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*Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga*  
**Hastings District Council**  
**Council Meeting**

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Meeting date: **Wednesday, 10 June 2026**

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*Te Wā:*  
Time: **9.00am**

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*Te Wāhi:*  
Venue: **Council Chamber  
Ground Floor  
Civic Administration Building  
Lyndon Road East  
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### Please tell us your views below

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rates

**Please tell us your views below**

It feels unwise to add debt to the balance sheet at this point given our uncertain future in terms of storms, etc. I'd also like to maximize rates before the National Government freezes increases.

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Rates

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I realize that rates are already a big expense for many people, but 9.1% is already a reduction from what was expected and we should be paying down debt, not taking on new debt, at a time when so much infrastructure work is left, storms are only getting more frequent and severe, and rates increases may be capped soon.

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Rates increase

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Given cost of living I absolutely cannot afford a 9.1% increase

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Consider the cost of living crisis, we can't continue to increase rates. We all have to live within our means. I'm not a fan of borrowing more and more but would like the council to strip back their expenditure.

For example, instead of planting multiple times per year annuals in HN village centre, why not plant it with low maintenance native shrubs.

Look for long term solutions rather than quick fixes and please look beyond the 3 year election cycle. We need to learn to invest in many fewer but long lasting solutions.

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Significant rate increases would be required if climate changes cause additional costs to be incurred in the future.

While no provisions have been allowed for (eg Gabriel), it is prudent to at least break even next year.

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**What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?**

Unnecessary spending

**Please tell us your views below**

A rates increase of 9.1% is unfeasible for a large number of Hastings rate payers in the current economic climate.

Council has already started reigning in spending, but there is still a lot of work that needs to be done if this council is to be one which uses rate payer money wisely.

One such example of this is the projected spending for Civil Defence - recent events show the current system is not fit for purpose and spending more money is not the way to rectify this - it will simply show the public that the council is still content wasting our money.

Public works also need to be seriously addressed. Sites with council workers are often over staffed with multiple people standing around doing nothing - another example of an area where spending needs to be seriously reviewed.

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Appreciate the cost savings that have been achieved in the past few months, great job. However, in future consultation I believe a greater number of scenarios should be shared even if we cannot vote on the options. I would imagine that Council looked at what a 5.9% but no borrowing would look like and determined that wasn't feasible for whatever reasons (likely a few). By showing here are the scenarios and this is why they were not proposed as options to feedback on you're providing transparency of decision making and

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Projects and events happening.  
New developments and progress

Please tell us your views below

Council must find ways to save money.

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Rates increase

**Please tell us your views below**

I really appreciate the prudent stewardship the present council is showing in trying to reduce overall costs for rate payers, pressure brings results. I believe due to a lot of people throughout our district being under financial pressures the time isn't right to be pushing for the higher increase of 9.1%, it would be a great move but don't feel the timing is right.

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**What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?**

Less is better due to the current living crisis and other bills such as power, gas

**Please tell us your views below**

We should also consider reducing or stopping park upgrades to help offset some cost

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Rates & Cost of living, fuel.

Please tell us your views below

For us, it's about affordability right now.  
 Cost of living has become extremely hard financially.  
 Fuel has effected us a lot (commuting a 150km round daily trip for school and work - costing \$60 per day now).  
 Because school buses were canceled, we get the Conveyor allowance.  
 This assists with 4 days only out of an average 50 days per term.  
 So fuel is costing \$3000.00 per school term. \$12000.00 per year. That excludes weekend or additional trips for errands that we no longer do.  
 This is coming out of household grocery budget now. With a rate increase, that too would hit groceries.  
 31% of my 28.5 hour job income is now fuel.  
 It would be great if the Conveyor allowance could be reviewed to mileage, as it does not cater to extremely long distance rural travel at its capped rate, considering funded school buses were cut with no alternative.

