these issues the completion of 300 car parks proposed directly in front of the new Central Districts Indoor Cricket Facility and at the southern end of the netball courts is required.
2. Formalise the rear entrance to the netball centre with an improved access road connecting to a limestone, or crushed rubble designed car park. The idea is to create satisfactory car parking with permeable qualities.
3. Establish a legible and formalised path from the new car parking area at rear of the courts to the main building to minimise game disruptions, avoid bottlenecks and congestion on the periphery of the playing area. Initially this can be in the form of murals or different paint designs, with a long-term solution established when court surface works occur (i.e. wider more formalised path enabled by court layout).
4. Establish stronger building/court integration with the Aquatic and Fitness Centre to create more awareness and through traffic, increase patronage and optimisation of amenities (leveraging the value of a sports precinct by having connected facilities).
5. At some point in the future court surface and court quality will need to be addressed.

5. Our submission

Firstly, we want to express our thanks and appreciation to Hastings District Council as the primary funder of the Mitre 10 Sports Park. It is considered by many to be the best venue in the region and something which is regarded as an asset we can be proud of.

On behalf of the netball community in Hawke's Bay, HBN makes the following specific requests to Hastings District Council:

1. Hawke's Bay netball facility strategy.

Hawke's Bay Netball Board developed a Netball Facility Plan because we felt the Mitre 10 Sports Park in particular has lost its' way, especially after four years of challenging setbacks as the region endured the difficulties of COVID and Cyclone Gabrielle. We do acknowledge the resilience and commitment shown by everyone involved to keep sport operating.

Our submission:

That Hastings District Council receive the netball facility strategy. Hawke's Bay Netball look forward to connecting with Hastings District Council and the Regional Sports Park Trust to work towards progressing the recommendations in the plan and to provide quality and sustainable facilities to meet the needs of all those people who love being physically active through Netball.

2. Carparking

Netball attracts approximately 80,000 users per year to the M10 Sports Park.

In the last 10 years there has been significant facility development at Mitre 10 Park. The development of new facilities has been positive but unfortunately to the detriment of the accessibility and amenity value of the park. The 18-court netball facility has been negatively impacted.

The 18-court netball facility was originally serviced with a carpark capacity of approximately 400 cars.

Through the sale of land, the build of the Hawke's Bay Community Fitness centre, and the build of the Aquatic facility, carparking capacity to service Cricket, Boxing, Netball and Rugby facilities has been reduced to just over 100 parks.

Our submission:

That Hastings District Council support the Regional Sports Park Trust with the funding necessary to re-instate capacity for 300 car-park spaces to service Netball, Cricket, Boxing, Rugby and Canoe Polo facilities. These could be located as depicted on appendix A to this submission.

Our recommendation is to use materials that are permeable and to a certain extent less permanent than hard seal – for example, crushed rubble, or limestone.

3. Masterplan

After nearly two decades of development, Mitre 10 Sports Park appears to be at a point where the challenges and opportunities ahead are significant.

Facility development seems to have taken place on an ad-hoc basis and in the absence of a masterplan.

In our discussions and connections with the Park, it seems that a masterplan is the single piece of work, which is missing, and which is holding up critical decisions for the Park.

We are aware that in June 2021, Hastings District Council engaged in a process to produce a masterplan for the park. We were very relieved that this project was underway. A significant amount of preliminary work was achieved, however we understand that valuable time was used up addressing the governance structure for the park, when what was really required was a clear understanding of the opportunities and limitations of the park together with a spatial plan that would guide the staging and implementation of development and outline key strategic projects, and the sequence in which they should be carried out; a combination of larger scale, longer term initiatives and short term projects to meet priority needs.

Our submission:

That Hastings District Council allocate an amount of \$50,000 to the remaining budget for the production of a quality Masterplan to guide investment decisions for the regional sports park.

HBN would like to thank Hastings District Council for receiving this submission.

We would like to speak to this submission and to include an opportunity to present the netball facility strategy on behalf of the Hawke's Bay Netball Community.

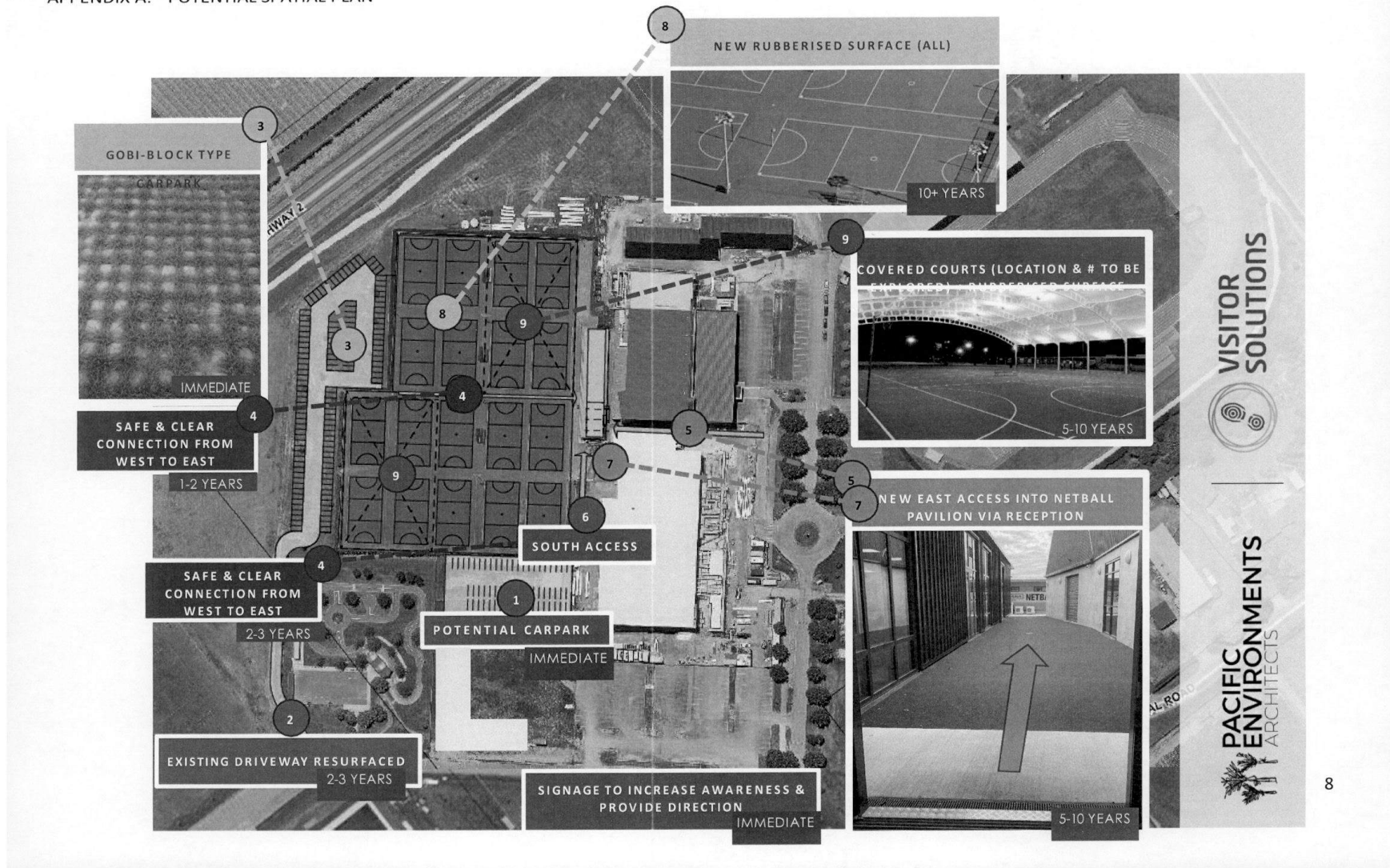
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APPENDIX A: POTENTIAL SPATIAL PLAN



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Cyclone Gabrielle put immense pressure on our storm water system in Te Awanga, causing the lagoon to overflow and flood properties.

The lagoon acts as a sump and absorbs any storm water prior to entering the sea.

Subsequent swells after this event, eroded the beach to such an extent as to threaten the viability of the lagoon.

My submission: That the HDC - through the flood resilience programme, allocate funding to ensure the beach crest is protected and maintained to prevent a catastrophic collapse of our storm water system.

Once the storm water system collapses, a pump station will need to be constructed to ensure storm water gets to the sea.

Surely it is better to remediate the current situation rather than wait until the problem gets worse, necessitating extra costs to rate payers.

This part of the coastline has increased in popularity over the years - with increases in surfers, fishers, and families using the beach for recreation.

It is worth protecting, and a general rate should be levied on all rate payers throughout the Hastings District.

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

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Re 2. GROWTH

Where is reference to finding / approving areas for future development outside of the immediate Hastings Central district?

OR - Is the FDS addressing this separately?

If NOT, is it not very important to consider the future development of areas for safe housing development that do NOT impact on the fertile Heretaunga Plains? There are several such areas on the outskirts of the plains area which are currently classed as being within the Productive Plains. These areas should be fast tracked for development especially now in view of the inevitable effects of climate change including - flood risk / coastal erosion / sea level rise etc.

This land should be opened up for development either through immediate zone change and / or facilitated through enabling of private scheme plans or other. An example of one such area currently zoned Productive Plains, is that surrounding the coastal communities of Haumoana and Te Awanga, in the vicinity of Parkhill, Raymond Road and Tukituki Roads. This land sits above the flood plains, is close to important local amenities including school and early childhood learning centres, is above the tsunami risk areas, and much of it free of fault lines.

Council should be taking a long-term solution approach to future development. There is a limit to how long housing close to the coast and alongside rivers can be safely and economically sustained. We need to be brave and not just work with patch-up mentality. Currently the urban creep into highly productive land is alarming. Hawkes Bay was known as the FRUIT BOWL of New Zealand. We need to support horticulture AND our greatest resource - people! It can be done - with vision and courage!

