



BULLER
DISTRICT COUNCIL
Te Kaunihera O Kawatiri

Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25

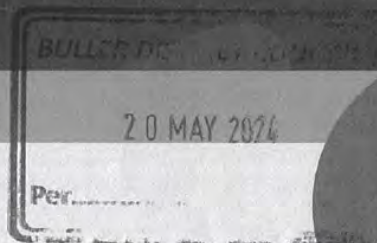
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Refer to 'Request to amend rating information database'



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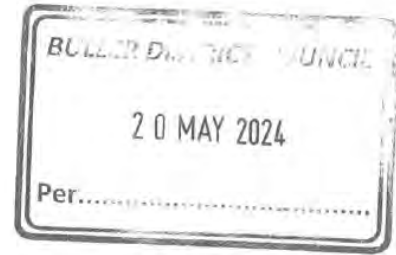


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Margaret Grant



20 May 2024

To Mayor and Councillors

SUBMISSION TO LONG TERM PLAN

I understand the economic situation for all ratepayers and that times will be challenging with rate increases.

However I would like to Council to consider budgeting funds for the economic development of the region along with the promotion of the region, I look at Kaikoura. A much smaller District Council than ours and they have a very active Council promotion organisation i.e. Destination Kaikoura.

My thoughts are also that some way we have to find an avenue to help Westport's Commercial area. Every town needs their commercial hub and as many businesses are struggling to stay in business on Palmerston

Street and surrounds. It concerns us all to see empty premises so any relief for the business would be appreciated.

We must keep our town Vibrant to encourage people to live here.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Margaret Grant".

BDC_Customer Services

From: info@bullerdc.govt.nz
Sent: Sunday, 19 May 2024 9:04 PM
To: BDC_Info; BDC_Customer Services
Subject: 'Contact form' submission received

David Hingston (HMD Buller Court Ltd) has made a contact form submission.

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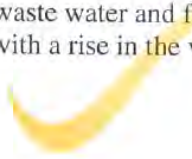


Message

Feedback on: The proposed changes to our rates account (233 Palmerston Street).

Excessive waste water and fresh water rates increases combined with a proportionate rise in the rates combined with a rise in the valuation and hence double dipping.

ReCaptcha3



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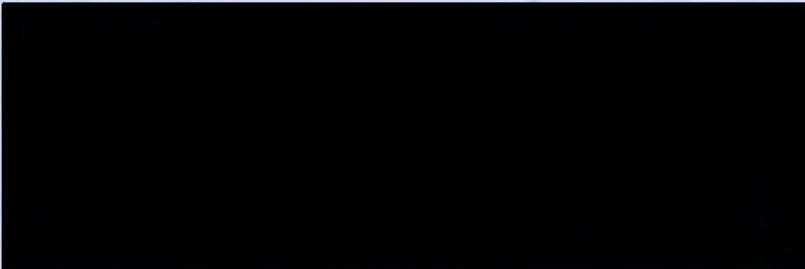
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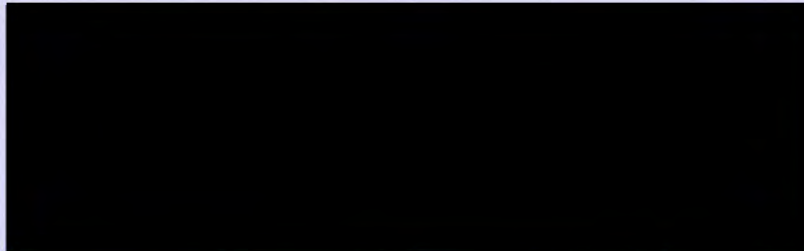


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COUNCIL PLAN & BUDGET FOR ONGOING WORK PROGRAMS - EG. WATER PIPE RENEWALS, FOOTPATHS ETC. AND ADVISE RATEPAYERS WHAT HAS BEEN DONE & IS TO BE DONE 3 MONTHLY. DO NEED TO BE DONE WORK TO GOOD QUALITY NOT PATCH-UP JOBS.

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Further comment: *All properties within the township should have metered water, to make it fair on all ratepayers.*

NB: MAKE THE ANNUAL PLAN EASIER TO READ - SO ALL RATEPAYERS CAN UNDERSTAND IT!! THIS PLAN IS TERRIBLE!!

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- * *MORE PROMOTION OF TOURISM FOR THE BULLER DISTRICT - Funding coming from the commercial rates!!*
- * *Usage of District posters - should be free (not a charge of \$800) (these are the large sign boards out past O'Connors farm up the gorge)*
- * *An increase in Dump charges by \$100+ dollars per ton is unreasonable*
- * *Paying to dump SCRAP is double dipping*

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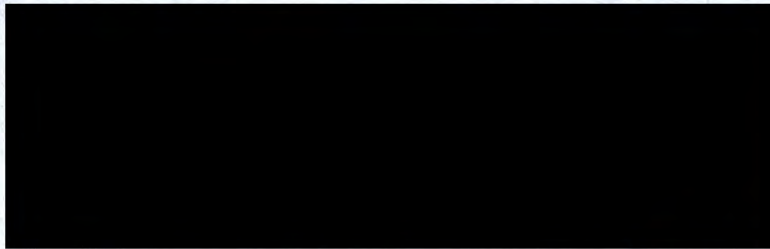
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1=1 5=5 10=10.

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7 May 2024

Galbraith Painting Ltd



PROPOSED CHANGES TO YOUR RATES ACCOUNT 1879034200 23 Main Road, Hector

Proposed change

Council is considering changing the way drinking water targeted rates are charged as part of the Annual Plan 2024/2025, so that the rates are consistently applied across the district, and so the policy is more closely aligned with the methods for charging targeted rates as set out in the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

The proposed change will mean that all rating units that are not connected but are able to be connected to the water supply ("serviceable") are charged for availability of supply. This means if a connection could be made to the water supply because it is within 50 metres of the water reticulation system, a charge will apply. The charge is 50% of a targeted fixed water rate. This change will align the rates application for all water supplies in the district. Currently for some water supplies, half rates for availability of connection are charged, whereas other supplies are not.

The Serviceable rate will apply for each "Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a rating unit" (SUIP).

You may also receive a similar letter relating to wastewater as Council has a separate proposed list of changes for drinking water and wastewater.

What this means for you

	Number of full fixed water rates charged	Draft 2024/2025 total rates for your water
Draft rates with no policy change	0	\$0.00
Draft rates with policy change	0.5	\$178.50

How has this proposed change been determined?

Council has used data provided from Quotable Value (QV) our independent valuers to inform the application of the policy, alongside merged data from both the Geographic Information System (GIS or WestMaps) and the Rating Information Database.

Council has reviewed the location of your property and determined it to be within 50 metres of the water reticulation system and therefore subject to the proposed Serviceable rate.



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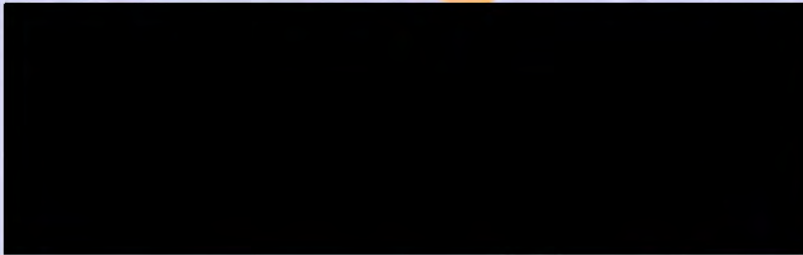
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Further comment: *Live within your means. Want and need are different. Rate payers do not have deep pockets*

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Further comment: *Seems you have already gone ahead with first option without consultation*



Further feedback on the Enhanced Annual Plan

*Waste collection is poor.
Giving private contractor the ability to set charges is bad.
Council should set charges, listen to rate payers.
Explore other options. Current one yellow bin + glass is poor.
No general waste bin is poor.
Bag prices are a joke!*

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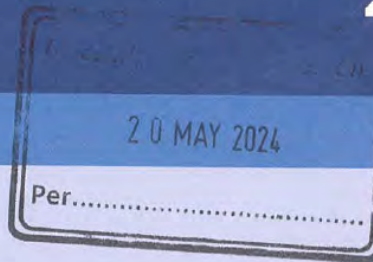
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Organisation (if applicable): *Westport Kiwi Holiday Park & Motels*



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Further comment: *We only received the letters on 16.5.24*

- No clear explanation of methodology of counting pans etc
- Incorrect information in letters
- Commercial Rates are supposed to include all facilities & usage and are 3x Residential Rates - No uniformity or discounts of apportionment for water & waste charges



Further feedback on the Enhanced Annual Plan

- 1 house can have 4-6 people with multiply toilets and pay only 1x rate
** 2 little one bedrooms tiny houses will now have to pay 2x rates, which seems very unfair - should be a minimum size of building ~~area~~ on site ^{per unit}*
- All properties should have metered water, to make usage & cost fairer

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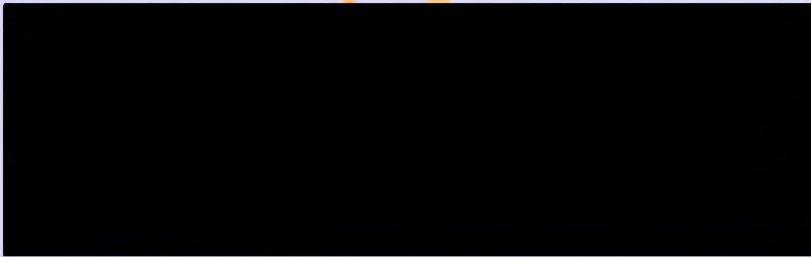


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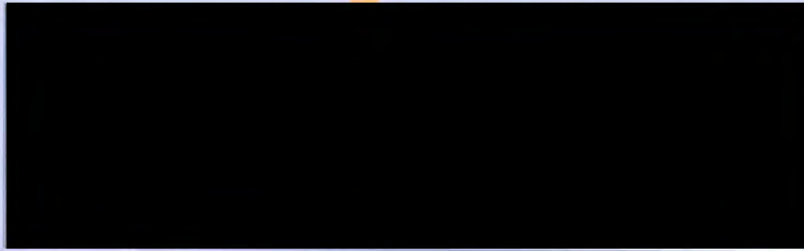


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Further comment:

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Further feedback on the Enhanced Annual Plan

Reject central government's "climate emergency" - there is none, only corrupt modeling. (For example, the use of RCP8.5 to instil fear in the public and official calls for managed retreat, carbon zero and other nonsense - all ruinous to the long suffering public who will pay for it, and will be impoverished.

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CONTACT DETAILS

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Post code [Redacted]
Email address [Redacted]

Q2

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3

No

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4

Reduce the programme to match the Waka Kotahi – New Zealand Transport Agency approved funding.

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Q5

Comments

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Q6

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Q7

Comments

Stop increasing rates, to justify your job's.

Q8

FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25.

Annual plan not required, full of modern bullshit phrasing, which basically tells people jack shit.

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Q2

Yes

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Q5

Comments

Preferred option as it may create less impact in rates, the level of services would not reduced as much and it will have less impact in the asses.

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Q6

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Q7

Comments

Rates charges would be fairer if a clear policy is adopted

Q8

FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25.

NA

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Q5 Respondent skipped this question
 Comments

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Q7

Respondent skipped this question

Comments

Q8

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Q4

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Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Comments

Q6

Keep the policy the same on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Sub # 116

Q7

Comments

Our household is very happy with the way our current Mayor, Council and Staff conduct local govt affairs. There is a high degree of attention to detail and to personal connections ~ all of which enhances communication between Council and the various villages making up Buller. At last Reefton, Maruía and Ikamatua are being treated as intrinsic parts of Buller which contributes to the mutual benefit of us all. We particularly rate Jamie Cleine's interpretation of his role as mayor. Classy.

Q8

Respondent skipped this question


FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25.

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Sub # 117.




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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

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Company/Organisation (if applicable)	NA
Postal address	
City/Town	
Post code	
Email address	
Phone number	

Q2 Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3 No

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Reduce the programme to match the Waka Kotahi – New Zealand Transport Agency approved funding.

Q5

Comments

The option 1 and 3 are not easy to understand

Sub #117

Q6

Adopt a revised policy on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Q7

Comments

NA

Q8

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Na

Sub#118



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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name Margaret Jones
 Postal address
 City/Town
 Post code
 Email address
 Phone number

Q2

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3

No

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Keep Council's level of funding as contained in the draft AP but reduce the overall programme to reflect Waka Kotahi's level of investment.

Q5

Comments

I don't understand the difference between option 1 and option 3.

Q6

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Adopt a revised policy on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Sub # 118

Q7

Comments

In our locality our residents deal with all our 3 waters ourselves, no help whatsoever ever from council or anyone else. Why should we be charged any water rates at all, let alone a rate increase?

Q8

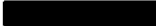
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Sub #119



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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name

Peter duncan

Postal address

City/Town

Post code

Email address

Phone number



Q2

No

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3

No

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4

Reduce the programme to match the Waka Kotahi – New Zealand Transport Agency approved funding.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Sub #119.