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**What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?**

Allocation of bridge repair funds

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**Please tell us your views below**

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Submission on Proposed Rates Increase and Infrastructure

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to submit my concerns regarding the proposed rates increase, particularly in relation to the allocation of funds toward bridge repairs.

While I understand the importance of maintaining infrastructure, I question the prioritisation of a bridge currently selected for repair. Kaiwaka No.2 Culvert McIntyres Road Kaiwaka (August 2025) which is closer to tutira than kaiwaka!! In my view, this project appears to benefit a limited number of users. In contrast, the bridge on Darky Spur Road would provide significantly broader value to the community, supporting a greater number of residents, as well as improving access, safety, and overall connectivity in the area and resilience.

I also seek clarification on the scope of the current bridge works. Specifically, is the bridge being repaired for general use -for the one person who lives across it - or is it being strengthened to accommodate heavy vehicles such as logging trucks? If the latter, I question whether it is appropriate for general ratepayers to bear the cost of upgrades that primarily support commercial activity, and I do not believe this should be a driver of the proposed rates increase.

I acknowledge that work has already commenced on the current bridge. However, this highlights the importance of ensuring future funding decisions are carefully prioritised. Given the financial impact that rate increases have on households, I believe it is essential that spending decisions reflect the greatest good for the greatest number. I respectfully ask that the Council consider this perspective when planning and prioritising upcoming infrastructure projects.

How far down your list is repairing the darky spur road - as a ratepayer who used that road every day along with numerous other people I fell it should be at least on a list.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. I trust that these considerations will be taken into account as part of your decision-making process.

Yours sincerely,  
Vanessa Macdonald

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#### What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

rates increase

#### Please tell us your views below

Normally, I would promote paying off debt as quickly as possible. However, in this case, it means that future councils are only borrowing more because there is credit available.

The sooner the council hits it borrowing limits, the better. There is no point topping up the council coffers as soon as the money is available; it will be spent on nice-to-haves.

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Rates

#### Please tell us your views below

The relentless rate hikes over the past five years are an absolute disgrace. Unchecked, unjustified, and completely out of touch with the people footing the bill. Every year it's the same tired routine: a new excuse, a new spin, and another hit to ratepayers who are clearly being ignored.

And frankly, this sits squarely on the shoulders of the CEO. This level of consistent increases doesn't happen by accident. It reflects leadership choices. If you're at the top, you are accountable. Right now, that leadership looks either incompetent or indifferent to the financial pressure being piled onto the community.

At this point, it's not enough to hide behind reports and polished statements. There needs to be serious, independent scrutiny of how this money is being managed and why these increases keep happening. Ratepayers deserve transparency and competence not meek justifications and rising bills year after year.

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Option 2: Set a rates increase of 9.1%, which would balance the budget immediately and reduce borrowing sooner.

**What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?**

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**Please tell us your views below**

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**What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?**

More clarity around social housing areas and how it affects rate payers.

**Please tell us your views below**

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**What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?**

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**Please tell us your views below**

I think raising our rates by 9.1% this year is too hard on rate payers, I personally think our rates are already too high.

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**What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?**

Potential expenditure savings

**Please tell us your views below**

This council has been wasteful in some expenditure. The redevelopment of the fountain/rail crossing on Heretaunga Street is a case in point. No recorded injuries due to the existing crossing = \$4m expenditure!

Te Whare Toi o Heretaunga - Hastings Art Gallery has no worthy exhibitions and has not had for years. Close and sell the building.

Splash Planet, if profitable, is worthwhile. If it cannot return profit then sell the site for affordable housing. We have excellent beaches in Hawke's Bay and don't really need an out-of date water park.

Showgrounds - keep the Farmer's Market but the rest of the land can be sold and developed into affordable housing with frequent public transport links to Hastings and Napier centres.

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

The unsustainable nature of local councils raising revenue through the present rating system.