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Hastings District Council LTP submission. We acknowledge Council staff for their ongoing support and commitment to the play, active recreation, sport and hauora sector.

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SPORT HAWKE'S BAY – HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL
LONG TERM PLAN SUBMISSION 2024-2027

Sport Hawke's Bay is a charitable trust that exists to enhance the health and wellbeing of Hawke's Bay by influencing, enabling, and supporting our communities to be more physically active.

Sport Hawke's Bay is committed to supporting young people; tamariki and rangatahi (aged 5-18) and less active communities; geographic or social communities where there are barriers to engaging in physical activity across the Hawke's Bay region.

We see Councils across our region playing a key role in enhancing the health and wellbeing of all residents. We also acknowledge the difficult position Councils are currently in as they face fiscal challenges due to Cyclone Gabrielle and the recovery we all face.

Sport Hawke's Bay will continue to focus on lifting physical activity levels, specifically in relation to the two key areas mentioned while also ensuring there is no reduction of the activity levels of those living in Hawke's Bay. In doing this, we believe we will have the greatest possible impact on wellbeing. We achieve our outcomes by aligning our investment through partnerships, funds and programmes to our strategic priorities set out in our four-year strategic plan.

We believe working together towards a collective goal will allow us the greatest possible impact on wellbeing for all Hawke's Bay residents.

Future of Play, Active Recreation, Sport and Hauora

Sport Hawke's Bay acknowledges Council for their ongoing commitment to the sector. The active involvement of Council Officers in the Hawke's Bay Regional Sports Fields Review shows the value in regional strategic planning and collaboration. Sport Hawke's Bay will continue to have a strong focus on this over the coming period and we encourage Hastings District Council to continue to work in collaboration with regional stakeholders on key projects and initiatives.

Working strategically is vital given the fiscal challenges we all face. We would like to see the Mitre10 Regional Sports Park Masterplan continue to be developed with the appointment of a steering group to oversee the implementation of the Plan. We believe green spaces are one of the most significant assets in the District for active recreation as well as performing an important role to encouraged increased physical activity and as such the planning for this particular space needs to be prioritised. Spaces such as Windsor Park and the adjoining Splash Planet precinct have traditionally been a vibrant sports hub and we believe by completing a wider regional Play, Active Recreation and Sport Strategy and a regional Aquatics Strategy we will be able to ensure investment into these spaces will be beneficial for the whole region. Planning for these assets

needs to be prioritised as they form a vital role within a hierarchy of facilities which will ensure the regional facility network is resilient and responsive to climate change. We emphasise the importance of prioritising a focus on innovative design approaches that work in keeping with environmental sustainability principles.

We acknowledge the internal challenges you face, including an ageing infrastructure and financial sustainability. Again, we would like to work alongside Council to ensure the play, active recreation, sport and hauora sector is heard and in support of decisions made for residents of Hastings.

The Hawke's Bay Regional Sports Fields Review recommends that all parties support the planning principles and recommendations as laid out in this document – with specific focus on inclusive and accessible facilities that are maintained, adapted and developed in such a way as to encourage participation for all people regardless of income, age, ethnicity, gender and physical ability. We hope to work with Council Officers as you look to invest into new spaces for the community including the proposed 'homes for our people' that will see residential growth and community housing across several communities. It is important for Sport Hawke's Bay to be involved in promoting accessible spaces and places and green spaces and to encourage use of local play opportunities.

Sport Hawke's Bay also supports the focus on enhancing the District. We hope to work with Council Officers on the rejuvenated masterplans for Flaxmere and Camberly communities as well as supporting planned work including:

- Supporting planning for key facilities including Regional Sports Park and the A&P Showgrounds
- Supporting a review in Splash Planet and the wide pools asset management plan
- Working with Council on the proposed 12 playground upgrades and three new playgrounds
- Supporting reserve upgrades including working with Council on the sportsground changing room improvements at multiple sportsgrounds across the District
- Supporting place plans or communities across Hastings, ensuring play, active recreation and sport are prioritised within these plans.

Investment in community by Hastings District Council

Sport Hawke's Bay acknowledges the long-standing partnership it has held with the Hastings District Council. By working alongside your Officers, we have been able to continue to support the play, active recreation, sport and hauora sector across all Hastings communities.

Sport Hawke's Bay acknowledges the commitment made by Council to improving our community parks and reserves as well as improving access options for people who face barriers to participation, especially those living with a disability – notably the going investment made into playgrounds such as Cornwall and Kirkpatrick Park.

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Sport Hawke's Bay is committed to supporting the Council to find the best outcome for the community and look forward to working alongside Council to support less active communities, either geographic or social communities, where there are barriers to engaging in physical activity.

Sport Hawke's Bay supports the following reviews and projects as detailed in this year's consultation document:

- Delaying the start of investing into some wider community projects. We acknowledge the investment Council has made in these projects in recent years including increased investment into cycling, park and walking projects. We would encourage Council to support a wider Regional Play, Active Recreation and Sport Strategy that would provide additional information for Council for future investment.

Additional recommendations

Sport Hawke's Bay makes the following recommendations to Council in support of the proposals for discussion:

- Support for two priority regional planning projects which have been raised through the Council approved Hawke's Bay Spaces and Places Regional Planning Approach.
 1. Regional Spaces and Places Plan
 2. Regional Aquatics Plan.

Sport New Zealand will provide up to 50% of the cost of these two regional planning projects on the understanding that the balance is met on a proportional basis between Hawke's Bay Councils. We expect this to be approximately \$40,000 for Hastings District Council for both plans to be completed in the next financial year. These plans will inform Council decisions going forward.

- Support the planning principles and recommendations of 2023 regional sport field review – with specific focus on inclusive and accessible facilities that are maintained, adapted, and developed in such a way as to encourage participation for all people regardless of income, age, ethnicity, gender and physical ability.
- Work towards strengthening relationships with sports codes to improve consistency of participation and booking data so that an evidence-based approach can be used to inform facility planning.
- Encourage more use of the Sport New Zealand Sporting facilities framework to ensure money is spent wisely on sports and recreation facilities.
- Mitre10 Regional Sports Park is the site for multiple sports including netball, rugby league, canoe polo, rugby union, touch, athletics, swimming, hockey and football. Sport Hawke's Bay recommends Council prioritises the park through the completion of a Masterplan and Spatial plan.
- While a decision on the future of aquatics facilities is yet to be determined, Sport Hawke's Bay recommends Council supports the proposed Regional Aquatics Plan to help make informed decisions around the future of aquatic facilities across the wider region.
- Focus on the development of open spaces and places to support tamariki and rangatahi to be active. This includes the A&P Showgrounds, Anderson Park and Windsor Park.
- Support the wider community and in particular older adults to find reliable and affordable housing solutions. Sport Hawke's Bay supports a number of older adults

through the Active 4 Life and KiwiSeniors programme and we believe providing safe, affordable housing is vital.

- Ongoing financial support for the i-Way programme that sees Sport Hawke's Bay staff supporting tamariki to learn cycle and scooter safety and skills.

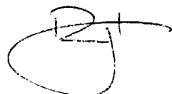
Sport Hawke's Bay in the Hastings community

Sport Hawke's Bay is committed to continuing to partner with Hastings District Council to deliver on agreed outcomes over the long-term plan period. We have continued to invest in additional resource to further support this work and while we face our own financial challenges, the Board of Sport Hawke's Bay will continue to invest into roles such as a full time Disability and Inclusion Advisor – a role no longer centrally funded by Sport New Zealand. Other roles that will continue to support Council and Council Officers include the Spaces and Places Lead, Play Lead and Insights and Evaluation Lead along with the wider support provided by the Community Sport and Management team at Sport Hawke's Bay.

With support from our stakeholders such as Sport New Zealand, Te Whatu Ora and the Ministry of Education, Sport Hawke's Bay looks forward to working alongside Council to develop a 'Play, Active Recreation and Sport Plan' for the region. This plan will help ensure that limited financial resources are applied to have the greatest possible impact on activity levels and will position the region well for national funders.

Sport Hawke's Bay would like to thank the Council officers and Councillors for prioritising the wellbeing of the community by ensuring play, active recreation, sport and hauora sectors are well represented and are a clear focus in this long-term plan. We know that there are many demands on Council resources at present.

Regards,



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

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Pay less, take longer and find more savings

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I would like to know what internal measures have been taken to ensure that costs have been minimised and that the budget is not based on "last year" plus X%.
Has an exercise of work flow analysis been undertaken to ensure staff efficiency?
A substantial amount of capital expenditure has been undertaken on computer system upgrade that seems to be working efficiently - has a proportionate amount of internal costs been reduced by this efficiency measure?
Your proposal of a 25% rate increase is not acceptable as a large number of elderly residents are on fixed incomes

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The Council needs to seriously explore other forms of income and not rely on the age-old adage "put the rates up"
A system to capture a contribution from the entire community needs to be explored. If for example a road/bridge toll could be implemented across the three councils, this would create a strong income stream.
A user pays society that all contribute toward in some form is a more balanced and fairer way for councils to achieve their end goals.

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Pay more add some projects

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Percentages /figures quoted re increase in cost., Bridges 38% 27% roads and water supply 30%sewerage

What would be more interest and relevant would be a break down into materials /labour/bureaucratic requirements / increased number of people employed/consultants etc

Re bridges how much does it cost in time and money todo community consultation. Leave bridge making to the the experts. Which bridges/ designs survived? Why? Other models/examples. Does each replacement bridge have to be designed from scratch. I know there isn't a bridge shop but what happened to the adopt and adapt and while it's a feel good to ask ratepayers which design they prefer- time is money and each pair of hands that touches the concept costs ...and the rate payer pays. 27% on roads. We don't want fast patch jobs with lower cost materials. It would be interesting again to have a breakdown as suggested above but also including cones/traffic management. Upmost in mind we need to do it properly first time and treated in commonsense distances rather than leaving a small space between and next thing you know...you've got another breakdown in road surface.

