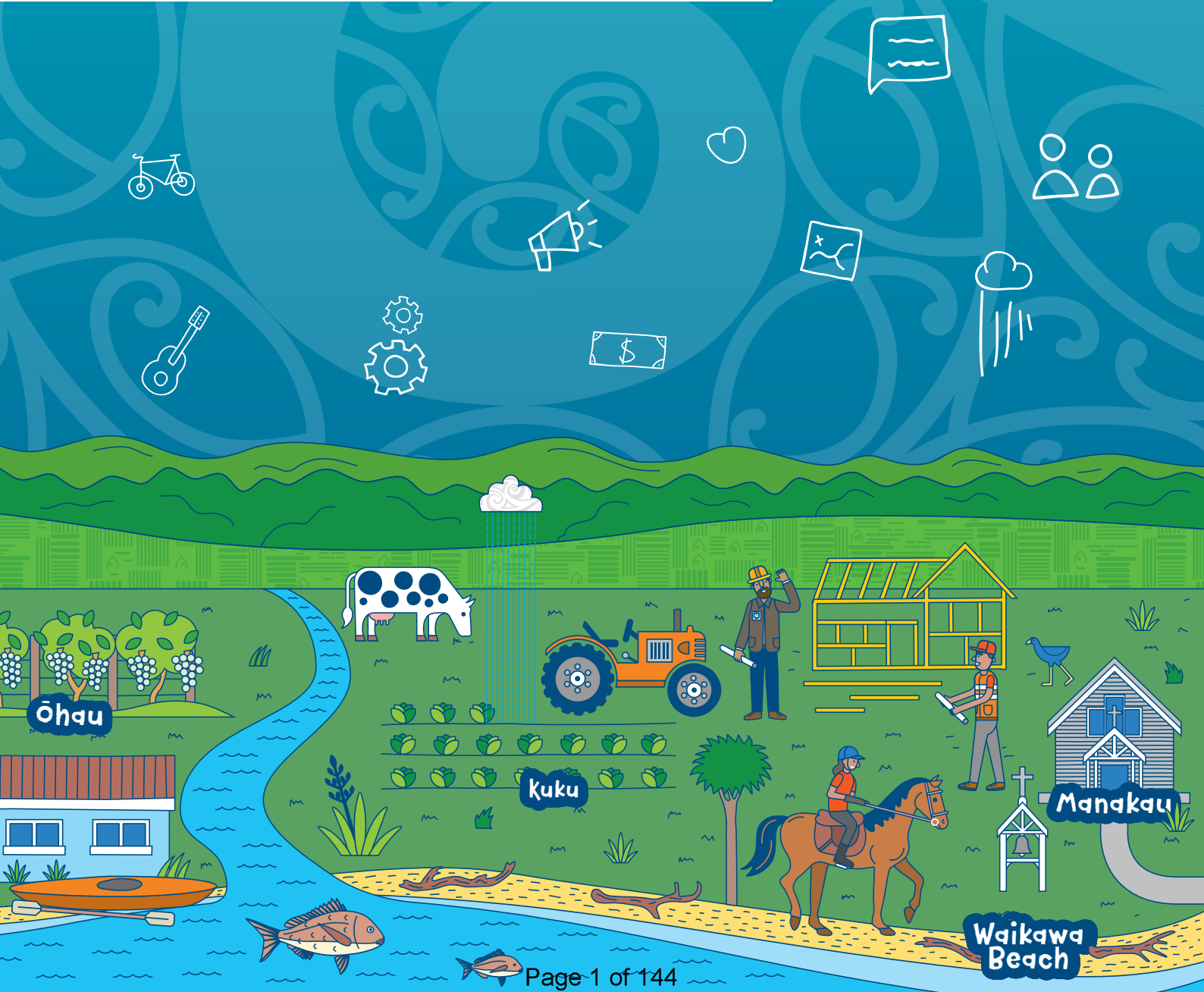


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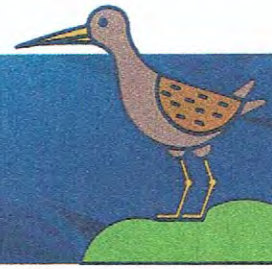
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Submission date: 15/03/2019 04:58 PM

Receipt number: 2

Question	Response
Full Name:	Dale Hartle
Name of Organisation:	
Postal Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
Do you want to present your feedback at the hearing?	No
	Please tick this box if you want to keep your contact details private.
Your Comments	

Question	Response
<p>Please give us your feedback on the projects outlined in 'What's Our Plan 2019/2020' or any other Council projects or services you want to comment on.</p>	<p><b>Transport Services</b> I would like to see the Council actively engage with NZTA to get the O2NL bypass built as quickly as possible. The traffic issues we have experienced this summer are only going to get worse. council must put as much pressure on NZTA as possible to expedite this project.</p> <p>Council should also be actively looking for ways to get more train services from Levin north to Palmerston North and south to Wellington. The once daily capital connection service should be expanded and be more regular, with cheap fares to help get people off the road and on to public transport. I would use a train if there was a suitable service available. Please advocate for this at every available opportunity.</p> <p><b>Donnelly Park</b> I support the development of Donnelly Park into a first class regional facility. A much needed public space that could be made much more attractive and more used. You need to look at parking and other services to support a large number of people attending events there.</p> <p><b>Ugliest roundabout in Levin</b> Please do something about the roundabout outside Mitre10 on Queen Street East. It must be the ugliest roundabout in Levin, probably in New Zealand! Turn it into an eye-catching colourful feature instead of a barren wasteland that people tend to drive into or over! You're missing a great opportunity here to make an icon statement. The nearby public parks are lovely but then there's that roundabout! I'd love to see it upgraded.</p>
<p>Attach any other comments:</p>	



## What's Our Plan 2019/2020

We've told you what's planned for 2019/2020.  
Now's the time to give Council any thoughts you might have on the projects.