Please tell us your views below

Thank you, HDC, for such a clear, concise and informative draft annual plan consultation document. With many ratepayers under increasing financial stress from the steeply rising cost of living, a 5.9 per cent rates increase is the only acceptable option - but only grudgingly so, given that the government has warned that increases must not exceed 4 per cent from January next year. If this does not happen, a ratepayers' revolt surely cannot be far away.

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**What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?**

Rates and poor spending decisions. There should be a zero rates increase option generated from aggressive cost cutting.

**Please tell us your views below**

After such significant rates over recent years and nonessential extravagant spending in view daily there should be a 0 rates increase option put forward. Businesses and residents have to cut back in HARD ways when budgets don't balance. Councils should be no different. You need to spend less.

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

No rates increases at all, cut wasteful spending and source more realistically priced options for projects

Please tell us your views below

Make local businesses and farming feasible!!!!

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**What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?**

debt for infrastructure is good debt. debt for running costs is not.

**Please tell us your views below**

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**What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?**

The proposed rates increase has been clearly thought through. However there is now the oil crisis. My comments relates to the capacity of the plan to cope with such a shock.

**Please tell us your views below**

The current draft financial plan seems to assume relatively stable global conditions. That assumption may no longer be valid. The escalating conflict involving Iran is already contributing to an oil supply shock. The likely consequence is not just higher fuel prices, but a significant contraction in global production capacity. This type of supply-driven downturn has the potential to trigger a severe global economic slump—potentially deeper and more prolonged than the Great Depression of the 1930's. In that context, the plan does not appear to demonstrate sufficient stress-testing or contingency capacity to withstand a shock of this magnitude, particularly when combined with increasing climate-related risks. It is suggested that an immediate review should be undertaken and clearly communicated to all ratepayers. It is important that this is framed not as a failure of planning, but as a responsible response to rapidly changing external political and economic conditions. Proactive transparency will help maintain confidence and demonstrate that Council is acting prudently to minimise potential economic impacts on the community. I strongly recommend the inclusion of:

- Explicit high-impact global shock scenarios
- Clear contingency triggers and response pathways
- Greater financial resilience buffers

Without these, the plan risks being underprepared for a plausible and severe external shock.

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#### What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

It is tough going at the moment. Of the options provided I select option 1, a 5.9% increase. What I actually want to see is: a 3.2% reduction in council expenditure to be implemented immediately for the next year which would balance what council is proposing (9.1% - 5.9% = 3.2%). This could be through re-structure and reduction of payroll count or in other means such as the water museum or the storage facility on the corner of Hastings & Queen St (which has it's lights running all night). Simple things to reduce council spending by 3.2% is what I want to see.

In summary, 5.9% rates increase + a 3.2% reduction in council spending would balance the budget and not require the borrowing that is proposed in option 2. Please seriously consider this.

#### Please tell us your views below

5.9% rates increase + a 3.2% reduction in council spending would balance the budget and not require the borrowing that is proposed in option 2. Please seriously consider this.

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**What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?**

rates increase

**Please tell us your views below**

even 5.9% rates increase is too high. people cant afford it. a single person living alone on about \$70000 struggles as it is with rates combined around \$5000 and not eligible for rates rebate scheme

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**What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?**

Emergency/Resilience Planning

**Please tell us your views below**

Please take into consideration the needs of people with varying disabilities as you plan.

How will people who use wheelchairs get around/out?

What is the plan for people with noise sensitivity in evacuation centres?

What's the plan for powering equipment? Supplying medicines/oxygen in the long term?

Can you communicate with people who are deaf?