Q5

Comments

Why don't you people take a wage decrease and do your bit to help seeing as there are considerable people from within our 5000 odd ratepayers are struggling. Now to increase rates to inflation, it's not our fault, nor should it be our problem that we end up paying for poor decisions. Now is it fair in our circumstances that you now pay for Ms Mason's poor decisions of criminal acts I am about to have no option but to make? I do note our fence which council lied about to the lawyer stating its compliant, when it is not, and council has evidence enough to act upon, but chooses to not, thus costing us as a result. Again poor decisions. With people like you helping run this country I am wondering just how you have the basics of life, like breathing air. So why if the government states local government is not a business, yet charges gst, and that gst does not even stay in our community. Why not? So what business interests can council sell? The airport which is not a core part of council. Perhaps this is the best idea to cover poor decisions, perhaps seeing as it takes 3 people to deal with rates that down sizing your staffing levels to save our money. I think 4 percent increase is reasonable in line with inflation. And same every year. You need to learn to be able to spend within your means. If you can't then you need to deal with this publicly and admit your shortcomings. Other council are selling assets to keep costs from being passed on to ratepayers. Why are you not? The sale of the airport perhaps to sounds air? This way debt reduction comes too, less cost on us.

Q6

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Keep the policy the same on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Q7

Comments

Water has now become a problem for Lisa as it now has chlorine in it and scoris and chlorine don't mix. We know personally when some clown who obviously has very little training in this has been in to deal with adjusting. Lisa's skin goes crazy. Now we have to purchase filters to deal with this at our cost. So you made a decision, we should not pay for that decision unless it is beneficial, which in our case it is not.

Q8

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Perhaps dealing with an enforcement of work order that has not been dealt with before this gets to criminal court may well be a good idea. Would you not agree? Perhaps we sent the black power to do some debt collection from nz post contractors in blacks point as a result of your poor decisions, happy to gift the debt to them.

Sub #120.



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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name

Phillip John Plaisted

Postal address



City/Town

Post code

Email address

Phone number

Q2

No

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3

No

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Continue with the submitted programme, and council rate funds any difference for local roads and commits to higher rates for the next two rating years. The quantum of \$ and rates % increase is variable depending on the funding shortfall/work programme delivered.

Q5

Comments

Roading is key to the infrastructure of the westcoast and very much so for Buller following the weather events of recent years, the council needs to push for as much support as possible while funding where it is most needed , the karamea bluff road and Maybelle bay and Buller gorge need addressing as they are a current logistical challenge and pose a serious threat if majorly severed as the likes of the Manawatu gorge this effect would be detrimental to the district and should be seen of high importance while considering roading efforts and funding both current and going forward

Sub #120.

Q6

Keep the policy the same on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Q7

Comments

Drinking water and wastewater standards and reliability need to be increased before the rate payer should see any raise in rates for these , due to the inconsistency of systems and supply issues. drinking water standards are not being achieved even nearly , across the board as many users are left with dirty water from the taps and have been on long term boil water notices with little success after boiling due to the amount of undissolved solids entering the trunk lines of these supplies . Once drinking water quality standards can be assured either through current schemes or new schemes to achieve the minimum standards then these should not be considered for any sort of change unless it would be a reduction in rates for those who are connected or could be connected to a supply if they are to be charged for being within a distance considered connectable if their supply is not meeting drinking water quality standards

Q8

FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25.

To be added to
sub#101

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

121

To: BDC_Submissions
Subject: Re Submission.

In addition to our submission we wish to make it quite clear that [Redacted] is our primary residence in Westport and [Redacted] is our rental property. At the max we can accept a 3% rate rise as we are pensioners on fixed income.

Regards

[Redacted]

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Sub # 121.

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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name	William John & Maree Ann Vaile
Postal address	[REDACTED]
City/Town	[REDACTED]
Post code	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Phone number	[REDACTED]

Q2

No

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3

No

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4

Keep Council's level of funding as contained in the draft AP but reduce the overall programme to reflect Waka Kotahi's level of investment.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Comments

Q6

Keep the policy the same on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Sub #121

Q7

Comments

NO increase.As pensioners along with others cannot continue to pay these increases

Q8

FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25.

Any changes increases beauocracy and staffing levels

Sub #122



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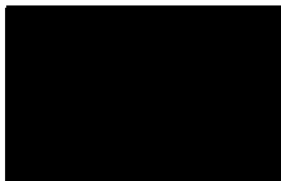
Name Steve McQueen

Postal address

City/Town

Post code

Email address



Q2

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Yes

Q3

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

No

Q4

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Reduce the programme to match the Waka Kotahi – New Zealand Transport Agency approved funding.

Q5

Comments

Do a sausage sizzle

Q6

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Keep the policy the same on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

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SurveyMonkey

SWO #172

Q7

Comments

Just get Wellington Water to help

Q8


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Respondent skipped this question

Sub #123.



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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Grant Richards
Postal address	
City/Town	
Post code	
Email address	
Phone number	

Q2

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3

No

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4

Reduce the programme to match the Waka Kotahi – New Zealand Transport Agency approved funding.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Q5

Comments

Stick to what the budget allows keep costs down

Q6

Keep the policy the same on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Sub #173 -

Q7

Comments

Do a little every year as money is available stick within a budget keep rates down

Q8

FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25.

The plan should be stop all extravagant spending get the basics done and then as the budget allows other items may be considered after consulting with the rate payers as it's our money not the mayor's! Keep any rate increases to a bare minimum or risk forcing people off there land! Not all of us have big savings to keep up with all the increasing cost of living.

#53

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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Jeannine Colville
Postal address	[REDACTED]
City/Town	[REDACTED]
Post code	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Phone number	[REDACTED]

Q2

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Yes

Q3

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

No

Q4

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Reduce the programme to match the Waka Kotahi – New Zealand Transport Agency approved funding.

Q5

Comments

Respondent skipped this question

Q6

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Keep the policy the same on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Sub # 114.

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

Comments

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft
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Sub #125.



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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name

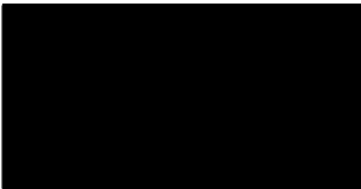
Steven woodcock

Postal address

City/Town

Post code

Email address



Q2

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3

No

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4

Reduce the programme to match the Waka Kotahi – New Zealand Transport Agency approved funding.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Comments

Q6

Adopt a revised policy on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

Comments

Sub #125.

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft
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Sub #126.



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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name
Postal address
City/Town
Post code
Email address
Phone number

Adrienne Fraser



Q2

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

No

Q3

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

No

Q4

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Keep Council's level of funding as contained in the draft AP but reduce the overall programme to reflect Waka Kotahi's level of investment.

Q5

Comments

Respondent skipped this question

Q6

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Adopt a revised policy on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Sub #126

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

Comments

Q8

FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25.

We cannot afford any rates rise this year. As in Zero.

Sub # 127.



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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name **Phil Rutherford**
Postal address
City/Town
Post code
Email address
Phone number

Q2

No

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3

No

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4

Reduce the programme to match the Waka Kotahi – New Zealand Transport Agency approved funding.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Comments

Q6

Adopt a revised policy on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Sub #127.

Q7

Comments

While aggregation of target water rates was not seen as a solution in the changes in central government policies would now suggest that aggregation is in the best interests of our wider community.

Q8

FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25.

I believe that in these extraordinary times council should consider the amount of ratepayer funding goes in to supporting the 'nice to have' services. Both the Pulse Energy Recreation Centre and the Library have considerable cost implications but both are used by a minority of ratepayers in the Buller. Some cuts could be considered until such times as either Buller expands it's rating base or alternative funding streams are found.

Sub #128.



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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name Angela Hamson
Postal address
City/Town
Post code
Email address
Phone number

Q2

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3

No

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4

Reduce the programme to match the Waka Kotahi – New Zealand Transport Agency approved funding.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Q5

Comments

The 2 major slips on the Karamea Bluff need fixing from one lane to original 2 lane. Why are these not being addressed in the present Bluff works.

Q6

Keep the policy the same on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Sub # 128

Q7

Comments

As most of Karamea have their own water and waste water tanks, we therefore do not want to be charged Water for what we provide ourselves.

Q8

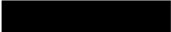
FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25.

My QV has doubled this year which is ridiculous and I would like to know why! The rates are creeping up steeply but see no improvement in Karamea except a 2.5yr wait for the Bluff road to be fixed. I totally object to another huge rate rise. Thank you.

Sub #129.




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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Geoff Volckman
Company/Organisation (if applicable)	Riverlands Farm Ltd
Postal address	
City/Town	
Post code	
Email address	
Phone number	

Q2

No

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3

No

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Keep Council's level of funding as contained in the draft AP but reduce the overall programme to reflect Waka Kotahi's level of investment.

Q5

Comments

I believe work on the assumption NZTA will fund as budgeted If this is reduced council adjust their budget All prudent organisations would do this

Sub# 129.

Q6

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Keep the policy the same on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Q7

Comments

Small communities that are faced with high costs to bring their systems to comply with government requirements should be given the option of taking over their system and running it themselves This mak be where each resident puts in their own tank and water pump

Q8

FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25.

The suggested rate increase of 19.7% is just to high although all rate payers accept inflation has increased costs it is time for all organisations need to reassess their wishes and aspirations and keep the expenditure to the bare minimum My suggestion is rate increases in Buller must not be greater than 10%

Sub #130.



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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Nicki Singleton/Dale Ashworth
Company/Organisation (if applicable)	Te Reo a Te Taiohi
Postal address	
City/Town	
Post code	
Email address	
Phone number	

Q2

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE.?

Yes

Q3

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Yes

Q4

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Continue with the submitted programme, and council rate funds any difference for local roads and commits to higher rates for the next two rating years. The quantum of \$ and rates % increase is variable depending on the funding shortfall/work programme delivered.

Q5

Comments

Respondent skipped this question

Sub #130.

Q6

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Adopt a revised policy on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Q7

Comments

Respondent skipped this question

Q8


FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25.

Te Reo a Te Taiohi would like to apply for funding of \$10000 for the operation of Youth Voice Kawatiri. We will email Mira with the actual slide show. We would like to present at council with a slide show (YVK have created for presentation) which you will have forwarded also.

Sub #131



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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name Heidi Newland
Postal address 
City/Town
Post code
Email address
Phone number

Q2

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3

No

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4

Reduce the programme to match the Waka Kotahi - New Zealand Transport Agency approved funding.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Q5

Comments

Do not raise our rates. Get roaring contractors to do their jobs efficiently and monitor this

Q6

Adopt a revised policy on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Sub #131.

Q7

Comments

Use current funding to sort out clean drinking water. Reduce remove your consultants who cost all of our funding and clean waste water pipes

Q8

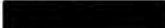
FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25.

Do not raise our rates. No more consultants reduce council staff and reduce how much money you waste.

Sub# 132



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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name Joseph shabashow
Postal address 
City/Town
Post code
Email address
Phone number

Q2

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3

No

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Keep Council's level of funding as contained in the draft AP but reduce the overall programme to reflect Waka Kotahi's level of investment.

Q5

Comments

N/a

Q6

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Adopt a revised policy on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Sub #132 .

Q7

Comments

Sections without water supply shouldn't have to pay for water supply.

Q8

FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25.

You can't expect people to pay for a service that they aren't receiving, don't charge sections for water that don't use any water

Sub #133

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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name

Amanda Stuart

Postal address

City/Town

Post code

Email address



Q2

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3

No

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4

Reduce the programme to match the Waka Kotahi – New Zealand Transport Agency approved funding.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Q5

Comments

n/a

Q6

Keep the policy the same on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Sub #133.

Q7

Comments

Charging water rates for properties not using water is ridiculous.

Q8

FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25.

As above

Sub #134.



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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name Frank Dooley
Company/Organisation (if applicable) Buller Electricity Limited
Postal address
City/Town
Post code
Email address
Phone number

Q2

No

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3

Yes

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4

Reduce the programme to match the Waka Kotahi – New Zealand Transport Agency approved funding.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Q5


Comments

I will present the Company concerns during the submission hearing process.

Sub #135




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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name FT & J P Dooley
Company/Organisation (if applicable) Yelood Properties Limited
Postal address 
City/Town
Post code
Email address
Phone number

Q2 No
WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3 Yes
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4 Reduce the programme to match the Waka Kotahi – New Zealand Transport Agency approved funding.
Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Q5
Comments

A detailed submission will be presented during the hearing process

Sub #136.








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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name	F T & J P Dooley
Company/Organisation (if applicable)	Yelood Family Trust
Postal address	
City/Town	
Post code	
Email address	
Phone number	

Q2

No

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3

Yes

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4

Reduce the programme to match the Waka Kotahi – New Zealand Transport Agency approved funding.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Q5

Comments

The options are limited thus a detailed submission will be presented during the hearing process

Sub #136.