Interesting to hear the increase in insurance claims re potholes and our roading.

Cyclone Gabrielle needs to be shared as the significant impact was felt by all. Two major cities cut-off no power, communication and limited access.

Get on with getting everyone re-connected. Again This is no place or time for community consultation. Commonsense must prevail. Resilient communities/ Civil defense there needs to be a national umbrella because the structure failed dismally and weren't prepared for the task .

They need to be tied with national emergency services prepared to act anywhere at anytime.

Three waters/ Infrastructure

Aging infrastructure is going to be stretched and stressed as population is encouraged to become urban. During covid this was considered a no-no and overseas cities were held up as an example of the spread and inability to control a pandemic.

Intensification means what you are doing is turning a family section with lawns and gardens/permeable surfaces with multiple dwellings and hard covered surfaces that return water back into the infrastructure/stormwater systems .

Attending international conferences of landscape architects, in regards to urban living it was recommended to increase semi permeable surfaces allowing rain through and return to the ground. Flooding in large cities were cited for their flooding/hard cover.

There has to be maintenance ongoing otherwise there will be deterioration and cost more to reinstate.

Environment maintenance

We pride ourselves on clean green but going down our roads it is rather embarassing,rubbish, and then turned to confetti by mowing. Vegetation control is important particularly during the summer months and fire risk.

I look at the streets and maybe money could be saved by not planting heaps of deciduous trees that clog drains and gutters.

Budget Savings

Closing of the Frimley Pool while a nice to have asset is really past its used by date and will only further deteriorate and maintenance increased there are other pools that the public can access.

Pausing and cut backs will help. Cycling and walking tracks while a nice to have but in investment/population the returns are small .Maintain what we have because There has to be maintenance ongoing otherwise there will be deterioration and cost more to reinstate.

Footpath maintenance is incredibly important consider it part of the "walking network"

Looking at the increase in staffing as at 30 June an increase of 32 staff members with 19 of them falling in the \$100,000 - \$419,999 bracket. I guess the ratepayer is contributing towards that. How can that be justified? Can there be a reduction of staff or reallocation of funding and people to ensure better efficiencies and better outcomes.

Fees and Charges

If building consents and resource consent charges are set to increase. will that mean better service? Will that mean that the time to deliver these services is going to decrease. I am assuming the increased cost of development will be passed on...and who will that be to...

Rating area1/Area 2

I understand Pakowhai comes under the greater urban area 1.Hort/Farming to increase 24%.Consideration to farming in Rating area 2 as they are not connected to many services. Well neither is the ratepayer in Pakowhai.

There does need to be a look at future rating for Cat3 land.

The increase in rates is fine while there is a remission properties need to be revalued, and many of these people have purchased other properties away from the land and an additional set of rates. When is the next round of valuations?

Category 3 Property buyout

Unfortunately this was an example of "marry in haste, repent at leisure". Categorization pushed through government with indecent haste, against traumatized people and was seen by many to be blackmail.cHandled better the flawed premise that the Christchurch model would fit and that Esk/Pakowhai?Dartmoor/Puketapu should be measured against the same criteria. It was acknowledged each was an unique situation, but that got forgotten. I guess one saving will be when the contract runs its course then there will be less personnel.

Nice to have "Kiwi rail safety work "What has prompted this expenditure?

I would rather Kiwi rail looked to the bridge at Clive making it more climate resilient as it is a vital connection from the South to the port and would reduce flooding back inland should an event of this magnitude happen again (which is a criteria for the Category 3 properties and they could call it Safety work.

Take stock managing growth. Look to the UN predictions re aging population.The proportion of people 65+ is increasing faster than below. By 2050 more will be 65+ than under 5 and almost equivalent to the number of children under 12. More building areas means more infrastructure/ costs/rates.

Conservative, constraint, controlled...

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

It's about right

Pay less, slowdown further

Pay less, take longer and find more savings

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Share your thoughts here . . .

Rates rises are really hard for the public to swallow at this time. One must be especially careful as they seem to always rise and never reduce. It would be better to reduce the nice to haves and refocus on good asset management and core principles/services. Really use asset management to increase income/funds to offset the rates rises, and still invest in key risk reducing activities such as ensuring the roading network is attended to.

I would like to mention Frimely Pool and advocate for it to be retained for the public. It has its place and with proper staffing, decent hours and sound asset management could turn a decent income. I could speak to you further about this point as closing it would impact on many communities.

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It's about right

Pay more add some projects

It's about right

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Share your thoughts here . . .

Tēnā Koe,

I am writing in support of Arts Inc. Heretaunga's Applications for funding (attached). Hastings District Council is our most significant funder and we are very grateful for your support over the last 10 years. To help our organisation make it through the next decade, we are requesting a 2% inflation increase to be applied annually from 2025 onwards. In dollar figures this is \$6,880 in 2025. This will help our organisation to sustain inflationary pressures over time. The impacts of this will be felt not only by the organisation but the network of creatives, communities and businesses across the region who benefit from our services and expertise.

Like many businesses, the impacts of COVID-19 and the Cyclone were substantial for Arts Inc. Heretaunga. Our ability to earn revenue was significantly limited. This year, inflationary pressures are worse than ever meaning status quo funding is a significant reduction.

Now more than ever, investment into community services and events can significantly impact our region's social and economic recovery. Without backbone support from an organisation like Arts Inc. Heretaunga, achieving collective impact and delivering regionally significant events and experiences is impossible. Fractured and siloed approaches will be inefficient, ineffective and costly.

The many initiatives these funds support are not small in impact and help make a real difference to the quality of Heretaunga resident's lives.

We hope that you will advocate for the retention and increase of this funding which delivers so much to our communities.

Ngā mihi

Jade Baker
General Manager
Arts Inc. Heretaunga

Attach a document to your submission

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Hastings Community Arts Centre

Organisation description, what does your organisation do? *

Provide a short description (150 words recommended) of your project - what are you out to do?

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The Hastings Community Arts Centre is the core of our operating model. Investment into the Hastings Community Arts Centre enables all of the services Arts Inc. Heretaunga provides through tools, processes and people. Communities are dynamic and their services should be too. As a community-led organisation we will continue to evolve our services to serve communities of greatest need.

We believe collective impact approaches are the most effective way to serve communities and our organisation is a key contributor to the Toi-Tū regional strategic framework as a broker between communities and creativity. Through our work, we aim to be a regional leader in relevant art, cultural and social discourse across Heretaunga. The platforms we provide build capacity and aim to express the identity of this region, its people and places.

Our organisation is on a journey to become a kaupapa-led entity. We are making progress to implement this commitment across all elements of our business. We are starting by partnering with Mana Whenua and Ngā Toi Māori leaders. We will work together to find opportunities to continue to support Māori aspirations in a mana-enhancing way.

In a typical year, the Arts Centre features creative work by over 300 local artists. We will prioritise Toi Māori exhibitions and a showcase of exemplary student work from schools within the Hastings and Havelock North areas each year, encouraging the next generation of creatives through professional experience.

Why does this work need to be done? *

Describe the specific issue or need you want to address (200 words recommended)

As a community-led arts centre, we provide a unique service to Heretaunga residents and are an essential component of the creative ecosystem in Hawke's Bay. We work with emerging and established local artists to build their capacity and capability to present stories that contribute to the expression of Heretaunga's identity. We coach creatives to develop exhibitions and reach new audiences. The Hastings

Community Arts Centre is also a space for performing arts and music. We regularly provide access for local performers to rehearse or as a venue for small productions.

In the next three years we will look to develop new programmes delivered out of the arts centre, in partnership with others to create targeted services. We have already approached organisations like the Ministry of Social Development to build relationships with communities who may benefit the most from the wellbeing benefits of creative experiences.

As the only non-curated space in Heretaunga, our arts centre is inclusive and welcoming to all people. We take a relational and dialogic approach with the creative community in Heretaunga which removes barriers to participation, especially for emerging or amateur creatives. This means that we can ensure anyone who wants to tell a story, has a platform to do so and will be supported by knowledgeable staff to succeed.

We also support creative enterprise as we facilitate the sale of exhibited works. In 2023, the Arts Centre generated \$230,000 in sales revenue for artists. We help artists to create collateral such as digital portfolios which will help them take their next steps in their creative careers.