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Rates no rates increase

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**Please tell us your views below**

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The rates in this town are out of control. Im a single father and a first time home buyer. So figured out my annual rates and divided by 52weeks and was paying that weekly during my first and second year. I still got penalized because it didnt fall with in what i now know to be your quarterly payment schedule. Well, it wouldve been nice to know that prior to ownership. Your invoice you send out is ridiculous to read. Im educated and well read, yet i struggle to make heads or tails of whether im in advance of payments or arrears. Your the only bill in the world that charge a consumer quaterly, trapping people in further dept. Yet when i call to complain about noise and vibration at my addressdue to construction that is going on outside of the common hours on a saturday, you send NO ONE! Atleast not until my 3rd or 4th phone call. The parking team, when i called about commercial vehicles parking illegally on my street, said they would come out, and didnt! Again 4 calls and 4 days deep you rang the company i believe and just believed the lies that the contruction company dished out. Your supposed to act on my behalf with problems like that. I was doing the right thing! Im a single father of a 10year old daughter, i only have my daughter for half the week, yet my rates are still expensive as hell. For 1 and a half people! Yet you plan to hike them up futher. Stop spending our money on rubbish projects that you class as beautification of the city. It could do with being less pretty and focus on being more functional and more affordable. Stop raping our wallets to justify your poor money management. We need nothing new right now. Let us recover from the current debt. If you were a business, you would all be fired for sloppy financial progress. Your driving the crime rate sky-high because your force increases for home owners and renters. What will it take for you to listen to the public and benefit us as a community?

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No

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### What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Rates increase

### Please tell us your views below

This is not the right time to be hiking rates. The cost of living is too high, and people are struggling with increases across every aspect of life at the moment.

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(No response)

**Please tell us your views below**

I just think that in these times Option 1 is a more logical or better choice which I know will result in borrowing and returning to a balanced budget in 2027/2028, rather than the balanced budget of Option 2.

This is mainly because of the exorbitant prices of household items, and with winter around the corner, I can't see pricing of any of the following going down.

House hold items just seem to go up and up and never down.

Some of the concerns are:

- \* Food prices, especially meat, can't seem to remember when we could afford a leg of lamb last.
- \* Power and gas pricing.
- \* Phone pricing.
- \* Insurance pricing.
- \* The price of petrol at the moment.
- \* Household rates re-HDC
- \* And soon to see a new water rate.
- \* The lack of jobs around at present, the amount of people being laid off or about to be laid of, unemployment etc.

Many thanks and kind regards

Frank and Raewyn O'Keeffe

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**What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?**

Sissons Road

**Please tell us your views below**

I believed living in Sissons Road wouldn't mean that the street would just turn into a dumping ground we have a gravel pit at the start of street a section that just has more rubbish put on it daily silt on the side of road that has never been removed since Gabriel..we have an orchard that has more black rubbish bags piling up than the local land fill.. we had contractors here recently started work on drains here 5 mins then gone took them longer to load and unload digger. The drain behind us which is an integral part of drainage for this area has no remedial work done since before Gabriel is now collapsed on both sides also still contains rubbish which came with the flood 3 years ago. I would like to believe some if not all of these issues would be addressed in the near future.  
Regards Sue Brown

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Rates

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I would prefer to pay more now so that we reduce debt sooner and allows us more flexibility in the future.

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**What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?**

Proposed rates increase

**Please tell us your views below**

I do not support the lower rates increase, and I do not support borrowing more at this time. I commend the Council on finding the savings that have been found, and it is encouraging to see the work that has been completed since the Cyclone.

It is an undesirable outcome of past poor decisions by elected officials and Council officers (not just in Hastings, all around the country) that has led to our infrastructure now requiring more money to maintain and build and an inevitable rates increase. Couple that with the devastating and expensive effects of Cyclone Gabrielle and I know that there have been tough conversations within Council over the past three years as to how to manage rates increases in difficult economic conditions.

However, we should not be borrowing more to balance the books later. If we can achieve a balanced budget now with a reasonable rates increase of 9.1% then I support that. We cannot keep having this conversation to "lower rates" when that is simply not an option. The ongoing financial effects of borrowing more will just make it harder for our future generations, and if at this point we have the option of lessening the blow later then I think we should do that.