Q6

Keep the policy the same on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Q7

Comments

These options are limited thus a detailed submission will be made during the hearing process

Q8

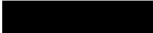
FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25.

Trustees object to the adoption of the draft Annual Plan in its current form thus a detailed submission will be presented during the hearing process.

Sub #137.



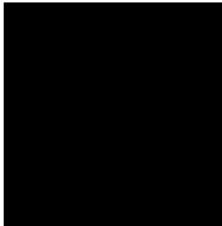
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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name	F T Dooley
Company/Organisation (if applicable)	Yelood Family Trust
Postal address	
City/Town	
Post code	
Email address	
Phone number	

Q2

No

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3

Yes

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4

Reduce the programme to match the Waka Kotahi – New Zealand Transport Agency approved funding.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Q5

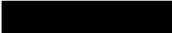
Comments

The options presented a limited thus a detailed submission will be presented during the submission hearing process.

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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Kathleen Stuart
Postal address	
City/Town	
Post code	
Email address	
Phone number	

Q2

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3

No

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4

Reduce the programme to match the Waka Kotahi – New Zealand Transport Agency approved funding.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Q5

Comments

Council must not continue with rate increases

Q6

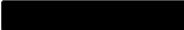
Keep the policy the same on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Sub #139.



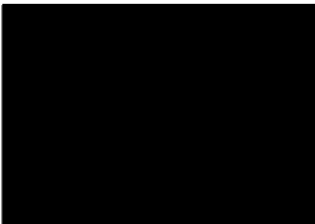
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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name Brian Jones
Company/Organisation (if applicable) Karamea Community Incorporated
Postal address 
City/Town
Post code
Email address
Phone number

Q2 Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3 No

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4 Keep Council's level of funding as contained in the draft AP but reduce the overall programme to reflect Waka Kotahi's level of investment.
Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Q5

Comments

Council needs to recognise the value of every dollar of funding received, learn to live within it's means and not squander outside funding.

Sub #139.

Q6

Adopt a revised policy on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

Comments

Q8

FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25.

KCI submit that Council should utilise KCI's Community Plan as a reference document for Karamea community priorities and projects in Karamea.

We submit requesting continued support for community grants to help maintain community projects that depend on this funding source.


We submit requesting continued allocation of Council funding of \$1000 for the Karamea's historic South Terrace Zig-zag track as allocated and recorded in previous Annual and Long Term Plans.

We also ask Council to consider allocating a \$500 for non voluntary maintenance within Karamea's Rata Reserve.

Sub #140.



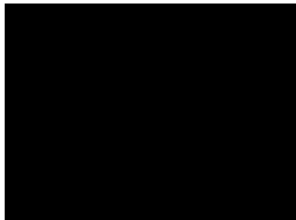
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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Brian Jones and Hamish Macbeth
Company/Organisation (if applicable)	Karamea Waste Management Group
Postal address	
City/Town	
Post code	
Email address	
Phone number	

Q2

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3

Yes

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Keep Council's level of funding as contained in the draft AP but reduce the overall programme to reflect Waka Kotahi's level of investment.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Comments

Q6

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Adopt a revised policy on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Sub #140.

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

Comments

Q8


FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25.

Our Group requests ongoing cooperation, consultation and budgetary support for waste management and redevelopment of waste management facilities in Karamea.

Sub #141



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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Clare Tibbles
Postal address	
City/Town	
Post code	
Email address	
Phone number	

Q2

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3

No

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4

Keep Council's level of funding as contained in the draft AP but reduce the overall programme to reflect Waka Kotahi's level of investment.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Comments

Q6

Keep the policy the same on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Sub #141

Q7

Comments

How much money that has been wasted on "fixing" the Reefton water supply over the last 20years? Covering the reservoir, was a failure. Now we have a system which cannot cope with the summer visitors and we are expected to conserve water. Who designs these systems? It would have been cheaper to put water filters on every house and replace the filters each year. There are very few people who want chlorine in their water. The money saved could have been used on upgrading the water mains.

Q8

FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25.

Stop wasting money on consultants. It's time the councils stood up to the government with regards to unrealistic demands for drinking and waste water. Small communities cannot afford these costs. It's time DOC payed rates on its land.



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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name Grant Phillips
Postal address
City/Town
Post code
Email address

Q2

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3

No

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4

Keep Council's level of funding as contained in the draft AP but reduce the overall programme to reflect Waka Kotahi's level of investment.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Q5

Comments

I come from a time when local councils employed own staff to do the service work including local roading and central government provided for the national infrastructure. Highways are a main tourist route and should be funded by NZTA full stop. Also I do not know the level of rates directed to heavy traffic operators if any. RUC are collected by NZTA and a percentage of that should be returned to councils as an entitlement not as a handout.

Sub #142

Q6

Keep the policy the same on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Q7

Comments

Coming from a co-operative society I tend to support a shared common cost across the board but as society moves to a more slanted society to one of the haves and have nots one would assume that in the future a targeted rate may be more fair.

Coming from other rural communities I am shocked by the costs involved in updating water supplies. I am aware of central government directives but the decisions by engineering consultants accepted by council do not reflect efficient or effective management. Money does not appear to be councils problem but it is very much the ratepayers problem.

Q8

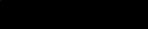
FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25.

There was a time when knowledgeable leaders ran council business and did not require outside consultants. It is somewhat embarrassing that with so many well paid staff employed one would expect quality decisions being made on behalf of all ratepayers without questions having to be asked. I have been involved in compiling budget reports and it is difficult when looking so far ahead when tomorrow is important. It can all change but one still needs that blueprint to work from. It is a good effort but at what cost.

Sub 143



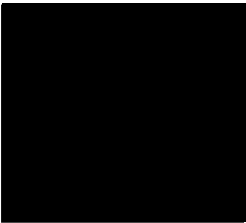
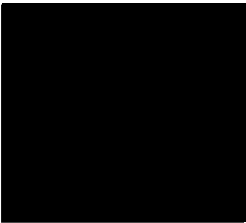
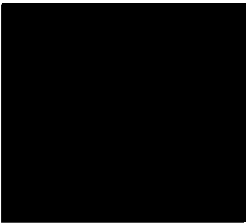
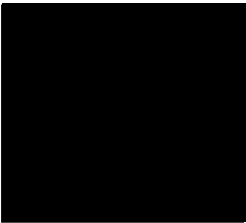
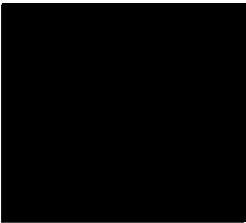
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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name	paul opsomer
Company/Organisation (if applicable)	paul opsomer family trust
Postal address	
City/Town	
Post code	
Email address	
Phone number	

Q2

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Yes

Q3

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

No

Q4

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Keep Council's level of funding as contained in the draft AP but reduce the overall programme to reflect Waka Kotahi's level of investment.

Q5

Comments

Respondent skipped this question

Q6

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Adopt a revised policy on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Sub 143.

Q7

Comments

I have 2 properties in 2 flats each in westport. the council is proposing a rate rise for water and waste which will increase the rates to nearly double as the current rates.

I'm of the opinion that this is too high and also that the way the council calculates this rate rise is wrong as it will make my rates double that of a 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom house where you could have 5 people living, where as the flats are mainly rented to single people.

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25.

Sub #144.



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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Linda Grammer
Company/Organisation (if applicable)	Buller Tramping Club
Postal address	
City/Town	
Post code	
Email address	
Phone number	

Q2

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

No

Q3

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Yes

Q4

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Reduce the programme to match the Waka Kotahi – New Zealand Transport Agency approved funding.

Q5

Comments

none

Q6

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Keep the policy the same on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Q7

Comments

What is also critical is that BDC takes action to protect ecologically significant Stewardship land Te Kuha and 100+ ha of the Westport Water Conservation Reserve in order to protect the towns drinking water supply from a proposed huge new open cast mine Te Kuha. (Stevenson Mining has been pushing for a coal mine in this inappropriate location for many years but although they has lost in every instance in the Courts they now hope to progress their plans via the Fast Track process.) BDC needs to protect the existing water infrastructure and protect the quality of the towns drinking water supply (which would be put at risk from acid mining drainage if a new coal mine went ahead Te Kuha and in the Westport Water Conservation Reserve).

This is a matter of urgency (council action) given the current (Coalition) governments controversial Fast Track Proposals Bill and evidence of Minister Shane Jones clandestine meetings with mining industry representatives from Stevenson Mining, which he failed to log in his Ministerial Diary..

BDC action is required in order to protect the drinking water supply for the town (protecting the Westport Water Conservation Reserve and Te Kuha will also have other significant benefits including for indigenous biodiversity and recreation).

The Westport Water Conservation Reserve was set aside in perpetuity by council back in the day to protect the drinking supply of the town. If Stevenson Mining was allowed to proceed with a huge new open cast coal mine on Te Kuha and in the Westport Water Conservation Reserve there would be unacceptable levels of environmental degradation and adverse impacts on drinking water quality.

Stevenson Mining recently (late February 2024) pulled its latest appeal in the Courts, immediately after the clandestine meeting on 19 February 2024 with Minister for Regional Development Shane Jones. It is extremely likely that Stevenson

Mining has lodged a formal application to the Fast Track process for a new open cast coal mine on Te Kuha and in the Westport Water Conservation Reserve. Our members love walking and tramping in the bush above

Westport and we and many others would like this pristine area protected, for the well being of Westport and wider Buller residents and ratepayers, to protect critically endangered native species, and an outstanding landscape above the Lower Buller Scenic Gorge.

We oppose Stevenson Mining who continues to try to impose a huge new open cast coal mine on ecologically significant public conservation land and 100+ ha of the Westport Water Conservation Reserve (home to many critically endangered native species). see Federated Mountain Clubs December 2017 media release <https://fmc.org.nz/2017/12/10/federated-mountain-clubs-says-no-to-te-kuha-mine/>

"Allowing this mine on public conservation land – a stewardship area yet to be properly assessed and classified for its ecological, recreational and historic values – is completely inappropriate. Initial assessments suggests that this place has ecological values well worthy of permanent protection.

New Zealand has local, national, and international commitments to biodiversity. We should be taking better care of our biodiversity, appreciating the richness and resilience it provides, not adding to its ongoing loss

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Aside from the significant threat to biodiversity – the web of life in this particular place – the mine will have devastating visual impact when seen from Westport and the surrounding mountains, including the spectacular Buckland Peaks on the southern side of the Buller gorge."

Sub #144.

Q8

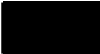
FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25.

We urge Buller District Council to budget funds to ensure protection of local community assets and finite resources like soils and waterways, and the Westport Water Conservation Reserve. We ask BDC to prioritize truly sustainable integrated management and do all that it can to help ameliorate climate change. This is necessary to protect your ratepayers and residents, indigenous biodiversity and the wider environment.

We thank council for its submission to the controversial Fast Track Proposals Bill and urge you to do everything in your power to oppose a new open cast coal mine on ecologically significant public conservation land/ Stewardship land Te Kuha and the Westport Water Conservation Reserve. The Fast Track proposals Bill contains wording that indicates the nefarious intention of the Coalition government to block public participation and basic democratic processes, so we are all the more reliant upon council vigilance.

We also support the protection of Notable trees in the District (native and otherwise). Our vision is a vibrant and healthy Buller District, with strong environmental protections in place, in order to protect not only finite resources like soils and waterways (which underpin all primary production) but farmers and rural ratepayers and their valuable enterprises. We would like to see more walkways/ tramping tracks in the district (but not cycleways on public conservation land including National Parks and Ecological Areas). This is due to the fact that cycleways inherently cause more environmental damage and are more costly to construct. There is potential for a walking /tramping track to the summit of Te Kuha, which would not only support healthy recreation but access to spectacular landscapes and scenery. A walking / tramping track (similar to the one in the Buckland peaks) would also give an opportunity for robust ground based feral control, to enhance indigenous biodiversity.

Sub #145



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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Sean Casey
Company/Organisation (if applicable)	C/- Buller Chartered Accountants Ltd
Postal address	
City/Town	
Post code	
Email address	
Phone number	

Q2

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Yes

Q3

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Yes

Q4

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Reduce the programme to match the Waka Kotahi – New Zealand Transport Agency approved funding.

Q5

Comments

Respondent skipped this question

Q6

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Keep the policy the same on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Sub #145

Q7

Comments

I will discuss this when I have the opportunity to speak at the hearing.

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft
Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25.

Sub# 146

COMPLETE

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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name: Frank Dooley
Company/Organisation (if applicable): O'Conor Institute Trust Board
Postal address: [REDACTED]
City/Town: [REDACTED]
Post code: [REDACTED]
Email address: [REDACTED]

Q2

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3

Yes

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4

Reduce the programme to match the Waka Kotahi – New Zealand Transport Agency approved funding.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Comments

Q6

Keep the policy the same on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. (Please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted.)

Sub # 146.

Q7

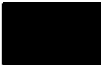
Comments

I will discuss this when I have the opportunity to speak at the hearing.