What are the planned activities over the next three years? *

Briefly list (bullet points) the specific activities that will take place and where they will take place (200 words recommended)

In the next three years, we will:

- Transition our practices to make progress on our organisational commitment to become a Kaupapa-led organisation alongside Tangata Whenua
- further embed a relational approach that ensures equal opportunity to ensure the most urgent stories from our communities are enabled and shared
- present a programme that reflects the unique diversity of Heretaunga's identity
- explore business model options and commit to continuous improvement practices to ensure the Arts Centre remains relevant and creates maximum benefit for creatives and communities in Heretaunga. This includes disestablishing the Arts Centre rental fee (subject to securing funding).
- explore opportunities to share resources with complementary regional organisations
- develop an audience impact and programming strategy that develops a pipeline to connect creatives and audiences to our other services and those provided by other creative ecosystem contributors such as Hastings Art Gallery, Ngā Toi and Toitoti Opera House
- develop Arts Inc. Heretaunga's brand to ensure we are perceived as a credible and quality visitor experience
- explore options to further leverage the Arts Centre facility such as a regular public programme and events schedule, creative workshops, self-directed

whānau activities etc. which provide opportunities for interpretation and community connections

- develop a youth programme and partnerships with organisations such as Toi Mairangi, EIT, Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Education, Te Puni Kokiri etc. This could include school holiday programmes for young people living in emergency accommodation or a regular after school offer for local young people that allows them space to socialise in a safe and creative environment.
- Explore partnerships to deliver programming for people with different access needs e.g. families and people living with dementia, disabled people, neurodivergent people etc.
- develop our capacity and capability to secure significant and sustainable investment into the activities we deliver including contributions from government, community trusts, private philanthropy and earned revenue such as venue hire and retail
- provide employment opportunities for creative professionals and leverage the Arts Centre as backbone infrastructure and resource to enable other services such as Hastings Blossom Parade, Summer in the Park, public art campaigns, Hawke's Bay Art Guide and Trail, and Hawke's Bay Arts Festival

Who will benefit from the work your organisation does? *

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

The Hastings Community Arts Centre typically attracts 20,000 visitors per year primarily from Heretaunga District and Hawke's Bay region, as well as domestic and international tourists. Under our new strategic direction and with the tactics described above, we anticipate a sustainable audience growth of 2% per year. In addition to quantitative growth, progress on our Kaupapa-led journey will make progress to increasing by Māori for Māori offers to attract Māori audiences. Our strategic focus on tailored and targeted offers will ensure that we prioritise reach and growth in participation for communities that will benefit most from the outcomes, described below, that creative experiences can offer.

Maintain: audiences aged 34-64

Priority growth: audiences aged 24-34, whanau and family, older people, rainbow communities, Moana Oceania communities, Asian communities, Migrant communities (including RSE workers), Tamariki and rangatahi not participating in education or employment, lower income households and disabled people.

What are the expected outcomes from your organisation over the next three years *

Describe the things you want your organisation to achieve in terms of benefits for participants and/or others (200 words recommended)

Our services align to the four wellbeings outlined in Toi-tū. Access and participation in creativity has a positive impact on social, cultural, environmental and economic

wellbeing for individuals and communities. It contributes to local vibrancy, civic pride, resilience and inclusion for communities by helping people connect to themselves, this place, the cultures and communities in Heretaunga Hastings.

Investment in creativity is investment in people. Our approach will deliver immediate, intermediate and long-term benefits for people. Our services can help individuals in underserved communities learn, develop new skills, express themselves creatively, experience enjoyment and feel a sense of belonging and connection to their community. We will use our platforms to raise awareness of the climate crisis and help communities to apply personal learning. As an organisation, we are committed to taking action and supporting community resiliency.

By providing creative services to underserved communities, Arts Inc. Heretaunga aims to promote social inclusion, cultural diversity, and community engagement, which can contribute to the overall well-being and resilience of these communities and our wider district.

Over time, participation in creative services can lead to more equitable and thriving communities, where individuals have access to the resources and opportunities they need to reach their full potential.

How will you know if these outcomes have been achieved? *

Describe the changes you will see if the expected outcomes of the project occur (150 words recommended)

We will know that we have succeeded if we have tailored our services to different communities focusing on growing participation in areas of greatest impact. These services will be adaptive and responsive to community needs, continuously improving.

We will understand the goals of our focus communities and base success on the value created for those communities.

Creatives who work with us will have learned new skills that support their careers.

Our work will be characterised by inclusivity, diversity and curiosity.

Reflection is open and 'formalised' as part of regular practice. 'Lessons learned' are readily applied. A measure of success is based on the outcomes we enable rather than just the services and activities that we deliver.

Our partners will be passionate about helping us to expand our work.

We will be sustainable – supporting community resiliency, climate action and financial viability.

Total amount requested per year: \$199,460+ 2% inflation applied annually

If the amount requested differs from the difference above, please explain:

We are requesting a minimum 2% inflation increase to be applied annually. This will help our organisation to sustain inflationary pressures. We have also added the amount we would need to charge artists in rent. This is based on the 2023 HDC report that suggested this change. Without rent included, we would be seeking \$181,560 which is the amount we received last year plus 2% inflation.

If HDC can only partly fund your request, how can your project or service continue? *

Arts Inc. Heretaunga has been applying for additional grants, partnerships and looking at how we can optimise our business model. As a community led initiative operated out of a non-Council asset, we provide good value for money, however as a community service, we rely on Council as our core funder to enable what we do. If Council was to reduce or not fund the Hastings Community Arts Centre and leveraged activities from this, we will have to reduce our services offered and potentially increase costs for users which will increase barriers.

Tell us about all other grants, contracts or assistance you have received through the Hastings District Council in the current and previous three financial years:

Arts Inc. Heretaunga has been a recipient of the Multi-year Strategic Community Partnership Fund for our community arts development work in the previously. We have also received annual Events grants for the Hastings Blossom Parade and Hawke's Bay Arts Festival. In addition to these grants, significant in-kind support is provided as Officer support, marketing and discounted venue hire.

Tell us about all other grants, funding, contracts or assistance you are expecting to received from other entities in the next three financial years:

Arts Inc. Heretaunga has an enduring relationship with Hastings District Council. With investment from Hastings District Council, we are able to quadruple council investment with other funding from Central Government, Community Trusts, private philanthropists and earned revenue. As an organisation, we will also be working hard to lift the profitability of our services through sustainable growth of earned revenue. We would like to explore social procurement opportunities with Hastings District Council.

We have met with Creative New Zealand about their new funding model and have been encouraged to apply in April with a decision in August.

We have also been meeting with other past funders to talk about their priorities for 2024 and have started applying for grants or sponsorship.

Hastings Blossom Parade and Hawke's Bay Arts Festival

Community Group description

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Investment in creativity is investment in community. Access and participation in creative experiences has a positive impact on social, cultural, and economic wellbeing. It contributes to local vibrancy and resilience civic pride. Our services draw tourism visitation to the region and boost spending through local businesses. For example, artists participating in the 2023 Art Trail sold \$100,000 of artwork over one weekend. Creativity and culture can also make a significant contribution to the health and social recovery and resilience of our region. The arts can lift mood, and provides a non-verbal means of dealing with memories for people living with post-traumatic stress.

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Event Descriptions

The Hastings Blossom Parade is a legacy event for the Hawke's Bay region. Beginning in 1950 to celebrate the beginning of the fruit growing season, the event has grown to become a free, family-focused multi-cultural community expression. With Hastings District Council's further investment into the Blossom Festival, this collective impact community experience creates significant public value. The Hastings Blossom Parade engages many communities and invites us to get to know more about each other and ourselves as a district. **We expect participation from approximately 100 community groups and attendance from 25,000 people per year with a focus on growing participation with communities we have not engaged in the past.**

The Hawke's Bay Arts Festival is a signature event in the region's cultural calendar. The Festival is a multi-disciplinary and multi-site programme of exceptional art and ideas. Impact assessments show that the Festival stimulates business activity, attracts tourism revenue and creates employment opportunities.

In 2024, we will enter a period of strategic development to reset the Festival business model on the back of two years of losses. Based on the HDC report recommendations from May 2023, we will pilot transitioning the Hawke's Bay Arts

Festival to a biennale model: alternating a major festival with a year of smaller interventions that surprise and delight communities ensuring the sustainability of this important creative platform for the region. We are also interested in the viability of commissioning new work in the smaller Festival year which would allow us to tap into new investment and grow the reputation of the Festival. In place of the Festival, we will design a collective impact approach in partnership with other creative and cultural organisations. We will have two key focus areas: public impact events e.g. developing a 'nuit blanche' type offer for Hastings and stakeholder stewardship e.g. an event that maintains connection to our current supporters that they can support and get benefit from. This will be a pilot to help shape the future of the Festival based on community needs and as such it will operate under a different name. This is a new event that sets a new biennale rhythm.

In 2025, Arts Inc. will celebrate the 10th Hawke's Bay Arts Festival. Drawing from past success and implementing a new business model, the Festival is going to be a collective impact approach in partnership with other local creative organisations.

In 2026, Arts Inc. will look to stage a targeted event series learning from 2024 and 2025.

We expect to attract participation from 20,000 people in 2024, with sustainable growth from 2025 for the 10 year celebrations.

The Hawke's Bay Art Guide and Trail is a celebration and promotion of local creativity. The Art Guide is a year round booklet and website that profiles local creatives and businesses. The booklet is the fastest moving brochure through Hawke's Bay Airport. Each Winter, the Hastings Community Arts Centre presents an exhibition of Guide artists to promote the Spring Trail.

The Hawke's Bay Art Trail is a regional, two weekend event that opens artist's studios to the public for demonstrations and sales. The economic impact for artists and businesses from this activation is significant. Last year, the trail attracted over 5,000 studio visits and resulted in \$100,000 of artwork sales for local creatives over one weekend. This year we will be exploring partnership opportunities to cross-promote and target niche audience segments. **We expect to grow studio visits to 15,000 in 2024 with sustainable year on year growth from 2025 onwards**

Where will the events take place?

The Blossom Parade will take place in Hastings City Centre.

The Hawke's Bay Arts Festival event series will take place in various locations across Heretaunga and Napier Districts.

The Hawke's Bay Art Guide takes place across Hawke's Bay region.

Dates

Blossom Parade 2024: 21 September

Hawke's Bay Arts Festival pilot 2024: 18 October- 1 November

Hawke's Bay Art Trail 2024: 2-10 November

2025 and 2026 dates to be confirmed.

Other organisations involved?

This is evolving and we are actively trying to engage more community and creative organisations going forward. We have active collaborative relationships with organisers at the Readers and Writers Festival and Creative Arts Napier who support these events.

Changes from previous years?

Blossom Parade: we will be auditing past participation to identify which communities we want to engage going forward.