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Proposed rates increase

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**What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?**

Rates Increase

Road Works

Plants in City

**Please tell us your views below**

I need the feedback as to why Council is increasing rates every year. (We have barely money to survive on daily basis), yet you keep increasing rates.

Stop wasting our money on roads ( it takes 6 months to complete a road works less than 1km), Because they is no set time frame to complete these job, workers just waste their time on site I have seen this on Heathcote Rd - nearly 4 months now, road works still on going, this is just one example.

Last Major - put some apple ornaments in the City - I bet it is collecting dust, somewhere.

Putting Lime/lemons tree as hedge in Hastings town - that is just waste of money. (Do people Care???)

Emailed the last Council member, but didn't hear back on these issues.

Maybe time to that council members take salary cuts to fund these projects themselves.

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**What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?**

(No response)

**Please tell us your views below**

Home owners cannot continue to wear the brunt of an entire communities expenses, especially when so carelessly spent. Home owners are already wearing a Cyclone recovery payment from both HDC and Regional. Over borrowing and passion projects have grown a debt that will now burden home owners for years to come. Pull back on ALL unnecessary spending, events, beautification projects, art installations, sculpture additions, meatball festivals, building developments (you are not developers), and cull your staffing levels. Hire qualified staff so you can stop out sourcing to expensive contractors. Stop paying roading companies that don't do the job properly the first, second or even third time. For the first time ever, try firing someone when the outcome is not delivered as set by stringent KPI's. Stop using cyclones Gabriel as a cover for upgrades that should have been done previously. Increase developers levies. In short stop spending and make cuts! Growing debt and borrowing more is not a solution. You will simply have to park wants and prioritise needs.

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Sadly your proposal presents a "Hobsons Choice" with neither option palatable following the high rate increases of recent times, and a time in which there is a dynamic move across our community, and country, to reduce rate increases dramatically. We all understand the rebuild due to Gabrielle, we don't understand the doubling of that amount on an annual basis. The cost of Gabrielle has not increased since the cyclone hit and works requiring local council input were established. The current rating period saw you double my contribution over the prior period. As a pensioner my pension has not increased to the same % as you continue to want to enact. Whilst your higher wished increase for the coming rate able period carries no ADDITIONAL borrowing that % in real terms to an average ratepayer is out of the question when viewed over the past 5 period increases. No where in the material you have supplied is there any plans/outcomes/desires around actually cutting council spending, not is there any input around acting on the ratepayer wishes from the last election to delete the non-elected representation, on a paid basis, around the council table nor it seems any desire to go back to just council core activities but instead continued spending on non-core council requirements. I have ticked 5.9% solely so that I can correspond my thoughts and desired outcomes to you. My preference is a base change of not higher than 2.5%, a structured plant to decrease spending and wasteful costs, a focus on just the absolute basics and getting your financials back to basics within 3 years maximum

Please tell us your views below

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### What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

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Due to pressure on households financially due to increasing costs, I feel that the council should set the rates per household at the lower rate.

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**What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?**

Rates and planning.

**Please tell us your views below**

For so long council has been reactive and not proactive. Scrapping the plans after so much money has already been spent in the planning and preparation is wasteful. Be willing to set a course and stay on it. Believe your council experts and stop paying outrageous outside "consultants" Invest in the community and your people, and the community will come together for you. Do the right thing and be willing to make the hard choices, be the bad guy for the betterment of our future, and the region as a whole instead of pandering to people, groups and businesses.

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**What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?**

(No response)

**Please tell us your views below**

How about go for the lower rates increase and reduce council overheads of \$4.8m. You need to start acting like a business and managed costs. Reduce council headcount's if needed to achieve this. Start being actually accountably for the rates payers money.

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Option of rate increases.

Please tell us your views below

For us (as it does for many), it comes to affordability for our household, while we are medium income earnings, with rates, insurances, fuel, food costs all increasing significantly, salary increases just don't match up and we are not getting a break. Any increases have an impact to us, even at 5.9% for rates increase.