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

**FEEDBACK - Please give us any feedback to the Draft
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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

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Phone number

Q2

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN FEEDBACK IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q3

No

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

Q4

Keep Council's level of funding as contained in the draft AP but reduce the overall programme to reflect Waka Kotahi's level of investment.

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Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Comments

Q6

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Q7

Comments

Move to rating dwellings - as dwellings are where people live and much of council work is delivering services to people.

Q8

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Because the BDC still uses a land value based rating system then there are large discrepancies between where people live and what rates are charged. Using your example (page 23 BDC consultation document) Res 113 Charleston pays \$1,382 in rates while Res 114 Punakaiki pays \$3,806. This is not equitable or sustainable. Equalize the rates calculation by using a mix of land and capital value rating. Or start giving Punakaiki a % discount. Punakaiki properties with residential zoning pay far more in rates than rural properties much closer to Westport.

Sub #147.



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Q1

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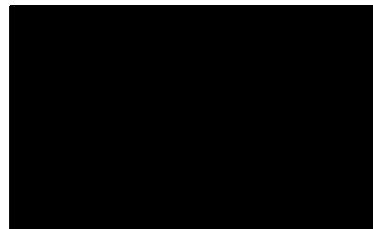
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Yes

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Sub #147.

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

Comments

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

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Sub #149



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CONTACT DETAILS

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Q2

Yes

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Q3

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Q4

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Q5

Comments

we cannot afford the increase in rates to pay for this roading. The rates affordability benchmark is already predicted to be exceeded and this increase would make it excessive

Q6

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Sub #149.

Q7

Comments

I haven't studied it enough to have an opinion on it's fairness and would prefer to pass on this question

Q8

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Amenities

Public toilets are needed in the Northern Buller. Reefton now has a good toilet block, Punakaiki a massive visitor centre, Get on and do the northern Buller next.

Fix the public toilets at Hector. The area is signposted as having toilets so people use the bush instead, creating more of a problem.

Sub #150.



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Q2

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Yes

Q3

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS?

No

Q4

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Comments

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Sub #150

Q7

Comments

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Everybody understands that nationwide there are major issues surrounding water infrastructure and it has to be funded somehow. On first reading however one can't help but think that an easy fix has been proposed to gather a significant amount of rates funding from a relatively small group of ratepayers in one huge hit with potentially more to come.

It is not enough to say that these increases are making up for historic under-charging. That is not the fault of the ratepayers.

There is a significant amount of information in the correspondence to take in, let alone try to understand and do research, and a very short amount of time in which to do so. I am aware of some ratepayers who have only received the information in the last few days, either because they have been away or because there was a delay in the information reaching them.

The very short consultation period from receipt of the notices to the deadline is simply not enough. Time is needed to seek further information and also advice from industry organizations, in my case Hospitality New Zealand, as to how other Councils are handling what amounts to a 'Pan Tax' by another name.

Water Rates

I already pay metered water rates based on the actual usage of the property and this is fair. I fail to understand why there would be two connection charges when the usage I am paying for covers all buildings on the property.

Waste Water

The calculation of waste water rating units fails to take in to consideration the fact that commercial accommodation units are not occupied 24/7. The average guest is in their unit for a few hours, most of which is time is spent sleeping, and we certainly do not enjoy anywhere near 100% occupancy. Therefore wastewater coming from the property per guest unit is likely to be far less than an average household.

Q8

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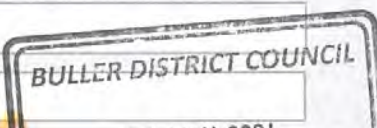
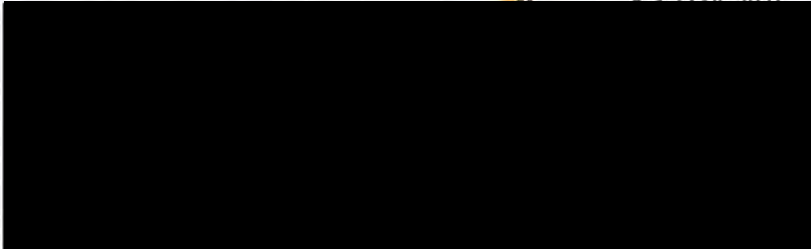
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MY OTHER UNIT IS NOT USED &
THE WATER IS SWITCHED OFF. I'D LIKE TO KEEP
POLICY THE SAME



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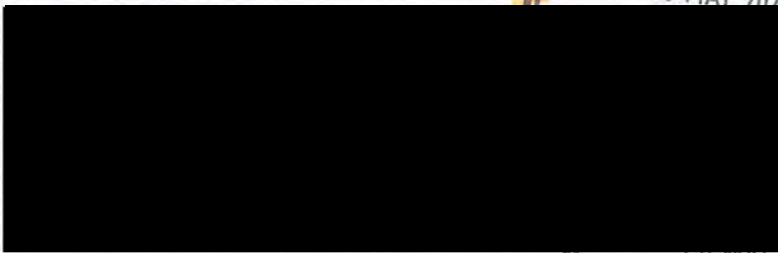


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William Rodwell

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Further comment:

Over spending Council.

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Further comment:

No rate increase
You only take from rate payers
and give us nothing



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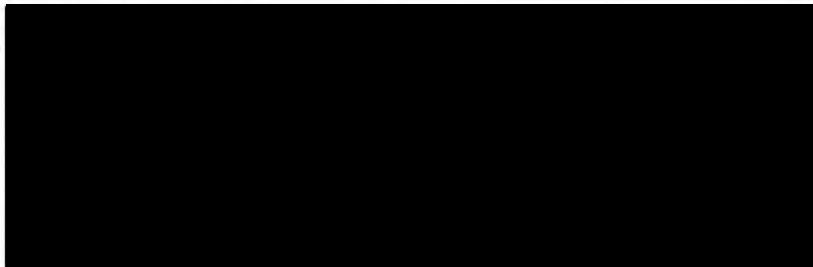
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I am happy with a revised water & wastewater plan but NOT happy with the proposed real increase. My property's rates will increase by 100% i.e. they will double!! I find this NOT ACCEPTABLE!

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accept a 50% increase but not a 100% overall increase.

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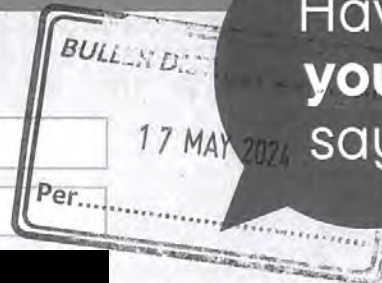
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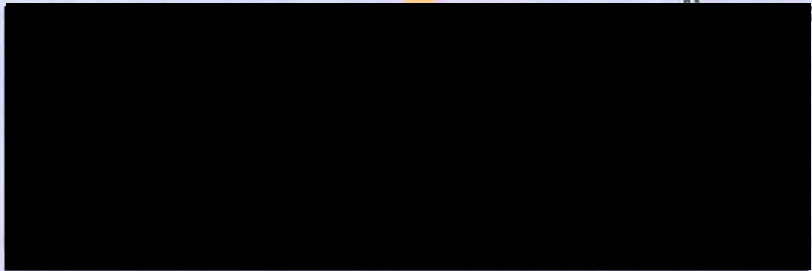
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Name: L. Bowman & S. Barrett

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Organisation (if applicable):

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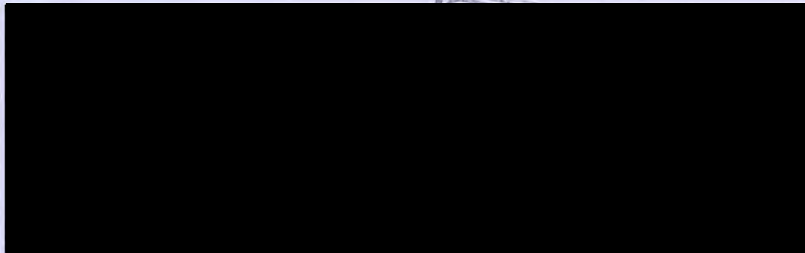
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



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Withhold contact details from online submissions YES / NO
I would like to speak at the enhanced AP hearings YES / NO

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greater than 5 %

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Name: Brent Oak

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Use less pay less this is more fair



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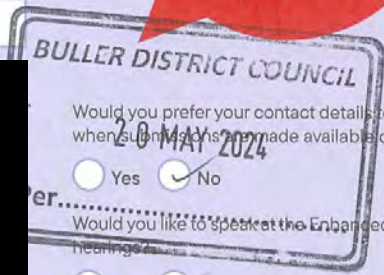
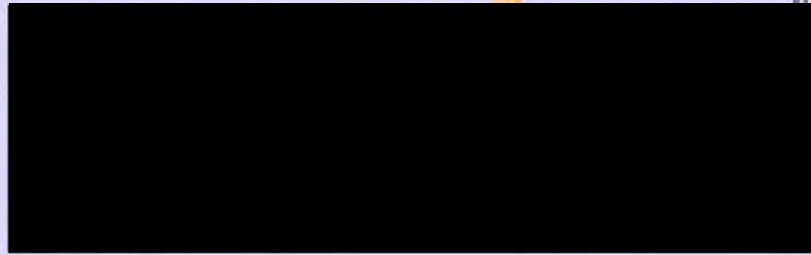
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Storm) H2O drains Need upsized



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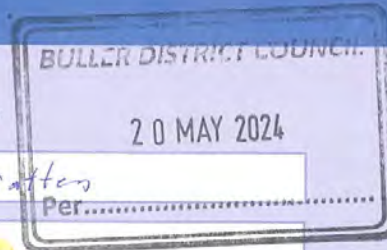
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I would like a 0% Rate rise

Andrew White

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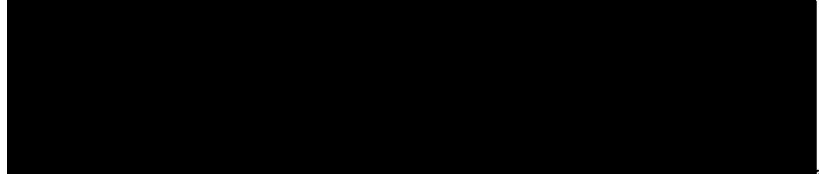
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Name LYNDA HILL.....



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greater than 5 %

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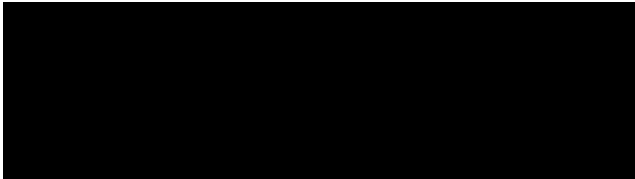
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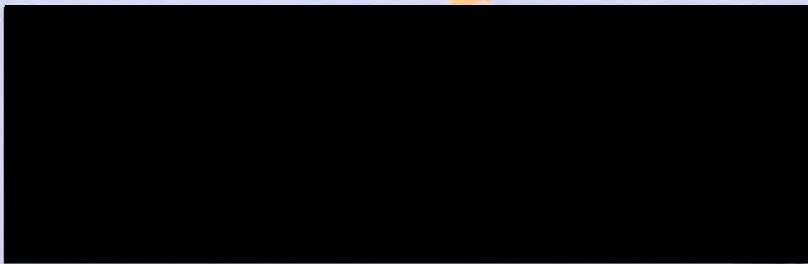
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I want 0% rate increase. I want BDC to reduce council cost and focus on infrastructure only at what we can afford.



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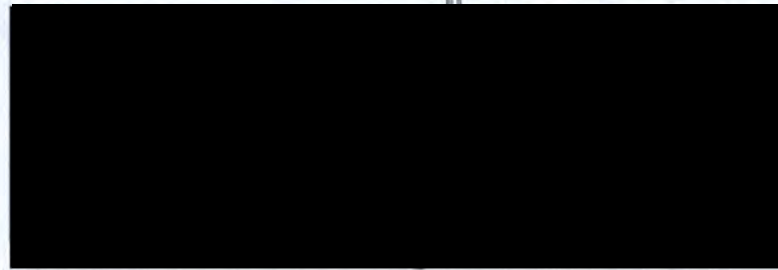


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I don't understand.

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Name: Cheryl Rodmell

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Further comment:

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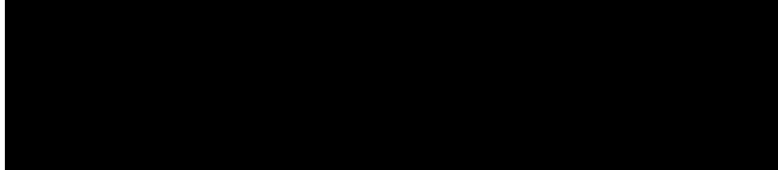
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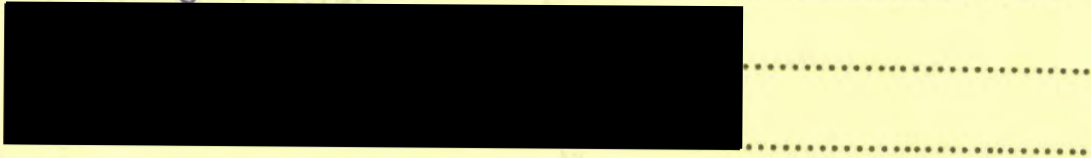
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Name Cory Buchanan



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Get some Consultants That dont milk the System, The way town is going its going to be a ghost town.