Hawke's Bay Arts Festival: transition the Hawke's Bay Arts Festival to a biannual model: alternating a major festival with a year of smaller interventions that surprise and delight communities ensuring the sustainability of this important creative platform for the region.

Hawke's Bay Art Trail: will grow to two weekends due to success of the 2023 event. There is potential to look at mid-week offers. We would like to shift to a registration model for people wanting to participate and would like to apply for the Regional Event Promotion Fund to ensure that we can reach markets outside of this region. We will also actively seek partnership opportunities with Hawke's Bay Tourism and tourism providers to attract inter-regional visits for people who love food, wine and culture. We believe that this is an opportunity for growth.

Why does this event need to happen? *

Our aspiration for the Hastings Blossom Parade is to intentionally deliver a multicultural showcase, led bi-culturally, where communities connect with themselves, this place and others. The impact we are aiming for our audiences is for low barriers to participation, for them to apply personal learnings about communities around them and to grow confidence to attend other creative experiences in the future.

For the Festival, we want to ensure that audiences are connected to exceptional programming and ideas. By doing this we aim to steward long-term relationships We will deliver an engaging and kaupapa-led programme across the region that balances accessibility, sustainability and the best in art today. As it's unique value proposition to the community, the Festival is a 'pop-up' concentrated experience creates a sense surprise and delight. It's where audiences can be emotionally uplifted, intellectually stimulated, and enjoy culture socially. We want the artists who we work with to feel that they have achieved a significant milestone in their careers.

The Art Trail has the potential to be an annual tourism attraction that can create a significant return on investment for Hastings and the creatives working here. Platforms like this support creative ecosystems which are part of what makes Hastings an attractive place to live and visit.

Who will benefit from the work your organisation does? *

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

Our strategic focus on tailored and targeted offers will ensure that we prioritise reach and growth in participation for communities that will benefit most from the outcomes.

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The Parade attracts primarily a local whānau audience but we also know of groups who travel from outside of the region each year to attend. We will undertake a strategic audit to look at which communities we have strong, existing relationships with and who we want to build connection with to ensure equal access to this platform.

The Festival has a significant impact on city vibrancy and the reputation of the Hawke's Bay as a cultural destination. We will undertake audience development work to proactively reach segments who we haven't reached in the past or who may not have participated in creative experiences in the past.

For the Trail, we will be focussing on how we might grow the tourism offer to benefit the local economy while maintaining local visitation. We will undertake audience research in 2024 to understand more about who benefits and willingness to pay going forward.

What are the expected outcomes from your organisation over the next three years *

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can lead to more equitable and thriving communities, where individuals have access to the resources and opportunities they need to reach their full potential.

We will know that we have succeeded if we have tailored our services focusing on growing participation in areas of greatest impact. These services will be adaptive and responsive to community needs, continuously improving.

Number of local people per year

Blossom: 15000

Hawke's Bay Arts Festival: 25000

Art Trail:12500

Number of visitors per year

Blossom: 10000

Hawke's Bay Arts Festival: 2500

Art Trail: 2500

Visitor Nights

Blossom: 500

Hawke's Bay Arts Festival: 5000

Art Trail: 5000

Benefits to Hastings District Council

As our core funder, we are committed to ensuring our partnership is mutually beneficial and we will actively work to ensure that Hastings District Council is acknowledged for the positive impact its investment achieves. We believe collective impact approaches are the most effective way to serve communities and our organisation is a key contributor to the Hastings District Council Events Strategy and the Toi-Tū Arts and Culture Framework as a broker between communities and creative experiences. The platforms we provide build capacity and aim to express the identity of this region, its people and places. We believe the events we deliver have significantly developed the attractiveness of Hastings as a place to live and visit.

What is your current strategy to market and grow the event?

See supporting strategy and marketing plans. In the next three years we will:

- 1) Audit past engagement to better understand who our audiences are
- 2) Develop audience planning and evaluation tools to support segmentation and programming. Given current resource restraints, this is likely to mature over time. To start with, we will look at past culture segments data (psychographic segmentation) for Hawke's Bay region and our own ticketing information.

- 3) Implement a programme development process to improve project management, embed continuous improvement and have greater visibility of key tasks at different stages of programme development.
- 4) Facilitate a region wide 'market shaping' activity to support creative businesses grow beyond existing markets.
- 5) Pursue partnerships with other businesses to enable collective impact and sustainable growth.
- 6) Rebrand our organisation to reposition/change the perceptions of some of our services/products in the market.

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

Our model across all services going forward will be collective with other businesses and communities. Arts Inc. Heretaunga will provide platforms that enable creative experiences to thrive here in Heretaunga. We will develop a youth offer and partnerships with organisations such as Toi Mairangi, EIT, Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Education, Te Puni Kokiri etc. We will also continue to provide employment opportunities for creative professionals and leverage the Arts Centre as backbone infrastructure and resource to enable other services that our community needs.

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

Yes, wherever possible we will prioritise local suppliers.

Total amount requested by HDC?

\$180,000

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

The requested amount includes the HDC contributions for Blossom, Art Trail and Hawke's Bay Arts Festival. The supplied budget excludes the Arts Centre to keep in scope of this grant but please advise if you would like more information.

For the Festival, we are proposing that:

- payment in July 2024 be towards major Festival 2025
- payment in July 2025 be towards Festival taster 2026 and development of 2027 (commissioning, audience development etc.)
- Payment in July 2026 be towards major Festival 2027

This is to ensure that as Festival organisers, we have core funding confirmed in advance of entering into contracts with creatives and suppliers.

Grants income has been pessimistically forecast, we will apply for over \$200,000 of grants but expect a much lower success rate.

We are requesting a minimum 2% inflation increase to be applied annually from 2024 onwards. This will help our organisation to sustain inflationary pressures.

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

We would welcome all offers of in-kind support and look forward to discussing this with Officers to ensure the best impact for HDC investment and to avoid any duplication.

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Pay less, take longer and find more savings

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Percentages /figures quoted re increase in cost., Bridges 38% 27% roads and water supply 30%sewerage

What would be more interest and relevant would be a break down into materials /labour/bureaucratic requirements / increased number of people employed/consultants etc

Re bridges how much does it cost in time and money todo community consultation. Leave bridge making to the the experts. Which bridges/ designs survived? Why? Other models/examples. Does each replacement bridge have to be designed from scratch. I know there isn't a bridge shop but what happened to the adopt and adapt and while it's a feel good to ask ratepayers which design they prefer- time is money and each pair of hands that touches the concept costs ...and the rate payer pays. 27% on roads. We don't want fast patch jobs with lower cost materials. It would be interesting again to have a breakdown as suggested above but also including cones/traffic management. Upmost in mind we need to do it properly first time and treated in commonsense distances rather than leaving a small space between and next thing you know...you've got another breakdown in road surface.

Interesting to hear the increase in insurance claims re potholes and our roading.

Cyclone Gabrielle needs to be shared as the significant impact was felt by all. Two major cities cut-off no power, communication and limited access.

Get on with getting everyone re-connected. Again This is no place or time for community consultation. Commonsense must prevail. Resilient communities/ Civil defense there needs to be a national umbrella because the structure failed dismally and weren't prepared for the task .

They need to be tied with national emergency services prepared to act anywhere at anytime.

Three waters/ Infrastructure

Aging infrastructure is going to be stretched and stressed as population is encouraged to become urban. During covid this was considered a no-no and overseas cities were held up as an example of the spread and inability to control a pandemic.

Intensification means what you are doing is turning a family section with lawns and gardens/permeable surfaces with multiple dwellings and hard covered surfaces that return water back into the infrastructure/stormwater systems .

Attending international conferences of landscape architects, in regards to urban living it was recommended to increase semi permeable surfaces allowing rain through and return to the ground. Flooding in large cities were cited for their flooding/hard cover.

There has to be maintenance ongoing otherwise there will be deterioration and cost more to reinstate.

Environment maintenance

We pride ourselves on clean green but going down our roads it is rather embarrassing,rubbish, and then turned to confetti by mowing. Vegetation control is important particularly during the summer months and fire risk.

I look at the streets and maybe money could be saved by not planting heaps of deciduous trees that clog drains and gutters.

Budget Savings

Closing of the Frimley Pool while a nice to have asset is really past its used by date and will only further deteriorate and maintenance increased there are other pools that the public can access.

Pausing and cut backs will help. Cycling and walking tracks while a nice to have but in investment/population the returns are small .Maintain what we have because There has to be maintenance ongoing otherwise there will be deterioration and cost more to reinstate.

Footpath maintenance is incredibly important consider it part of the "walking network"

Looking at the increase in staffing as at 30 June an increase of 32 staff members with 19 of them falling in the \$100,000 - \$419,999 bracket. I guess the ratepayer is contributing towards that. How can that be justified? Can there be a reduction of staff or reallocation of funding and people to ensure better efficiencies and better outcomes.

Fees and Charges

If building consents and resource consent charges are set to increase, will that mean better service? Will that mean that the time to deliver these services is going to decrease. I am assuming the increased cost of development will be passed on...and who will that be to...

Rating area1/Area 2

I understand Pakowhai comes under the greater urban area 1.Hort/Farming to increase 24%.Consideration to farming in Rating area 2 as they are not connected to many services. Well neither is the ratepayer in Pakowhai.

There does need to be a look at future rating for Cat3 land.

The increase in rates is fine while there is a remission properties need to be revalued, and many of these people have purchased other properties away from the land and an additional set of rates. When is the next round of valuations?

Category 3 Property buyout

Unfortunately this was an example of "marry in haste, repent at leisure". Categorization pushed through government with indecent haste, against traumatized people and was seen by many to be blackmail.cHandled better the flawed premise that the Christchurch model would fit and that Esk/Pakowhai?Dartmoor/Puketapu should be measured against the same criteria. It was acknowledged each was a unique situation, but that got forgotten. I guess one saving will be when the contract runs its course then there will be less personnel.