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Yes

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**What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?**

Rates should NOT be raised more that the rate of inflation.

**Please tell us your views below**

A 5.9 % rates increase is horrific.  
No wonder the central government feels like they need to step in  
Spend less money!

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### What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

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- fuel price increase
- family with 2 kids, balance price increase

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Rates

Please tell us your views below

My rates are too high for an 88 year old living on my own. I pay \$5,647.63 a year and then then the regional rates of \$793.30. An unbelievable cost for if there were 4 people living this house and earning money the rates wold be the same. Rates do not take this into account.

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No

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Option 2: Set a rates increase of 9.1%, which would balance the budget immediately and reduce borrowing sooner.

What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Hardening of infrastructure to manage future weather events. Intensifying the city center of Hastings to improve efficiency, reduce impact of the housing crisis, and improve rates take overall

Please tell us your views below

It is important to have a sustainable budget that can manage future issues. Councils have been underfunded for years and now with more and more extreme weather events, infrastructure and planning needs to be managed and improved to save money in the future, and reduce the impacts of these events. Also avoiding going further into debt which will rely on future residents to pay for

Also city planning needs to be modernized with intensified housing and mixed commercial and residential in the city centre. This is already happening and I wholeheartedly support it.

Consideration into alternative transport also needs to be considered. With more people living in the city centre, and international uncertainty causing petrol and diesel prices to rise, making it safe and effective to use both e cycles and e scooters to get around town and the neighboring suburbs should be considered. Things like more cycle paths and separating cycle paths from roads to make it more attractive and safe to cycle. Clarity on the safe use of e scooters in Hastings, which are only going to become more and more prominent as gas becomes more expensive.

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## What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Rates

## Please tell us your views below

Thank you for the great work you do. I appreciate the challenges the region has faced over the past few years and commend you on your response to these challenges.

I would like to encourage the council to look into alternative ways income can be generated to alleviate the financial reliance on rates increases. Some of these alternatives could be tourist attractions or events, property investment, financial investments, community events such as markets, concerts, entertainment, sports. Other commercial business ventures may also be an option while providing public services such as roadside laundromats, user pays toilet and shower facilities etc.

I am not sure if public/private partnerships for infrastructure is currently being used but this also may be an option to offset rate rises.

At the end of the day - the services you provide are vital to our community and they need to be financed somehow. I look forward to seeing how the council builds a strong foundation for the future.

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Council has already made unnecessary spending with meetings on a marae, appointing lab external adjudicator on the museum debacle when this could have been sorted out by Council HR Department etc.  
Reductions like library opening days and similar non essential services should be implemented to help balance the budget

**Please tell us your views below**

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**What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?**

I have tried talking to the council on a few occasions about a couple of issues that I have and have received little feedback on item 1 and absolutely no feedback on item 2:

- 1 What information is there on the rumored racecourse housing development. Is this part of the longer draft plan for Hastings.
- 2 While I congratulate the council on its previous and current work going on at the eastern area of Heretaunga Street, the area of west Heretaunga Street up to Stortford Lodge is a disgrace and needs improving immediately. I will not take any visitors to Hastings to that region it is, unfortunately, very embarrassing.

**Please tell us your views below**

I support the 5.9% rates increase with a view to increasing to 9.1% when the current fiscal environment changes for the good. This way the council will be shown to be listening to the residents of Hastings and feeling their current fiscal pain.

Overall the draft annual plan appears to be just what Hastings is needing.

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**What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?**

I would actually prefer no rate increase, the rate increases over the last few years have been astronomical. The council needs to focus on what matters and stop focusing on what looks beautiful. They need to focus on the roads. They need to focus on the services. They need to stop increasing our rates households just can't afford these types of increases..

**Please tell us your views below**

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**What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?**

Rates increase

**Please tell us your views below**

Nobody wants to pay more in rates than they have to, but as a region and country we cannot keep on deferring cost / liability to later years / future generations.

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