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Name Ryan Rusbatch



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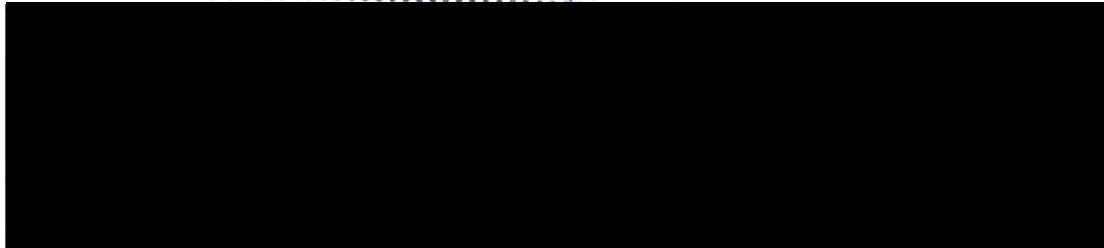
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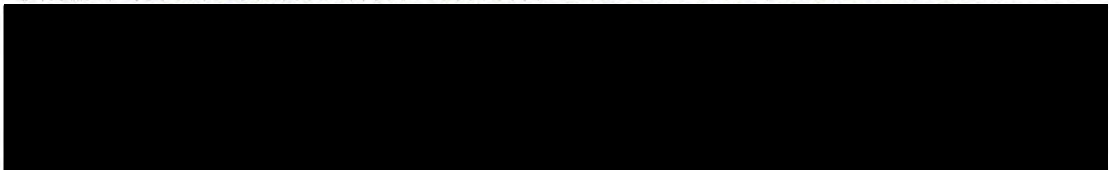
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Name QUENTIN PARKINSON



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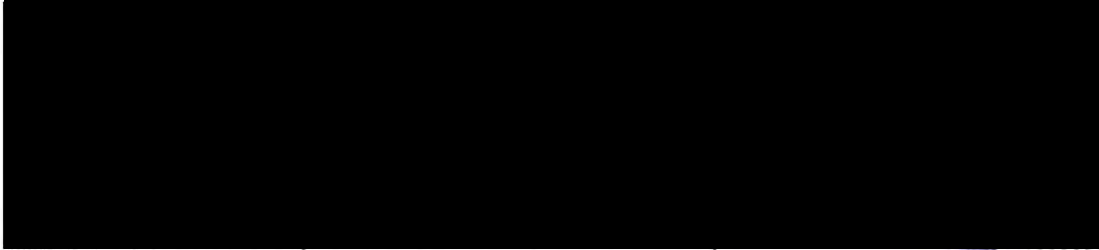
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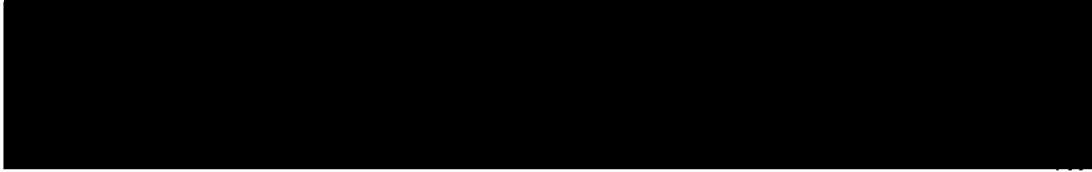
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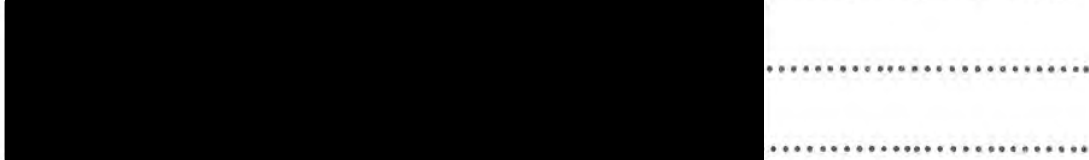
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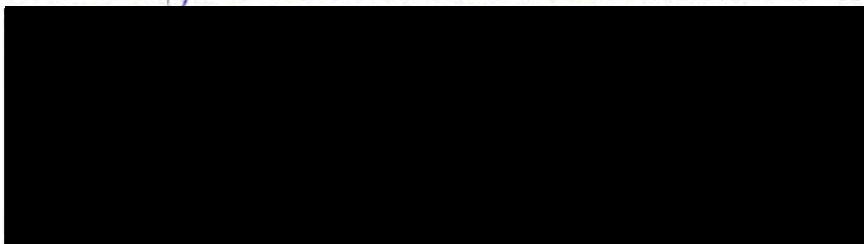
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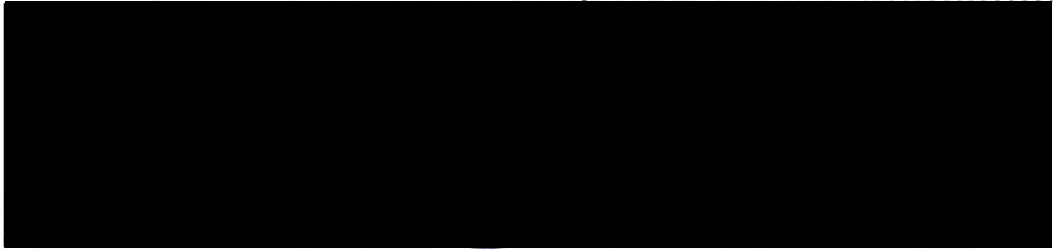
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Name Lorna Lavery



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I would like to speak at the enhanced AP hearings YES / NO

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I would like to reject the current proposal for the rates increase.

I would like a "0%" increase.

FURTHER FEEDBACK ON THE ENHANCED ANNUAL PLAN

I would like current council stood down ("sacked") I have no faith in current council "THEY NEED TO GO" far far away!!

attach extra pages as necessary

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Name DORGEN RYAN



Email

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greater than %

NIL

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Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25

Submission Form

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Name: CHRIS REYNOLDS

Organisation (if applicable):




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NONE OF THE ABOVE.

Further comment:

THIS IS A STATE HIGHWAY. GOVERNMENT SHOULD FUND IT.

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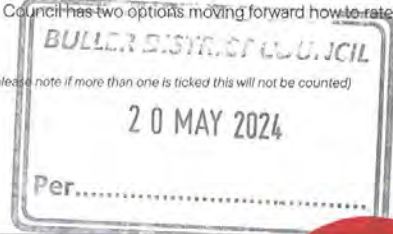
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NEITHER!

Further comment:

ONE CONNECTION ONE CHARGE. AS IN YOUR BYLAWS



Further feedback on the Enhanced Annual Plan

TWO PAGES ATTACHED.

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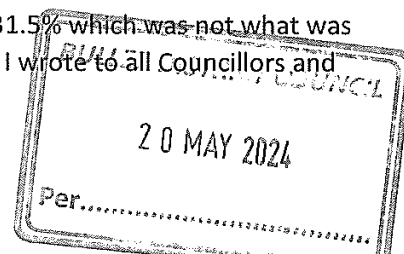
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Submission to Annual Plan 16/5/24 Chris Reynolds

There are many parts of this Annual Plan that I object to.

1. If you continue to escalate rates as has happened over the last ten or more years you will have no businesses remaining. Council's rates and other compliance charges and incompetence have caused insurance costs to skyrocket. Businesses will not be able to survive. The ratepayers of Westport cannot afford any further rates rise.
2. On the subject of rubbish I believe it should be charged on a user pays basis.
3. The Karamea Highway is a state highway and must stay one and should be funded by Government.
4. Trade Waste. I have advised the Council on this subject on several occasions already. This was incorrectly set up and is being charge illegally. Even if this had been legitimately set up, businesses have been put into categories that do not even apply to them which also makes the charges invalid. This has just been yet another attempt to extract money from businesses. Sort it out.
5. Staff benefits. \$2m for 70 staff equals \$28k each. This is totally unaffordable especially when you already have the highest wages of any Council on the Coast. It seems a lot of Council staff cannot even do their jobs and we have to get consultants to do their jobs for them. Pay cuts would be more appropriate.
6. Compliance costs. When we were forced to earthquake strengthen our building (which most of the town have not done, including Council), extra compliance costs were applied. We pay Westland Fire \$500+ to do fire alarm checks and then the Council has charged us \$150 to file this paperwork. This fee has now increased to \$397. This is an outrageous increase and has been justified by claiming that an audit was the reason for this. We have not seen the results of an audit and now this cost has become just a fee. Your compliance person (who clearly was unfamiliar with fire alarms) took 6 minutes for the charge of \$397. These are the kinds of ridiculous costs that are crippling businesses.
7. Water rate. Water rate for businesses and houses with two businesses on a property going from 1.7 to 2 charges. The rates bylaw states 1 connection, 1 charge. Most businesses would use minimal water compared to a house and already pay higher commercial rates. This is yet another rate grab. I object strenuously to this.
8. Toilet tax. What a ridiculous idea and just yet another avenue to collect more money unfairly.
9. The billboards on the highways to Westport. These billboards were paid for out of the tourism budget which was charged to businesses. They were put up to advertise Buller and it's attractions to bring tourists into Westport. It appears you are renting them out and allowing them to promote places in Christchurch. This was never the intended purpose. These were paid for by local businesses to promote our area. They must be used for Buller.
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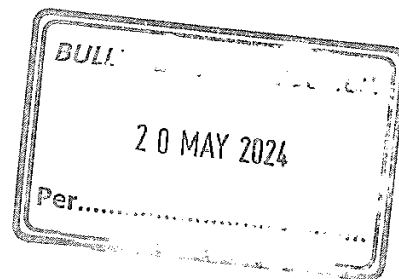
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the Mayor at the time and got no response from anyone. I was later advised that the increases were necessary to take up the shortfall arising from the closure of Holcim. Ratepayers are not a never ending supply of money and these kinds of actions show the lack of respect that the Council has for its ratepayers. At a time when costs are already so high and a massive power price hike is looming, it is imperative for the survival of the town to ensure we have no rate rise. At no time should a rate rise ever increase beyond the rate of inflation. Council needs to cut its costs instead of expecting the ratepayers to pay for Councils extravagances.

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12. The Hub. This is just another example of wasteful spending. These services already exist and there is no need to spend money just to rehouse them under one roof.
13. Forensic audit release. As highlighted in the Westport News by many letters to the Editor, the town is very unhappy about this audit not being released. We are now told we will be allowed to see a sanitised version which we will undoubtedly have to pay extra for. The people of Westport expect our Council to be honest and transparent and this is not happening. Instead we get more cover ups.

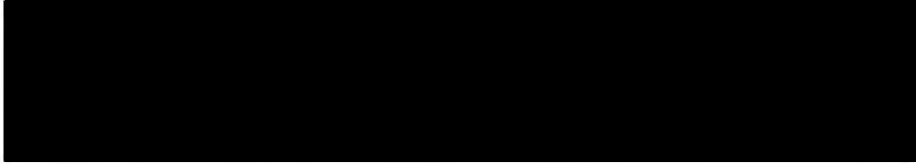
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Name R Lancaster & S Hewitt



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BULLER
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Te Kaunihera O Kawatiri

Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25

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Further comment:

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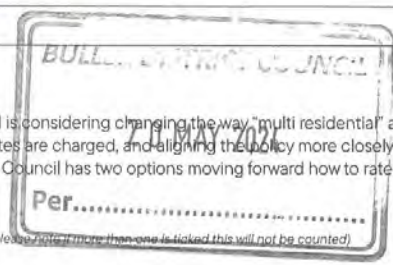
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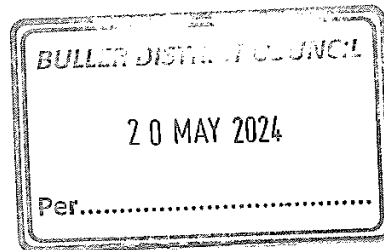
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Work undertaken by the Council needs to be for core functions only and kept to minimal costs. The ratepayer can no longer afford to pay for 'feel good' projects and consultants fees. If Council staff are not capable of doing their own job then they shouldn't hold that position. Council must stop believing the ratepayer has the ability to continue to pay the never ending increasing costs.

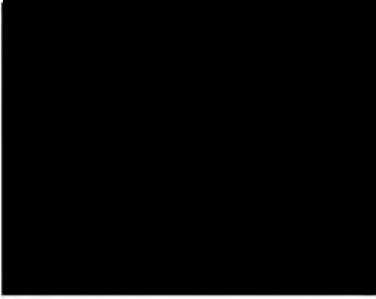
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Council seem to have no comprehension of the damage they are causing this town amid crippling rising costs and their reluctance to be honest and transparent with the public.