Nice to have "Kiwi rail safety work "What has prompted this expenditure?

I would rather Kiwi rail looked to the bridge at Clive making it more climate resilient as it is a vital connection from the South to the port and would reduce flooding back inland should an event of this magnitude happen again (which is a criteria for the Category 3 properties and they could call it Safety work.

Take stock managing growth. Look to the UN predictions re aging population.The proportion of people 65+ is increasing faster than below. By 2050 more will be 65+ than under 5 and almost equivalent to the number of children under 12. More building areas means more infrastructure/ costs/rates.

Conservative, constraint, controlled....

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A few areas I would like to recommend for reducing costs

- Gardening projects. Stop planting roundabouts with annual plants. Instead plant jasmine & bushes. Today on havelock Hastings road there was like 6 people planting that roundabout. I'd like to know. How many times that's been planted in past few years. Moving forward plant some low ground cover plants that just need to be trimmed.

- stop replacing signs and adding te reo Māori on every sign. I would like to know the cost of the additional letters on these signs. What a waste of money. As a Māori I don't even know those words. Happy for the main ones to be done but not every sign. I know how much signs costs & it's a lot !!!!

- if we could make more of thr above \$ savings, eg take away the icing & cream & put it back into the cake (infrastructure eg water and roading) then we won't go without and we can add the icing back on when our financials are in a better position.

Also I would hope all the events that promote the LGBT are not considered necessary moving forward. The library's should not be spending any money on these sort of projects. Leave that for parents.

If you could please look into how we can improve frimley pool so that it could be used all year round.

Many thanks
Sarah Harper

Attach a document to your submission

Submission on the HDC Draft Long Term Plan Consultation Document.

Let me describe myself and my wife, as it is fair to presume we are typical of probably a fair proportion of your ratepayers.

Both in our 80's, living in our own home. Our only regular income is superannuation. We have modest investments, carefully tailored to 'see us out'. Obviously we have factored in to our financial forecasting a steady increase in the cost of living.

A proposed increase *in one year*, of 25% hike in rates is way outside the definition of 'steady increase'.

So it was with total disbelief we read the carefully worded, beautifully articulated and superbly illustrated consultation document that sets out to justify Hastings District Council's proposal to do a rate increase of monumental proportions, based on the moral principle 'because we can'.

No other business, apart from other local councils, has the opportunity to cover their own shortcomings with simple unavoidable cost increases to their customers.

Let me just refer to this wonderful, no doubt incredibly expensive document.

Nowhere is there a mention of looking at HDC's own performance. The civil defence arm of HDC was nationally condemned as 'unfit for purpose'... why did it take a cyclone to expose that? It has been locally known for years that that operation was just a well-paid refuge for various not fit for purpose individuals.

In central government there is a move to cut 7% of staff. Can we apply that to local bodies? I suggest we can and should. 7% of HDC wage bill of \$40million would equate to a worthwhile saving of \$2.8 million. That would be worth having. As an example, the only visible part of HDC, to the general public, is our local library. Any library user is immediately aware of the overabundance of staff, and the presence of bored, but council funded security staff.

Lets move on to the locally elected plethora of councillors. They are visible to the public only at election time. Questions arise... why do we need 8 councillors to represent Hastings? Where were they during the cyclone? Why didn't Father Christmas get out his rig and come and see how the ratepayers of Hastings were faring. Looking at the line-up of councillors in the document, there is some obvious dead wood that needs removing.. easily another 7% saving.

And moving on, the document makes mention of the difference between 'nice to have' and 'need to have' projects. So why has money been spent on Maorifying road signs, and Maorifying and beautifying what should have been a simple water storage facility in town.

And on another council project, why are HDC involved in red stickered buildings buy outs? I sympathize with the people involved, but surely this is a matter between the home owners and their insurers.

And why, tell me why, is it acceptable for Maori to not pay rates. Too hard basket? Easier to lean on the silent majority, the people like ourselves.

And finally, it seems to me HDC is trying to be all things to all people, when I suggest that given a chance, private enterprise could do the same things better and cheaper. Get back to the core business of running Hastings and put in place some plans to be leaner and more effective.

To summarise our dismay and disgust.

This is yet another submission to yet another draft plan. Never have I received even a confirmation. Why bother?

The above comments are obviously my own, but echo the general feeling of others, the feeling of total inability to influence our local council with the reality of the hardship their decisions are having on our community.

And, for the sake of the majority of our districts residents, stop Maoriising us. We don't need it.

Ian and Diane Thompson

1200 Southland Road,

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From Chris Ryan
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Havelock North

My wife Linda, and I have now been resident in New Zealand since 1968 when we spent 6 weeks crossing the southern oceans with many young immigrants – mainly teachers and nurses. I was neither, but with my training in biology and field experience with plants in England and Europe I felt reasonably confident in keeping a page ahead in the text books at Stratford High School.

My parents were keen gardeners and I was inoculated with the bug from an early age. Searching the local woods and meadows for interesting plants, birds and insects became an obsession and I knew I would 'do' something with biology. Many parts of Sussex and Surrey, my home territory, was renowned for its nurseries and plants. In later years I visited many of these and became a member of the International Dendrology Society and received seeds and plants from some of these sources.

At the time my interview for a place in Strodes Grammar School by the River Thames in England was in hindsight an unknown stroke of good luck which directed my future. At the interview I felt brave enough to ask the headmaster if I could study biology. Surprising for a school founded in about 1763 he told me that biology had never been on the curriculum but he would think about it if there was any demand by other students. As it transpired the headmaster had studied biology himself and then another student asked if he too could study biology as he wished to become a medic. The headmaster decided he would enjoy doing some teaching and we were both tutored by him and passed our exams which opened many doors to future study and research.

Settled in digs in the local butchers' house we looked out onto paddocks of sheep and Mt. Egmont (as it was). We gleaned a plot for growing vegetables as part of our induction to life in New Zealand together with learning to make sausages.

As one of 3 new biology teachers we were delighted to be able to take lessons in the woodland in the large schoolgrounds. The students were docile and very well behaved and the tradition of copying notes from a blackboard was still in vogue. Within a year this practice was stopped and we all went for a refresher course for modern teaching!

Many of the new teachers in the Taranaki district were from England and were soccer players. We soon decided this was a necessary activity and formed a local league which attracted many of the European immigrants. Extra-mural activities were soon being encouraged from New Plymouth to Hawera.

The mid-winter climate of Mt Egmont (Taranaki) was the highlight. With a great coating of snow, one of our party, now a retired teacher from a Havelock North School was determined to ski down the hill only to be seen hurtling down the mountain top in a squatting position and ended in a flurry of snow and flying skis. A tough bloke and enthusiastic teacher.

I believe the large input of teachers from overseas added considerable interest and skills to our school curriculums. Within a year there was a theatre production of Shakespeare and some new talent unearthed. My new thing was to get my heavy-duty licence to be able to drive the school bus.

With our small car we were able to visit many great gardens and plantsmen who were producing so many exotic trees and shrubs that were unfamiliar to us. Many of these are now growing in the arboretum and outdoor education centre at Tutira.

After leaving a years' teaching in Stratford, my wife and I were fortunate to be allowed jobs in Hastings. She continued teaching and I reverted to focusing on a career in horticulture with the Ministry of Agriculture. This opened doors to any sectors in the world of plants and horticulture.

Hawkes Bay was recognised as one of the best fruit bowls in the country with a good deal of information sharing between the large companies such as Watties and Unilever, the Apple and Pear Marketing Board

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and research stations. Regular meetings to share information and discuss items for research were of great value to us all.

I was particularly interested in many aspects of research within the tree crops nursery and dendrology organisations. I became a member of the latter organisation and began to share in expeditions with several small groups to Europe, Nepal, India, Australia, Tasmania and China. Eventually I left the M.A.F. as more fruit companies became self-centred, more secretive and we had other plans to focus on nursery work

The growing army of volunteers from the 1980's.

As our nursery at Clive developed part of my role entailed becoming involved with helping the Hastings nursery and advisory staff in selecting suitable trees and shrubs for the streets and parks. Colin Hosford was implementing this. Because of the wide range of soil types across the city this involved checking soil maps and digging potential tree sites. At one time in my training, I was working with Elwyn Griffiths one of the soil scientists who was revising some of the mapping. With variables soil types it is difficult to achieve a uniform look in avenues planted.

During the early 1980's there were several groups and enthusiasts volunteering and helping in the planting and maintenance of local parks and gardens. In Havelock North we had the Keirunga Action Group whose role involved keeping an eye on the gardens, planting new trees and shrubs and general pruning and advice to the council.

Several groups of volunteers were becoming involved in working over many parts of the district to help in the planting and weeding and keeping up the appearance of the areas used by the many visitors. These included the Tree Crops, Farm Forestry, Keirunga Action group and many individuals.

Also, in this area were many members of tree crop organisations growing a wide range of trees and shrubs and able to donate plants for planting in many of the sites along the streams, parks and other sites of interest.

Top Trees nursery which Linda and I were helping to develop, was able to provide many trees to increase the limited range already provided. Within the many other nurseries and enthusiasts, we had access to a wide range of plants to extend the previously limited range. For example, the Tree Crops were able to plant a memorial for Dr. Don McKenzie of nut trees. He was an outstanding founder member and plant scientist here in Havelock North.

Having lived and developed a large garden as a sanctuary for birds it has been extremely satisfying to attract Tuis down to Havelock North to live and breed here. Previously, where there was far less vegetation in the village, the tuis went to Mohi Bush to breed. Havelock attracted many keen gardeners but recent urban spread is resulting in severe loss of top-quality land for cropping and erosion along most stream beds with roads such a Joll Road with many rear sections resulting in stream build-up, erosion and flood damage. There has been noticeable loss of wild plants, birds, insects and creatures such as skinks and with the removal of organic matter in the neat and tidy gardening mentality of sweeping up all the leaves and carting them away.

