



# Draft Long Term Plan

For the 10 years 2015 to 2025

# How you can have your say?

We would like to hear what you think of the Key Issues and risks highlighted in our Draft Consultation Document?

**Please tell us what you agree with and what you do not agree with?**

This Consultation Document is released for public consideration on Tuesday 28 April 2015 and is open for written submissions until Friday 29 May 2015.

During this time there are a number of ways you can find out more information about any aspect of this document or the wider Long Term Plan process:

- ▶ Roadshows will be held throughout the District. This will give everyone the opportunity to attend one their local area and to come along and discuss the Draft Long Term Plan and Consultation Document with Council. Dates and locations are shown below.
- ▶ The Consultation Document can be found on Council's website [www.bullerdc.govt.nz](http://www.bullerdc.govt.nz) along with the full Draft Long Term Plan, Submission Form other supporting documentation:  
Consultation Documents and Submission Forms are available from our Council offices and libraries in Westport and Reefton, or by emailing [LTP@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:LTP@bdc.govt.nz).  
Copies of the Consultation Document and Submission Forms will also be available from i-Site and Resource Centres in Karamea, Ngakawau and Punakaiki.
- ▶ Councillors and staff are available during the consultation period to discuss the Draft Long Term Plan and Consultation Document, or to clarify any issues.
  - To make an appointment phone (03) 788-9111 or email [LTP@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:LTP@bdc.govt.nz).
  - Councillor's contact details are available on our website [www.bullerdc.govt.nz](http://www.bullerdc.govt.nz).
- ▶ You have the opportunity to present your submission directly to the Councillors on **Thursday 11 June 2015**. **Please indicate on your submission form if this is what you would like to do.** If you do not indicate whether you wish to speak we will assume you only intend to put in the written submission.

## So....what happens next?

- ▶ The consultation period will close at 4:30pm on Friday 29 May 2015. Written submissions must be sent to the Council by that date.
- ▶ After that time, Council will meet on 11 June 2015 to hear and consider submissions. If you have chosen to speak in support of your submission, you will be contacted with a time to come along and speak to Council.
- ▶ After hearing and considering all submissions, Council will make any necessary changes to the Draft Long Term Plan and adopt the final Long Term Plan 2015-2025 on 30 June 2015. It will come into effect from 1 July 2015.

Further details are contained in the full Draft Long term Plan which is available on Council's website, [www.bullerdc.govt.nz](http://www.bullerdc.govt.nz).

## Do you need to know more?

This Consultation Document has been put together to give our community an overview of the challenges and issues Council foresees over the next 10 years. This information has been taken from the Draft Long Term Plan. It is important to realise that the summarised Consultation Document cannot be expected to provide all the information and people are encouraged to read the full Draft Long Term Plan for further information.

## Roadshows

### Monday 11 May 2015

6:30pm @ **Punakaiki**  
(Pancake Rocks Cafe)

### Tuesday 12 May 2015

6:30pm @ **Reefton**  
(Reefton St John Hall)

### Wednesday 13 May 2015

7:00pm @ **Westport**  
(Westport Bridge Club)

### Tuesday 19 May 2015

6:30pm @ **Karamea**  
(Karamea Bowling Club)

### Wednesday 20 May 2015

6:30pm @ **Ngakawau**  
(Ngakawau Hall)

[www.bullerdc.govt.nz](http://www.bullerdc.govt.nz)

## These are the key issues

**WATER  
is our  
TOP  
PRIORITY!**

- 1.** We propose to defer total replacement of the main pipeline to the town from the water treatment plant while we further investigate the condition of the existing pipe to see if partial replacement is possible. This increases the risk of failures in the meantime but might save money in the long term. Do you agree with this approach? (see **page 7** in Consultation Document).
- 2.** If you are in one of the water schemes that council is responsible for, are you happy with the proposals for upgrades to meet Drinking Water Standards? Each scheme has different circumstances and we are proposing to consult separately with each community (refer page xx in the Consultation Document for Drinking Water supplies).
- 3.** Do you agree with the Councils proposed support for economic development and advocacy in order to help diversify the local economy?  
  
Do you agree that this can be best achieved by a local effort combined with a 'whole of Coast' effort combining the resources of all four West Coast Council's and Development West Coast? Do you agree with the change to the funding policy for Promotion and Tourism? (see **page 8**).
- 4.** Council has to address the key earthquake risks affecting Council property. Do you agree with the proposed time line to address the problems and the proposed rationalisation of the Westport Council property and the modernisation of Westport town centre? We have proposed that priority has to be given to fixing the water supplies before we address these building matters. Are you happy with that approach? (the full details are contained on **pages 9-10**).
- 5.** Council has provided for \$130,000 to provide earthquake strengthening and fire protection for the Reefton Community Centre hall/gymnasium and foyer. A further sum of \$358,000 (inflation adjusted) has been provided for the 2016/2017 year for some yet to be determined scheme to address the performance theatre issues. The Council will work closely with the Community Board to determine some resolution. As an immediate interim measure, Council will be reducing the number of seats in the Reefton Theatre to ensure the theatre meets the New Building Standard (NBS). Council has requested the Inangahua Community Board to make a firm recommendation to Council by 1 September 2015. If you live in Reefton are you happy with this approach? (see **page 10**).
- 6.** Council's long standing policy has been that housing for the elderly has to be self funding. This is becoming very difficult to achieve without some new Government assistance. We have proposed to defer building any new or replacement units until we get a better idea on what the future holds. We propose to review the whole service as soon as we have the facts. In the meantime rents will be increased. Is this approach satisfactory? (see **page 12**).
- 7.** Changes to key policies:
  - Significance and Engagement Policy
  - Treasury Management Policy Changes to allow for participation in the Local Government Funding Agency.Do you agree with these policies or do you think that there should be changes? (see **pages 15-16**).
- 8.** Proposed rates. We have proposed a small increase in overall rates because we have held the costs of operating the Council. Next year the average rates bill will decline by 0.7% (see **pages 17-19** of the Consultation Document). That is only an average, some will be more, and some will be less. We think that we can deliver all the services promised in the plan but there will not be room for anything additional. If you think that we have got the balance right please tell us. If you disagree we would like to hear your suggestions.

# Submission Form

Please read the Consultation Document and/or the Draft Long Term Plan **before** providing your feedback.

Please return your completed form to Council by **4:30pm Friday 29 May 2015**:

**Email:** [submissions@bullerdc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@bullerdc.govt.nz)

**Fax:** [03] 788-8041

**Post:** Buller District Council, PO Box 21, Westport 7866

**Deliver to:** Buller District Council, Brougham Street, Westport 7925



## Submitters details

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation (if relevant): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes  No

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**SAVE the form BEFORE emailing to Council, otherwise your changes will be lost and you won't have a copy.**

**Key Issue (max 370 characters):**

**Comments (max 2,700 characters):**

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**Thank you for your feedback**

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