Sub # 197

David Barnes



Submission to the Enhanced Annual Plan for 2024 / 2025

The majority of ratepayers are financially stressed, lots cannot pay their rates at present let alone any further increase, ramifications will be severe. The time has come when you and the Government seriously face up to the fact Rate and Tax payers are already at the limits of their finances with no access to further income to meet increases.

I do not approve of the proposed rate increase.

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Westport Harbour

I note harbour activities of the port and dredging finances are ring-fenced.

A significant assumption contained in the Plan is that a new large commercial operator would be trailing shipping out of the port from 2023-2024 and funding Westport Harbour.

Buller District Council have a history of setting unrealistic Port charges on the assumption that Corporate bodies will look favourably at keeping business at Westport. Corporate businesses look at the bottom line and not the charitable aspect.

The Cement Wharfage rate was set at the start of the harbour contract in 1986 for operating the harbour under Buller Port Services. The contract specifically said that all Harbour rates were to be reviewed annually. The cement wharfage remained very much the same throughout.

Does the Westland Mineral Sands Port Management contract allow them to set their wharfage and port charges as did Buller Port Services? It is generally understood that WMS do not pay any charges until August 2024. In any case all product over the last two years has so far been trucked to and shipped out of Nelson. The chances are high that that may continue in the future in which case all assumptions on Westport Harbour finances are unrealistic.

Promises continually given by the Managing Director Ray Mudgway over the last two years referencing ETA for the “Barge” have been proven imaginative to the point of raising dependance on them implausible. As of today, 20th May it has commenced its voyage to Nelson.

Until definite proof that the vessel’s proposed operation is feasible any financial assumptions around WMS promised performance to Westport Harbour are very much in question.

What if the commercial operation does not proceed after the trialling? There is no consideration in this Annual Plan of how to manage the harbour. Income has already fallen below prediction of the Long Term Plan ring fenced or not, this debt will have to be funded at some time.

KAWATIRI

Council uses the dredge for out- port dredging contracts which has provided some small net income in the past but shortfalls incurred in the future will have to be managed or Council should consider disposal of Kawatiri.

Future outport dredging options have very much decreased due to the Albatros of Dutch Dredging. Gisborne, which Kawatiri has previously done has just been completed by them last month. This leaves Nelson as the only possible viable annual contract for BDC. Like Westport further dredging by smaller ports relies on significant commercial income to fund it.

KAWATIRI Significant Budget Capital Expenditure

Under LAGOIMA, I asked for documents to formulate this part of my submission which BDC Staff were timely in providing.

\$818,000 for Kawatiri Dredge DOP pump installation and engine upgrades.

I carefully examined the various budget papers provided for the council in support of this Budget request. This simple 'one liner' does not explain the project and neither did the papers. The project is neither accurately documented or costed with nothing to detail the Engine aspect and makes many unsound assumptions. The figure asked for is only **Estimated** so the true effect for you the Councillors or the ratepayer to consider is illusory, leading to an unsafe decision.

A DOP is a self contained pump with jet water arranged to be suspended and suitably manoeuvred to suck up detritus capable of being mobilised and removed, basically silt/sand. It needs either hydraulics or electric means from a power pack situated nearby. It discharges product via large diameter 250mm hose. A means of suspending is included in the proposal being a Chinese manufactured version of the generic "HIAB". Suspension is a complicated matter as can be seen in this accompanying photo with discharge, jet water and hydraulic pipes attached.



Compacted material such as Clay, stone or material contaminated with material such as rope, fishing net waste, wires, all present choke problems. The attached photo below from previous Kawatiri dredging operations in Nelson shows items encountered in the positions the DOP is proposed to operate.



The Hitachi crane rated at 30 ton used for Grab dredging was preemptively removed from the vessel without due consideration of consequences. Since then there has been no means to complete the whole Nelson dredging contract as required.

Should the future of the Nelson dredging contract rest on the ability to do those requirements of dredging the Fishing company berths then simply replacing the crane and grab, which was done in 2010 is a cheaper and fully known operation with satisfactory results.

The General Condition report on Kawatiri as at July 2023 needs to be kept in mind. Whilst the hull condition is reasonable most of the ancillary parts throughout are not. **Over capitalising Kawatiri as in this DOP Budget item would be extremely unwise.**

Bear in mind that WMS have stated that once their vessel arrives the concept is in a trial period. Whilst we all hope it goes well there are many great difficulties to overcome and work through and no further expenditure of ratepayers money should be done in the immediate future.

Dutch Dredging operates the dredge Albatros. They dredge all the larger ports under a joint port contract excepting Nelson which Kawatiri has held onto so far and Dunedin who have their own dredger New Era. Prior to last month Kawatiri had dredged Gisborne but that was done by Albatros last month.

Any financially viable outport dredging for BDC is extremely uncertain. If WMS see dredging as part of their needs then sell Kawatiri in its entirety to WMS.

David Barnes


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Name Steve White



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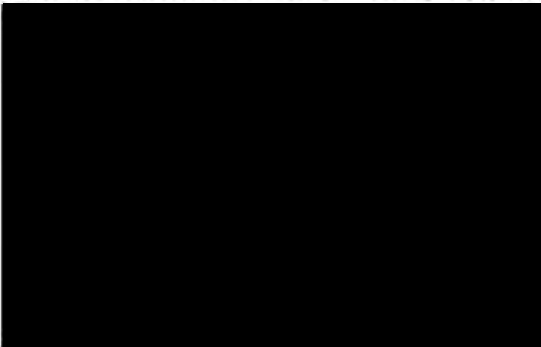


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Submission by:

Linda Grammer & Ian Mulholland



Thank you for the opportunity to lodge a submission, so that together we can achieve sound environmental, economic, biosecurity, and social outcomes.

We wish to be heard

We would like to see BDC have a stronger focus on truly sustainable integrated management, suppression or eradication of pest plants and feral pest animals in council reserves and parks, recycling (to reduce in the first instance the generation of rubbish), and protection of the Westport Water Conservation Reserve (the source of drinking water for the town).

CLIMATE CHANGE

We also support council doing everything in its power to protect Westport and local communities from climate change (given increasing extreme weather events, which can cause extreme flooding).

PERMANENT WALLS/ STOP BANK WESTPORT

We do not support the erection of permanent walls along the banks of the Kawatiri river, which in our view could exacerbate flooding in the town (putting residents at risk).

TE KUHA/ WESTPORT WATER CONSERVATION RESERVE

A very important issue is the urgent need for further protection of ecologically significant public conservation land Te Kuha and the Westport Water Conservation Reserve from a new open cast coal mine (Auckland company Stevenson Mining/Rangatira Developments Ltd continues to advocate for a coal mine in this totally unsuitable location).

In the face of the biggest challenge of our time – climate change, it would be totally counter productive and inappropriate to allow a new coal mine in this specific location. Existing coal mines produce valuable steel and valuable employment, but are also known for the adverse environmental impacts they create (including but not limited to acid mine drainage). Examples of contaminated rivers and streams abound, including but not limited to the Ngakawau river. Coal is a great source of heat in the home, schools etc but burning coal does contribute to/ increases global climate disruption.

BDC should be mindful that although Stevenson Mining has repeatedly failed in the past to achieve its aim for a new coal mine in this particular location, under this new Coalition government there is a significant threat to Te Kuha and the Westport Water Conservation Reserve due to Stevenson Minings Fast track application.

Ministers in the past have repeatedly declined Stevensons application due to the major adverse impacts it would cause and the fact that the mine's potential economic benefits were not large enough to outweigh the irreparable damage to an area with very high, unique and nationally significant conservation values.

While we are grateful that a previous Westport council had the foresight (many years ago) to create the Westport Water Conservation Reserve, in order to protect the towns drinking water supply.

In the past (under then Mayor Gary Howard), BDC gave Stevenson Mining a resource consent for a coal mine in the Westport Water Conservation Reserve.

However, a subsequent Environment Court ruling should that BDC and WCRC's consents to allow mining of the Westport Water Conservation Reserve was illegal (the ruling was the outcome of Forest and Bird's legal challenge to the 2017 resource consent decision by commissioners for the BDC and WCRC to allow mining of the Westport Water Conservation Reserve.

The court ruling showed the importance of "environmental bottom lines".

It showed the council had violated the Reserves Act which required it to administer the land it holds for water supply purposes, "in a manner consistent with its purposes".

We ask that BDC learn from the mistakes of previous councils and now do the right thing by its ratepayers.

It is unacceptable to many of us that this outstanding scenic landscape, the many critically endangered native species, and the Water Conservation Reserve itself could be destroyed by the creation of a coal mine in this inappropriate location.

We remind council that Westports brand is WEST COAST UNTAMED NATURAL WILDERNESS. It is offensive for a company like Stevenson Mining to propose destroying such an Outstanding Landscape and the habitat of critically endangered rare native species (putting at risk the towns drinking water supply).

We would be deeply concerned if proposals that have already been declined by Government Ministers and halted by the judicial process were now allowed to go forward. This would sideline local communities, our interests, and ignore important environmental laws and protections. It is of particular concern that the Coalition government wishes to put unbridled power in the hands of 3 unqualified Ministers (with no participation from the Minister for the Environment), with one particular Minister (Shane Jones) shown to be completely biased, completely disinterested in the protection of critically endangered native species, and already severely compromised due to his secret meetings (including dinner with Barry Bragg of Stevenson Mining) with the mining industry.

In the case of Te Kuha, miners from our area chose not to mine the coal at this specific and accessible location directly above the town of Westport- for good reason. The proposed 150-hectare mine site includes 100+ hectares of the Westport Water Conservation Reserve (wisely set aside in perpetuity by the local council many years ago to protect the towns drinking water supply).

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- irreversible and permanent adverse impacts to the natural environment, outweighing any economic benefit

-destruction of critically endangered native species

-destruction of 100+ ha of the Westport Water Conservation Reserve and likely contamination of the town's water supply from a coal mine

The Te Kuha area is one of the last two areas of intact, elevated Brunner coal measure ecosystems. It is an undisturbed area which is precious and unique and supports complex and diverse habitats for threatened plants and wildlife including great spotted kiwi, land snails and lizards.

This valuable habitat for endangered native species nicely complements the Mount Rochfort Conservation Area.

By altering the existing topography and ridgeline the proposed mine would also affect the scenic values and landscapes of the Lower Buller Gorge.

The area has experienced very little human disturbance. Mining it would cause damage that is irreversible. The area has great potential for a walking/ tramping track, which would not only benefit locals but recreation in general (this would be excellent eco-tourism).

We ask that council budget funds to actively oppose Stevenson Mining's ill -advised plan for a coal mine on Te Kuha and in 100+ ha of the Westport Water Conservation Reserve.

See

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/ldr/488358/court-overturns-decision-on-mine-near-westport>

"The Environment Court has overturned a decision to allow the development of a new coal mine at Te Kuha, behind Westport."

17 April 2024 Newsroom article

"Could Te Kuha coal mine be a candidate for 'goodbye Freddy'?"

<https://newsroom.co.nz/2024/04/17/could-te-kuha-coal-mine-be-a-candidate-for-goodbye-freddy/>

14 May 2024 Newsroom article

"Jones suggested fast-track bid at undeclared dinner

A coal miner's bid to enter the Government's controversial fast-track regime arose from a dinner with Shane Jones"

<https://newsroom.co.nz/2024/05/14/jones-suggested-fast-track-bid-at-undeclared-dinner/>

15 May 2024 Newsroom article

"Jones' undeclared dinner had two more mining industry attendees"

<https://newsroom.co.nz/2024/05/15/jones-undeclared-dinner-had-two-more-mining-industry-attendees/>

16 May 2024 Newsroom

"Diary cock-up heaps pressure on fast-track ministers

A fast-track consenting regime described as 'flawed' appears to be coming back to bite the coalition Government"

<https://newsroom.co.nz/2024/05/16/diary-cock-up-heaps-pressure-on-fast-track-ministers/>

16 May 2024 Otago Daily Times

"Concerns over fast-track minister's dinner with mining exec"

<https://www.odt.co.nz/news/national/concerns-over-fast-track-ministers-dinner-mining-exec>

NZ Herald 17 May 2024

Can Shane Jones be trusted in making fast-track decisions? - Bryce Edwards' Political Roundup

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/can-shane-jones-be-trusted-in-making-fast-track-decisions-bryce-edwards-political-roundup/RMIOT7Y7H5HBJHFB6OJUT66E4M/>

AMENITIES AND RESERVES

We thank BDC for the provision and maintenance of amenities and reserves, that (in the councils own words "creates a pleasant environment in which to live, work and play, which is an important part of the vision for the district. Amenities and reserve areas provide for social interaction and promote sport and recreation.")

We would like to see the current levels of service for parks and reserves maintenance be maintained.

We would also like to see the process by which beautiful native trees are classed Noteable trees (thus ensuring their protection in perpetuity) made easier for ratepayers/ residents, so that it is less expensive and quicker to achieve.