There is a real need to revise the rating system to help people to encourage the residents who work to build up biodiversity, organic matter in the soils and to maintain some larger gardens and the village image.

Those people who retired and can't afford large rate increase but are supporting the protection of trees and continued planting of trees should be given consideration.

Chris and Linda Ryan.

SUBMISSION ; 2024 – 2034 Draft Long Term Plan Consultation Document

My comments on the Councils Long Term Plan Document is one of disappointment but not one of surprise.

As usual there is a lot of spin, but they not addressing the real issues and dealing with them in a constructive and business-like manner.

The long term issues are because of total fiscal incompetence and mismanagement. Of course everything is because of the 2 C's, Covid and the cyclone. However the malaise is far deeper than that but because of the before mentioned mismanagement this have spiraled totally out of control.

When I closed my business and retired about 15 years ago I got a job with the council in the Parks Service Delivery Unit. As an employee I attended staff meetings where we were all informed as to how things were progressing and proposed plans. A new CEO had just arrived and he stated one of his first priorities was to reduce the overall debt of the council. If my memory serves me correctly at that time it had blown out to around \$40m. Within about a year it had climbed to about \$50m. Obviously it was a difficult task. So we move forward and still the debt climbed. The council then gave the CEO time to go and study in America, he returned and then there was the Havelock North poisoned water disaster which the then Mayor, CEO and several councilors through incompetence or inaction were responsible. This disaster meant further huge costs were added to the already spiraling debt crisis. The Mayor and CEO quickly departed to hopefully greener pastures and the council now under new management proceeded to try and fix the leaking boat but to no avail. It was business as usual, spend on unnecessary feel good projects and what followed was further blow outs of the debt.

The core business of District Councils is;

WATER IN, WASTE OUT, ROADING.

No that is not an oversimplification of the role of a council.

The council is a business and does not have money. The money belongs to the ratepayers.

So you run it as a business.

Rolling out carpets down streets and having a party, spending millions on a display on our water, taking over a failed showgrounds, taking out a BBQ and feeding sausages to people in the suburbs, rebranding, big planned extensions etc. do NOT reduce debt. You do those things when you are solvent.

What is needed then is a total rethink in how all types of expenditure is prioritized beginning in house which of course means staffing expenses. Obviously that means staff numbers and remuneration amounts. Are you able to justify 100 staff, employment of consultants and an annual salary bill of \$40m.

It appears there may be an excess of staff as the current practice of deciding on a project and then employing a consultant from within or without the district to design and or oversee the project when you already have qualified people employed within the business is not a cost effective way of achieving outcomes. I am aware of former high profile former members of the council are being employed this way.

Close management by ensuring efficiency and cost monitoring of contracts would reduce chances of budget overruns is essential in a prudent business and is easier to maintain in-house.

Staff management is also an area where some savings should be made. Is the staff giving their employer their best? In these days of digital distractions and the coffee culture are there some distractions and habits that are reducing the employee's productivity?

These comments are I believe appropriate and by no means a total fix but by just increasing rates which, really appears, at times just seems to be a perceived endless cash stream is unsustainable. The 2 C's came when they did but the damage had already been done so it means some very tough decisions and unfortunately it is going to hurt but there is no easy way out. The future means we need to run this business properly and not through personal agendas and feel good moments.

Large rate rises are NOT affordable or sustainable.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Draft Plan.

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Submission: Concerning the possible closure of Frimley Pool

I understand the need for the Council to cut costs where possible and appreciate what you are doing to be as pro-active as possible without burdening ratepayers with huge cost. Keep up the good work.

I live in Karaitiana Street and love to see Frimley Road lined with the cars of people using the pool and hear the excitement of school swimming competitions.

I strongly object to the proposal to close the Frimley Pool for the following reasons.

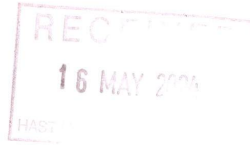
1. This pool is one of only four public pools for family use and entertainment, and school use, operated by the Council.
Frimley Pool is the only Council operated pool in Hastings City.
Other pools are operated by specific organisations for specific use. That includes the Aquatic Centre which is a training pool, not a family recreational pool.
3. If the pool is under used one reason could be that residents are not kept aware of its existence. Advertise it in Council newsletters, especially the "My (Our) Hastings monthly.
4. I believe the pool is not open on public holidays. This makes no sense since that is the very time families are looking for inexpensive family activities.
5. It is very easy to remove a public asset and prohibitively expensive to replace it. We cannot guess how popular, or less popular, the pool may be in the future. So please keep the pool open.
6. If anything the pool should be improved, especially with solar heating, so that it is more attractive to users. I accept this is not a priority now but could be included in the five year plan.

Thank you for considering this submission
Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Michael C. Smiley'.

Michael Smiley

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Re – 2024-2025 Annual Plan Submission

I was a foundation member of the Hawke's Bay Regional Development Council between 1978 and 1984. While local authorities then provided their communities with essential services, until the 1980's local bodies had little if any active involvement in promoting and supporting the economic development of their districts, cities or regions. A number of Regional Development Councils were established around the country, and the Hawke's Bay Regional Development Council was formed to advance the economic development of the Hawke's Bay region.

One of the sectors in the Hawke's Bay economy which was, then, becoming increasingly significant every year was tourism, and the Hawke's Bay Regional Development Council was largely responsible for the formation of the Hawke's Bay Tourism Board which I then chaired for several years. The main reason for the formation of that Tourism Board was that the region's community and Councils did not appreciate how attractive Hawke's Bay was as a tourism destination, or the fact that the, promotion of visits to Hawke's Bay by national and international tourists to enjoy our scenic attractions (with the consequent contribution to Hawke's Bay's economic development. Such promotion as then existed was minimal, and, if it did exist, it was fragmented and uncoordinated, and the potential benefits to Hawke's Bay's economy and to its communities were being lost. The Hawke's Bay Tourism Board was instrumental in developing and co-ordinating the activities of our local authorities and of our business community to develop Hawke's Bay as a tourist destination. I cannot, now, recall how those promotional activities were funded, but I do know that Tourism Board members worked on a *pro bono* basis and that much of the funding and works essential the promotion of tourism was provided by most (or all) of Hawke's Bay's local government authorities.

According to various reports in local media this year I understand that the economic support of regional tourism promotion and of physical tourist attractions and facilities by some Hawke's Bay local and regional councils may be reduced or eliminated entirely. If those reports are correct then, with respect, I submit that this would be prejudicial to the economic and social well-being of our local and regional communities, and that your Council should financially support regional tourism promotion and its physical tourist attractions and facilities.

Please note that I will be out of the region between 3 and 27 June, inclusive.

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HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND
POUHERE TAONGA

**Tairangahia a tua whakarere;
Tatakihia nga reanga o amuri ake nei
Honouring the past; Inspiring the future**

24 May 2024

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Dear Sir or Madam,

**SUBMISSION FROM HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA ON LONG TERM PLAN 2024-2034
CONSULTATION – HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

1. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga is an autonomous Crown Entity with statutory responsibility under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 for the identification, protection, preservation and conservation of New Zealand's historical and cultural heritage. Heritage New Zealand is New Zealand's lead heritage agency.
2. Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Hastings District Council Long Term Plan for 2024-2034.
3. Heritage New Zealand understands the measures that the Council is undertaking regarding funding priorities and the preferences regarding residential and industrial growth.
4. The Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034 identifies the activities, major projects, income, and costs for Hastings District over the next ten years. However, the plan does not identify any funding for heritage projects, or the importance of the vibrant heritage characteristics present in Hastings District. Heritage New Zealand recommends that the Council consider, as part of the Draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034, the extraordinary streetscape of Art Deco buildings with its historic characteristics dating back to 1930s as explained in the Hastings City Centre Strategy and Activation.
5. Heritage New Zealand recommends that the Council allocate part of the average increase of 26.5% funding for urban residential and average increase of 27% funding for townships towards funding for

heritage buildings to assist property owners and developers with incentives towards the maintenance and development costs of heritage properties.

6. Heritage New Zealand recommends that the Hastings City Centre Strategy 2023 given due importance in the Draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034. The significance of heritage buildings is evident in the Hastings City Centre Strategy 2023 including the rebuilding of the Opera House and Municipal Building, which has resulted in a *transformational change in the city centre over the past decade*.¹ Heritage New Zealand recommends that there is further investment in heritage projects in Hastings City Centre.
7. Heritage New Zealand supports the Façade Enhancement Scheme which financially supports owners and tenants to upgrade the façades of eligible buildings in the Hastings city centre. Heritage New Zealand notes that the scheme includes a free no obligation colour consultation, and on approval of a design, a grant of up to \$12,000 to undertake the project. Heritage New Zealand appreciates that the funding is based on factors that consider the type of building and the size of the façade.
8. Heritage New Zealand recommends that the Council continue to maintain and strengthen the Façade Enhancement Scheme to provide incentives to owners and tenants of heritage buildings in the Hastings City Centre.
9. The Draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034 does not consider heritage projects as part of the allocated funding. Heritage New Zealand would appreciate if the Council took an active measure towards maintaining and assigning more funding towards heritage projects in the Hastings District.
10. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga looks forward to further opportunities to be involved in future decision-making stages. We are available to speak to our submission at a council hearing on the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan.
11. We are available to answer any queries that Council may have regarding the submission and continue to be able to offer advice to Council and other owners of heritage buildings regarding heritage conservation, and advice concerning archaeological authority requirements under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.

Yours sincerely

Dean Raymond



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¹ [City Centre Strategy 2023 | Hastings District Council \(hastingsdc.govt.nz\)](https://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/city-centre-strategy-2023)

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25.5.2024

Re:- Submission For The Rates Increase in Hastings and Districts.

Dear Madam Mayor Hazelhurst and Councillors,

Please find enclosed a copy of an article written by Roger Hawkins and published in H.B.Today dated 9 August 2023, headed "AN EXISTENTIAL CRISIS FOR THE ELDERLY". Sadly I believe, he is no longer with us.

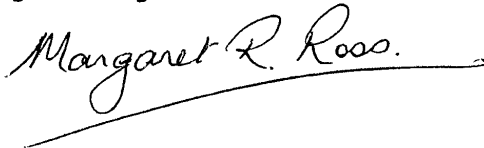
I'm a 75 year old pensioner, living alone for the last 32 years. I have worked extremely hard as a housekeeper for the Peabody family at Craggy Range for nearly 18 years. I bought and paid for my home here in Havelock North and retired at 69 due to a very nasty fall. My net income and only income is \$2076.00 monthly from superannuation. Fixed income! My rates increase has taken me from \$304.36 per month to \$400.00 per month, an increase of \$1147.68 per annum. This additional increase is going to put me into arrears, with the Hastings Council as I cannot afford this huge increase of \$95.64 per month. The State insurance payments per month have increased from \$297.42 to \$344.31, an increase of \$46.89 which is an increase of \$562.68 per annum, together these two increases amount to \$1710.36 per annum. My income of \$2076 per month (\$24,912.00 per annum) and expenses amounting to \$1869.77 per month, (\$22,437.24 per annum) leaving me with an excess income of \$206.23 per month, (\$2474.76 per annum) and that is not including clothing, dental work and emergency expenses. After the cyclone, my garage door fell to bits and the insurance company would not help with any of the replacement costs, which had to be done for safety purposes. I am very concerned that if our rates, power, insurance food, petrol, maintenance, having a phone, increases/ goes up like it has done over the course of a few months, then pensioners will not be able to afford to live in their own freehold homes. When I applied for a rates rebate last year, I cried when they told me they had gone up \$850.00. (That was last year's increase) This years increase is \$1147.68). I asked the cashier if she thought that we would end

up as a state owned country. (she didn't know what that was) and that we would be told how much rent we would have to pay to the council to live in our own houses. Where is all this going to end up? We need someone to lobby the Government to put a stop to all these increased charges. Why should pensioners have to pay for the cleanup of the cyclone, when we, as younger rate payers built the entire infrastructure in Hawkes Bay and throughout New Zealand! Surely the councils, both Regional and City councils have an obligation to maintain and service all the river beds and stop banks. It is an outrage that we now have to foot the bill for their/your mismanagement. Your wasteful spending over the last few years, and to state one of the obvious in changing the names of all signages. That money would have been spent more wisely on rebuilding the river banks so that we didn't have such a disaster!!! When were the river banks reinforced, and the river beds last dredged? I wonder if there will be an increase in assisted suicide, due to the fact that the elderly can no longer live in this country and has now become too expensive for us to exist in. What a disgrace that the elected people in councils have become so detached that they don't have any compassion for the elderly and what they have had to descend to. Can't even go out for a coffee least we then have to go without food or sit with a blanket to keep warm.

I am begging you to reconsider this exorbanent increase that you are considering inflicting on the elderly and lower income population.

I await your response with anticipation that you will consider very seriously giving the pensioners a substantially reduced rates assessment.

Regards Margaret R Ross.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret R. Ross." The signature is written in black ink and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

TALKING POINT

Rates – an existential crisis for the elderly

Roger Hawkins

If central government increased taxes at a rate greater than inflation every year for 20 plus years, there would be rioting in the streets. But that is what central government encourages local governments to do – every year. Every single year.

As the country's demographics change and the population ages, new thinking by councillors and, most importantly, central government is urgently required.

As rates increase faster than the ability of the elderly (65+) on fixed incomes to accommodate those increases – so the need for reform increases.

It is now an existential issue for the elderly and the "not so well off".

There are, however, easy solutions to address this rapidly emerging problem.

The problem is elderly have often lived in their privately owned homes for many years. The council-assessed value of homes has increased exponentially for 30+ years, well exceeding the rate of inflation.

Many elderly residents are on a "fixed" income, belatedly adjusted for inflation once a year, and rates increases such as those recently imposed by councils are no longer sustainable.

Councils have always lacked the

internal skills, inclination or ability to address the issues. Rather, they have always just opted to roll out the embedded system.

So what's the solution?

Rates for homes that elderly live in themselves should be set at no more than 10 per cent of projected net after-tax income for that ratepayer, each year.

For example, if Superannuation gives a \$20,000 net income after tax – then rates (being another tax) are then set at no more than \$2000 (or about \$40 a week).

Normal rates apply to any secondary properties owned – wherever they may be located.

It's worth noting this is not dissimilar to how student loan repayments are administered – i.e. as a percentage of the student's income.

This would allow a better and more sustainable quality of life for those who are over 65 and have paid rates in Auckland for most of their working lives or a significant portion of it. Many in this demographic have also helped build Auckland's infrastructure, maintain parks, and care for libraries and art galleries through years of full rates payments.

If a ratepayer has lived in an area for, say, 15+ years and paid rates all

that time, then they have clearly "paid their share" but may well not live too long into the future and can therefore "pass on the baton" to the emerging rates-paying demographic – who, incidentally, get to enjoy the fruits of their forebears' labours (and their previous revenue contributions).

To fix the rates on a "value perception/guess" that council swings at every three years is simply no longer acceptable – as it inevitably results in an inability to afford the rates bill.

Long-term residents who have bought their house many decades before – and have therefore paid rates to cover the infrastructure build and maintenance (many times over, most likely) will see value and logic in not being gouged by the council, as will all thinking observers.

This must also accommodate where those elderly have recently "downsized" to a smaller or lower maintenance primary home, as they will have freed up their former primary residence for a family of full ratepayers to occupy.

The smaller properties now occupied by the long-term ratepayers should also attract lower rates, so this also helps mitigate the

damage to councils budgets – that will help ease the pain to council accountants. The alternative is potentially "rioting in the streets". Many of us well remember Margaret Thatcher's Poll Tax.

The only real issue is that councils need to understand and accept that this proposal deviates from rates based on property value only, to change to rates for over-65s to be based on a percentage of total net income.

To date, income redistribution has been the role of central government – why can't part of this redistribution fall to council rates, given that they are a tax on all homeowners also?

The elderly helped build this city – how about some gratitude and empathy to allow the next generation to enjoy what has been achieved? The only thing stopping this is the elected politicians' inclination to help their ratepayers – as opposed to just maintaining the status quo supported by council accountants. It is time for change – and now is the time to help relieve the long-suffering ratepayers. To our elected representatives: "Over to you."

Roger Hawkins is a former marketing manager with Air NZ, part-owner and operator of a small business, and former lecturer in human resource management and advertising and marketing.



Lex F. Verhoeven

From: customerservice@hdc.govt.nz
Sent: Monday, 27 May 2024 4:08 PM
To: Lex F. Verhoeven
Subject: RE: Rates Increases [Case: nQSlvd, Ticket: WzV9pO]

Hi Lex,

Please see email below with feedback for LTP, obviously they have not done this in the My Voice My Choice form, is it OK to send this to you for review?

Kind Regards,
Nicole
Customer Service Team



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From: Teresa Dever <devfam1286@outlook.com>
Date: Monday 27 May 2024 at 13:03:30
To: Customer Service (External) <customerservice@hdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Rates Increases [Case: nQSlvd, Ticket: WzV9pO]

To whom it may concern,

We are responding to your request for feedback on the next rate increases wanted for your next ten year plan.

I do know in our immediate circle almost all feel the hopelessness of even trying to raise their voices at the never ending onslaught of increases demanded. Just for an example our mothers are widows and all their friends are in the same position with very little financial backing to help buffer these never ending financial increases. Coupled with your brother/sister regional council rate hikes it's huge what you are now proposing.

Most of the public has to work with what their income is. They do not get to apply to their employer for a twenty five percent increase so they can make new plans. In fact most are lucky to get a few percent increase a year, if that, in their income. One has to budget with what they have. We propose that you the Council would do the same. Cut back on everything but infrastructure. That may require moving a few bums off seats, or restructuring inflated wage packets.

But please do what it takes, as the average person has to. It is taking advantage of homeowners to keep demanding percent increases every year that go way beyond inflation and wage increases as a whole, with the leverage of taking the homeowners home should they cease to pay their rates. Everything is expensive and prices are increasing across the board so we acknowledge it is difficult, but everybody has to work in this economy. Our request is please stop using the homeowner as an open bank book to keep dipping into for the next goodie. Work with what you have!

Sincerely,
William and Teresa Dever.

Lex F. Verhoeven

Subject: FW: LTP submission from HBRC Transport

From: Bruce Conaghan <brucec@hdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 11:16 AM
To: Lex F. Verhoeven <lexfv@hdc.govt.nz>
Subject: LTP submission from HBRC Transport

Lex,

Some comments from HBRC on the LTP as below :

The HBRC encourages HDC to ensure there is sufficient funding in their LTP to enable the implementation of the Public Transport network from mid 2025. For the purposes of HDC this will include public transport infrastructure and end of trip facilities (where applicable). A well functioning public transport service is key to community connection, enhancing access to opportunities and community resilience.

Further, the HBRC encourages HDC to ensure there is sufficient local share funding available in the LTP for RoadSafe Hawke's Bay activities across the next 3 years. Supporting RoadSafe Hawke's Bay helps to reduce deaths and serious injuries on our roads and across the transport system, making it safer for all road users.

Happy to answer any queries re the above.

Regards.
Bruce C.



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