We are mindful of the loss of the beautiful and iconic, ancient rata of Karamea (on the stop bank) which local residents were trying to protect. Unfortunately, the time frame to achieve Noteable tree status was too lengthy and West Coast Regional Council (inappropriately) felled these noble trees, causing widespread condemnation of the WCRC actions.

see

Radio NZ 22 August 2019

Rātā trees thought to be 300-years-old bowled for new stop bank

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/397253/rata-trees-thought-to-be-300-years-old-bowled-for-new-stop-bank#:~:text=The%20four%20large%20trees%2C%20thought%20to%20be%20about,Edgecumbe%20in%202017%2C%20which%20was%20behind%20its%20decision.>

"Links to Community Outcomes This activity supports the following community outcomes:

SOCIAL } By ensuring our parks and reserves are healthy and safe. } By providing areas for people to engage in healthy activities, social interaction, and recreation.

AFFORDABILITY } By contributing to the district's image and attracting businesses, skills, employment, and tourism, and focusing on future growth for the district and community

ENVIRONMENT } By providing green spaces and open areas that contribute to people's enjoyment of our environment."

This final sentence could be amended to read "by providing green spaces and open areas that contribute to indigenous biodiversity and people's enjoyment of our environment". As green and open spaces full of weeds or with feral pest animals are not desirable.

Thank you

Please keep us informed. We wish to be heard.

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Name .. Wendy Easton & Michael Fischer



Email

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I do not agree with any rate increase at all / and the water increase. I have not had time to consider any of these increases, and do not feel the increases are justified with the two ticket rule.

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I feel there is no clear communication to offer the residents of Westport to making clear concise delivery of information on rates and increasing our rates is so wrong.

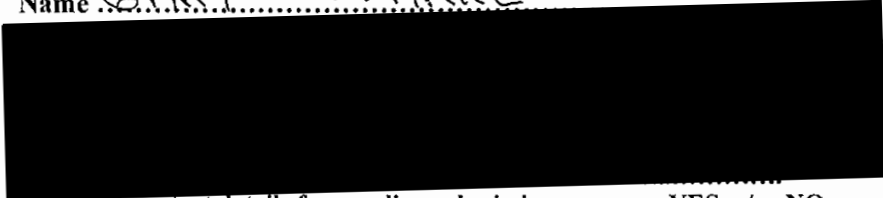
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Sub #202

Buller District Council Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25

Name	Wendy Margaret Thompson
Postal Address	[REDACTED]
Contact Number	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]
Date	20 May 2024

- ✓ I prefer to have my contact details withheld when submissions are made available online
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Submission on Roothing Programme

- ✓ I prefer the option of reducing the roading programme to match the Waka Kotahi NZTA approved funding.

Next year when Council prepares the nine-year Long Term Plan the Waka Kotahi NZTA funding level will be clearly established and the affordability of the roading programme well understood. This certainty will enable staff and ratepayers to quantify the impact of external funding and make informed decisions and submissions.

Submission on Water/Wastewater Targeted Rates

I am submitting in relation to the revised policy relating to multi-residential targeted rates for water supplies and wastewater schemes.

- ✓ I prefer the option of keeping these multi-residential targeted rates the same as 2023/24.

I am very concerned about the misinformation that has been distributed regarding this proposal in Council's Consultation Document, FAQ sheet and the article in the Westport News on Friday 17th May 2024, and question whether the consultation on the proposed changes to the multi-residential is technically valid.

Consultation material about the multi-residential targeted rates appears to be based on two significant errors.

1. Misconception regarding the 2023/24 Targeted Rate calculations

Below are extracts from the Buller District Council’s 2023/24 Annual Plan Rates Funding Impact Statement, which is consistent with the adopted Rates Resolution for the financial year.

It is clear a factor of 1.0 applies to the water and sewage/wastewater multi-residential targeted rates for properties with either one or two connections/SUIP and it is only at three connections that a factor of 1.7 is applied.

Water Supply Scheme Rates	Differential category (refers to use by number of connections)	Differential Factor	Targeted Rate (GST Inclusive)
Westport - Multi-residential only			
	1-2	1.00	\$1,101.00
	3	1.70	\$1,871.70
Westport - all other rating sectors			
	1	1.00	\$1,101.00
	2	1.70	\$1,871.70
	3	2.30	\$2,532.30
Reefton - Multi-residential only			
	1-2	1.00	\$1,093.00
	3	1.70	\$1,858.10
Reefton - all other rating sectors			
	1	1.00	\$1,093.00
	2	1.70	\$1,858.10
	3	2.30	\$2,513.90

Sewage Disposal Scheme Rates	Differential category (refers to use by number of connections)	Differential Factor	Targeted Rate (GST incl)
Westport - Multi-residential only			
	1-2	1.00	\$1,103.00
	3	1.70	\$1,875.10
Westport - all other rating sectors			
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	3	2.30	\$2,536.90
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In the newspaper article about multi-residential water rates last Friday, Council's CFO Douglas Marshall was mistaken in his statement that *the ratepayer in question was likely incorrectly billed and that under the Council's current multi-residential policy ratepayers are charged 70% of the targeted water rates for the second dwelling*. This response gives the impression that affected ratepayers are only facing a factor increase in their targeted rates of 0.3 rather than the actual 1.0 - which significantly downplays the level of change.

Mayor Cleine's comment in the same article *that the ratepayers facing the factor increase of 1.0 were lucky because they have not been paying the full amount up to now* is also incorrect and makes me very worried about Council's elected members understanding of the existing rates charges, how they have been changed and the financial impact of this for ratepayers.

The Council published FAQ sheet "Proposed changes to how Council rates for drinking and wastewater" also contains incorrect information about the multi-residential factor that currently applies to a property with two residential dwellings – stating the factor is 1.7.

I believe that successive rates reviews have exposed many inequities within Buller District Council's rating system but in the 2024/25 Draft Annual Plan only multi-use and commercial targeted rates have been selected for change – to me this seems to be an inequitable pick-and-mix approach.

2. Errors in the Sample Rates Tables in the Consultation Document

The rates policy options presented in the 2024/25 Consultation Document are supported by tables outlining the impact of the proposed changes. I have reviewed the Westport and Reefton examples where two SUIP exist on a multi-residential property and the proposed increase from a factor of 1.0 to 2.0 applies.

The table "Rating examples For Two Separately Used or Inhabited Portions Under Proposed Changed Policy" does not use a 2024/25 multi-residential general rate differential, only applies one target rate for solid waste collection and miscalculates the percentage increase from 2023/24. As a result, the rates examples provided to the community during the consultation period have been inaccurate and misleading.

The Consultation Document Westport example of a \$106,000 land value applies a single residential differential and assumes a prior year target rate factor of 1.7 for water and wastewater rates. The calculation produces a \$528 (14%) increase from 2023/24. Using an applicable multi-residential differential and correcting the prior year target rate factor to 1.0 results in a staggering increase of \$3,233 (65%). The published calculation for the Reefton example with a land value of \$100,000 results in an increase of \$367 (12%) in the Consultation Document table but recalculating the result using general rate differentials and target rate factors in accordance with Council's published Rates Funding Impact Statements produces another significant increase of \$2,638 (71%).

These calculations are detailed in the table on the next page.

Westport and Reefton: Rating examples
For Two Separately Used or Inhabited Portions Multi-residential
Under Proposed Changed Policy

Location	Westport per CD		Westport recalculated		Reefton per CD		Reefton recalculated	
	Actual	Proposed	Actual	Proposed	Actual	Proposed	Actual	Proposed
	2023/24	2024/25	2023/24	2024/25	2023/24	2024/25	2023/24	2024/25
Sector	R106	R106	MR123	MR 123	R106	R106	MR126	MR126
Land Value	106,000	106,000	106,000	106,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
<i>General Rates differential</i>	<i>0.87667</i>	<i>1.05588</i>	<i>1.76742</i>	<i>2.12872</i>	<i>0.3875</i>	<i>0.46671</i>	<i>0.89212</i>	<i>1.07448</i>
General Rates \$	929.27	1,119.23	1,873.47	2,256.44	387.50	466.71	892.12	1,074.48
UAGC	550.00	580.00	550.00	580.00	550.00	580.00	550.00	580.00
Targeted Water Rate	1,871.70	2,724.00	1,101.00	2,724.00	1,858.10	2,586.00	1,093.00	2,586.00
Targeted Wastewater	1,875.10	2,258.00	1,103.00	2,258.00	1,388.90	1,708.00	817.00	1,708.00
Zone 1 Solid Waste Rate	178.00	199.00	356.00	398.00	178.00	199.00	356.00	398.00
Total Rates	5,404.07	6,880.23	4,983.47	8,216.44	4,362.50	5,539.71	3,708.12	6,346.48
Increase \$		1,476.16		3,232.98		1,177.21		2,638.36
Increase %		27%		65%		27%		71%
SUIP Factor Water & WW	1.7	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.7	2.0	1.0	2.0
No. of Solid Waste bins	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0

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Name LADYVINA CLARKE



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I would like to speak at the enhanced AP hearings YES / NO

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greater than 3 %

No mandatory charges

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Name ANNIE & KEVIN QUINN



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I would like to speak at the enhanced AP hearings YES / NO

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Because the council is irresponsible with its spending and frankly needs budgeting advice

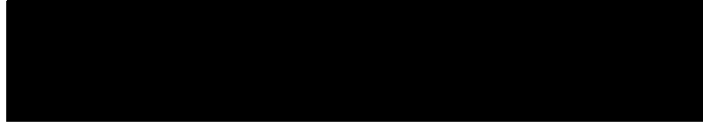
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BE TRANSPARENT FOR GOODNESS SAKE //

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Name Brian McFarlane



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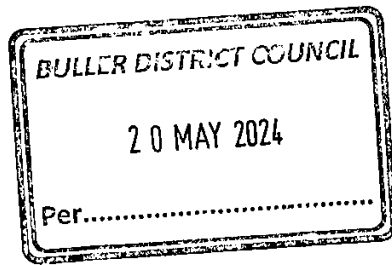
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...With ever increasing living costs, ratepayers including our household can not afford exorbitant rate increases. B.D.C. need to curb all non urgent expenditure and STOP using consultants altogether.

FURTHER FEEDBACK ON THE ENHANCED ANNUAL PLAN

It is my understanding that many ratepayers are already in arrears with their rates, so any increase will worsen that situation.

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Name Karl Law



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YES NO
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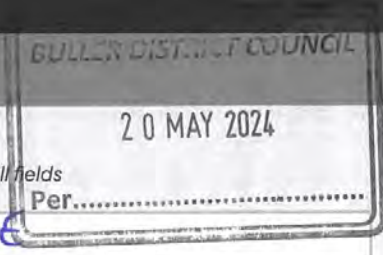
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Te Kaunihera O Kawatiri

Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25

Submission Form



Your details Please complete all fields

Name: SHANE GOODHUE

Per.....

Organisation (if applicable):



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Further comment:

The premise of rating in my view is to garner taxes in a fair manner on usage and value. When you receive no value and have no usage you cannot levy a rate of 50% of a normal fully used service.

Have your say!

Further feedback on the Enhanced Annual Plan

(continued). Because a pipe runs past my property to which I receive no benefit a 50% rating on each dwelling is unfair and ~~exorbitant~~ exorbitant. This percentage needs reviewing in my opinion.

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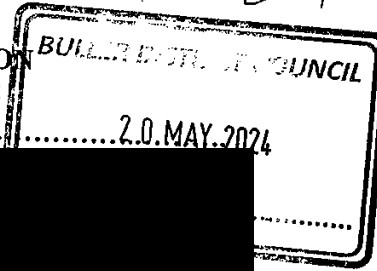
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Propose a zero % increase

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Concentrate on the towns infrastructure
ie: water, sewage, roading, footpaths.
NOT CYCLEWAYS!

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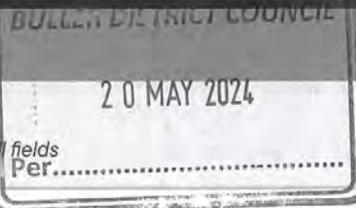
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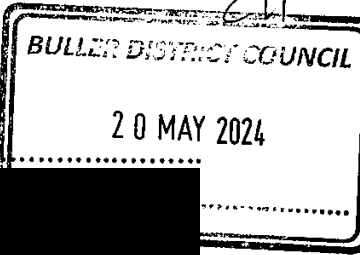
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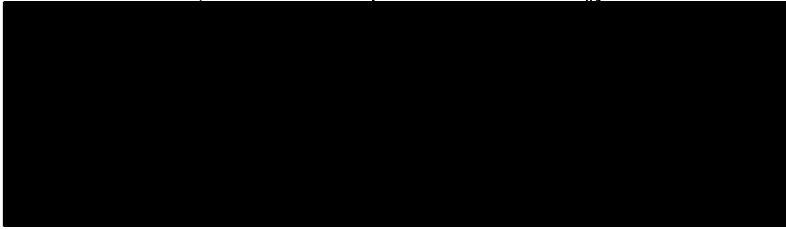
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Name..... Stephen Reynolds



Withhold contact details from online submissions YES / NO

I would like to speak at the enhanced AP hearings YES / NO

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..propose a 0% increase

FURTHER FEEDBACK ON THE ENHANCED ANNUAL PLAN

..concentrate on town infrastructure i.e. water, sewage, roading, foot paths (not cycle ways etc)

.....attach extra pages as necessary

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Name NICOLA GREGG



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I would like to speak at the enhanced AP hearings YES / ~~NO~~

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greater than 5 %

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FURTHER FEEDBACK ON THE ENHANCED ANNUAL PLAN

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YOU ARE WITHOUT DOUBT
THE MOST INEFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION
ON EARTH - SHAMEFUL!
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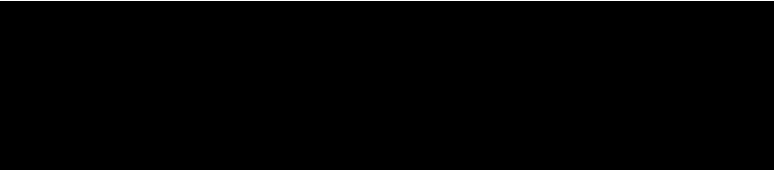
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Name ... O. Williams



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greater than 0 %

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I want where our money goes to be reconsidered + broken down + shown to public.
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FURTHER FEEDBACK ON THE ENHANCED ANNUAL PLAN

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Give us more of an idea and information on WHY we should be paying these rates.
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.....attach extra pages as necessary

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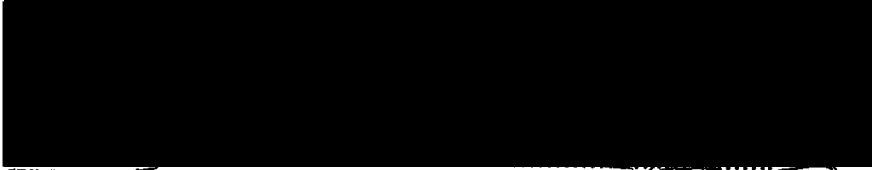
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Name Barbara Read



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..... Council needs to listen to the
..... Ratepayers who pay their wages.
..... There is no common sense anywhere
..... in Council. It is all unbehind.

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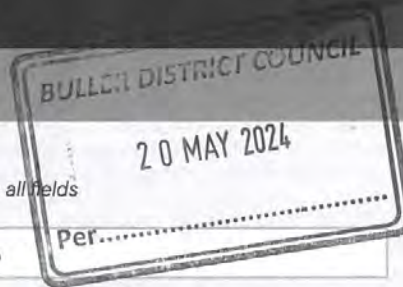
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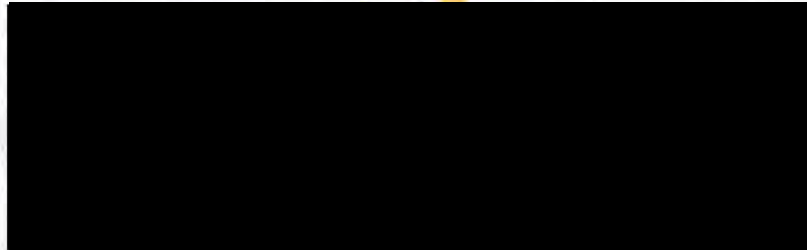
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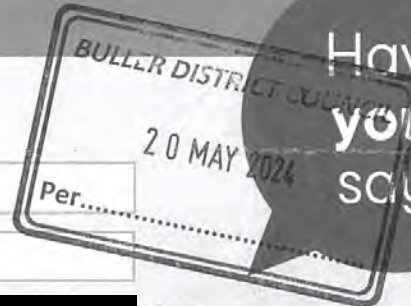
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



Due to being in a major car accident 2 years ago, I am still on 80% of my wages through Acc.

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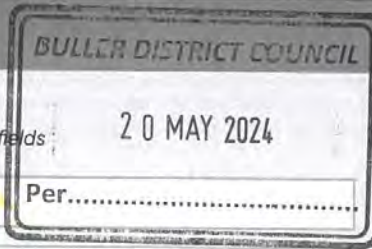
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THE RATES WILL BE UNAFFORDABLE
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RUBBISH COLLECTION
AS PER PREVIOUS CONSULTATION BUT RUBBISH BINS TO BE USED & PICKED UP ON DEMAND AS AT PRESENT.
WASTE OF RATEPAYERS MONEY NOT USING LAST CONSULTATION

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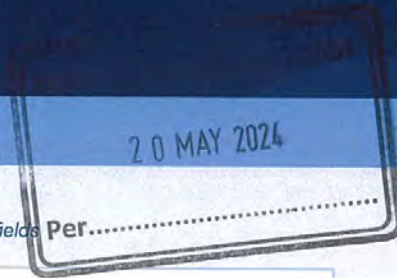
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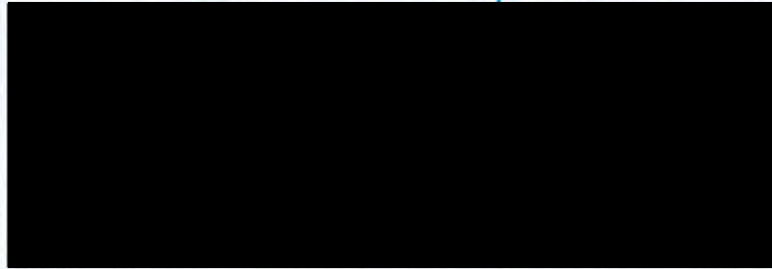
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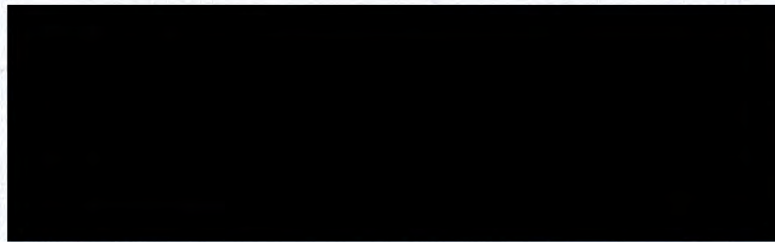
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SUBMISSION ON ENHANCED ANNUAL PLAN 2024/25

I commence this submission by expressing extreme disappointment at the limited subject content of the consultation document for the Enhanced Annual Plan. To focus almost entirely on just two elements disengages a large portion of ratepayers.

To claim repeatedly that roading was identified as the community's number one priority in the pre-engagement only serves to demonstrate how inadequate that engagement and accompanying survey was.

The proposed 19.7% rates increase is assuredly of greater concern for a vast majority of ratepayers. The initial indication of a 31% increase to commence discussions should never have been accepted by councillors. The 4.8% increase contained in the current Long Term Plan should have been the starting point for discussion. It is changes to the content of the LTP that obliges you to consult when developing an Annual Plan.

To accept the age old tactic of nominating a ridiculous, unattainable figure to begin negotiating from was shameful. Too often it is easy to have a perception of elected representatives acting as agents for management when the very reverse of that is their governance role. In this case, you earn no plaudits for achieving a reduction from 31% to 19.7% rates increase.

ISSUE ONE, FUNDING OF ROADS.

The 3 options presented for road funding, central to the consultation document are each based on hypothetical situations. Option 1 provides a possible opportunity for a reduction in the proposed general rate. Option 2 offers a choice of seeking a larger than 19.7% increase in our rates, and option 3 if chosen indicates to the New Zealand Transport Agency that we can operate with less than their 75% subsidy. That Agency cannot be expected to be overly generous in considering Councils application for funding with such a dark cloud hanging over the efficacy of previous spending by the Project Management Office and Councils refusal to make public the findings of the financial audit enquiry into that spending.

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CONSULTATION ISSUE 2. WATER RATES.

Option 1.

I question the need and reasons advanced for the proposed revised policy on how water and waste water targetted rates are charged. Council generally provides a single connection to each rateable property and the present arrangement appears to place no pressure on the capacity of either system to cope. The number of people living at a property determines the demand on water and waste water services and there would be many instances whereby there are more people resident in a single household than in two separate habitable units on one rateable property.

A Any concern about capacity negates the case for proposing to charge unconnected properties for availability of supply. In doing so you possibly persuade them to seek connection. It also fails to acknowledge the expense and effort of people maintaining their own supply at no cost to Council.

It is somewhat ironic that you would create that situation at a time when a number of the districts small communities may be required to revert to individual supplies as Council services become increasingly unaffordable.

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One of the reasons given for proposing the change is to align the policy more closely with the methods of charging set out in the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The present policy meets all requirements within that Act.

.With the points that I have already made and the late notification of proposed changes to affected parties with a number of errors already discernable I cannot support any changes to the existing policy

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSES.

As far as I can determine the proposed Annual Plan seeks to increase employee benefits by \$800,000 compared to the previous years Plan.

Office based employees current annual salary, wages and benefits equate to more than \$1,000 per rateable property.

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It is hoped that councillors apply a similar detailed level of critical scrutiny to managements claim for \$800,000 additional funding. May I suggest that a complete list of management and staff names, job titles and position descriptions would be a good start.

There appears to be an attempt to mitigate the impact on ratepayers of this claim by stating that funding would not only come direct from ratepayers but from fees and charges and recovery from capital projects. I would remind every-one involved that money from all sources is our (ratepayers) money and it is our elected representatives who decide how it is spent.

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I note in the Funding Impact Statement (page 123) relating to General Differential Land Rates a significant shift in differentials relative to each other in respect of the two largest categories, namely Residential 106 being the vast majority of Westport township (#2000 properties) and Rural 141 being properties greater than 10 hectares (#660 in number).

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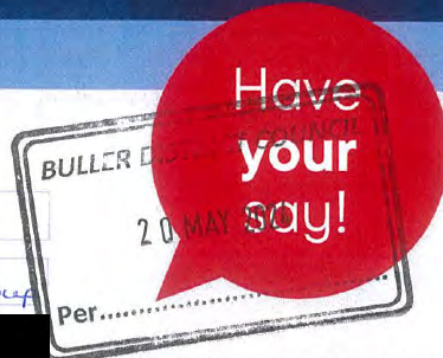
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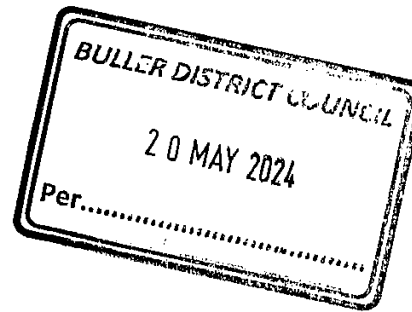
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CHARLESTON WAITAKERE COMMUNITY GROUP (CWCG)

Mayor Jamie Cleine and Buller District Councillors

CHARLESTON INFRASTRUCTURE

I am writing on behalf of the Charleston Waitakere Community Group (CWCG) that among other things provides a forum and voice for the Charleston community.

Charleston with its amazing gold rush heritage and spectacular scenery is a significant village within the Buller District. Over the last twenty years the population of the village and environs has shown considerable growth yet there are no community facilities provided by Council. Since the inception of the Buller District Council in 1989, Charleston appears to have been overlooked with respect to the provision of community facilities.

In 2019 Council was involved in a land sale process for abandoned land at Charleston. The sale of these sections has encouraged new people to invest in the village and resulted in an increase in the rates from Charleston.

Situated on the Great Coast Road, Charleston already has significant tourist attractions, including the renowned Underworld Adventures, and within the next 12 months will become the southern terminus of the Kawatiri Coastal Trail. In 2021 the Charleston Tavern re-opened confirming there is confidence in the future of Charleston. A section of abandoned land in the village was purchased by the Charleston Goldfields Club and plans for a heritage garden with a large historic display on this land are being developed.

The opening of the new \$40m Dolomite Point visitor centre at Punakaiki will undoubtedly see more tourists on the Great Coast Road and many of these will stop at Charleston.

With an increasing population and a forecast large increase in visitors that will provide considerable economic benefits to the Buller District, the provision of some community facilities at Charleston is strongly justified.

It is noted in the BDC Draft Annual Plan page 56, Community Facilities:

"Why are we involved in these activities

- *The provision and maintenance of amenities and reserves creates a pleasant environment in which to live, work and play, which is an important part of the vision for the district. Amenities and reserve areas provide for social interaction and promote sport and recreation.*
- *The provision of public toilet facilities assists with promoting the health and well-being of the community and environment as well as enhancing the visitor experience*

CWCG is keen to see the following priorities implemented before the forecasted influx in visitor numbers impacts the Charleston infrastructure:

1. Construct a footpath along Princes Street from SH 6 to Constant Bay
2. Provide public toilets within Charleston village.
3. Investigate options for new parking facilities.
4. Reduce the speed limit along Princes Street to 30 km/hr.
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