All feedback must be provided to Council by midday on 8 April 2019.

### Contact Details

Full Name: Anne Hunt.

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Post code: 4815

Telephone: 06 3637750

Email: anne.hunt@inspire.net.nz

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Do you want to present your feedback at the hearing?

yes  no

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Please give us your feedback on the projects outlined in 'What's Our Plan 2019/2020' or any other Council projects or services you want to comment on.

As attached (3 pages in total)

I expect conflicts of interest to be disclosed and managed.

[Signature]  
23/3/19

Please attach additional pages if necessary.

I had no intention wasting my time preparing yet another written contribution for this council.

But, I can't let the comment on page 12 that Council recognises "how important Lake Horowhenua is for Iwi" and the community go unchallenged.

As I reminded the Prime Minister and members of her Cabinet the day before 15/3, Lake Horowhenua is the scene of a massacre where so many men, women and children were slain that the waters of the lake ran red with blood.

There were those slaughtered.

Those who survived.

Those who fled, and those who were never here in the first place.

*Ahi kaa* was preserved by those few survivors; Taueki as *Ariki*.

So why does this council continue to treat the descendants of these very few survivors with such utter contempt?

Why do you continue to pollute their lake?

Why did you permit their sacred soil to be excavated?

You refer to key Council projects for the Lake including feasibility studies for stormwater treatment before it enters the Lake and a wider development plan for the Lake.

Forget it!

Rhetoric carries no authority on such a culturally-sensitive site.

Your Lake Accord is under scrutiny by the Maori Land Court.

Isn't it time that you respect this Lake as the scene of a massacre, one that deserves due reverence rather than colonial arrogance?





# Lake Horowhenua

## Council recognises how important Lake Horowhenua is for Iwi and the community.

Council will continue to work alongside key partners to implement plans to improve the water quality and recreation opportunities associated with the Lake.

Key Council projects for the Lake will include feasibility studies for stormwater treatment before it enters the Lake and a wider development plan for the Lake.

## Need more information?

If you have any questions about this project, contact Council and ask to speak with **Rob Green**, Acting Group Manager Infrastructure Services.



# Annual Plan Feedback Form

Submission #3

## What's Our Plan 2019/2020



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### Contact Details

Full Name: Ms MARGARET WILLIAMS

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: 171 CAMBRIDGE ST

Post code: 5510

Telephone: 06 368 0787

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

Do you want to present your feedback at the hearing?

yes  no

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Please give us your feedback on the projects outlined in 'What's Our Plan 2019/2020' or any other Council projects or services you want to comment on.

P.7 - how did you calculate 5377 additional dwellings by 2040? Seems curiously specific to me. Crystal Ball?

P.9 - the photograph - no fun sitting outside on Oxford St now - too noisy and exhaust fumes may have adverse effect on health.

P.13 - NO use of the word 'public' - as in PUBLIC TRANSPORT? What are HDC's plans for future enhanced involvement in services for your residents / ratepayers?

P.14 - I am concerned as to some residents' ability to push or pull 2+01 wheelies. "Olds" & disabled people come to mind. Distance from/to roadside also relevant. When you write "plastics" does that now mean all plastic? Please clarify.

Please attach additional pages if necessary.

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# What's Our Plan 2019/2020 - Annual Plan Feedback Form



Submission date: 28/03/2019 07:23 AM

Receipt number: 3

Question	Response
Full Name:	Patrick Thomas
Name of Organisation:	
Postal Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
Do you want to present your feedback at the hearing?	No
	Please tick this box if you want to keep your contact details private.
<b>Your Comments</b>	
Please give us your feedback on the projects outlined in 'What's Our Plan 2019/2020' or any other Council projects or services you want to comment on.	I think if you are moving to fortnightly recycling pick ups I wi)l need a wheelie bin rather than the current green bin. The only other opinion I have is to change my drinking habits. Yeah right!!!
Attach any other comments:	

# What's Our Plan 2019/2020 - Annual Plan Feedback Form



Submission date: 28/03/2019 05:12 PM

Receipt number: 4

Question	Response
Full Name:	Richard Schimpf
Name of Organisation:	
Postal Address:	14 Marinoto Road, RD 4, Palmerston North
Postcode:	4744
Telephone:	06 362 8088
Email:	schimpf@farmside.co.nz
Do you want to present your feedback at the hearing?	No
<b>Your Comments</b>	
Please give us your feedback on the projects outlined in 'What's Our Plan 2019/2020' or any other Council projects or services you want to comment on.	The Council for too many years have ignored horse riders in the district, but recognising walkers and bicyclists. There are a large number of horse owners and riders in the district with NO official public land identified or set aside for this leisure activity.
Attach any other comments:	

# What's Our Plan 2019/2020 - Annual Plan Feedback Form



Submission date: 31/03/2019 06:18 PM

Receipt number: 6

Question	Response
Full Name:	Sam Ferguson
Name of Organisation:	Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand - Ōtaki Branch
Postal Address:	13 Sussex St, Levin
Postcode:	5510
Telephone:	027 827 7037
Email:	sdf.blackbetty@gmail.com
Do you want to present your feedback at the hearing?	Yes
<b>Your Comments</b>	
<p>Please give us your feedback on the projects outlined in 'What's Our Plan 2019/2020' or any other Council projects or services you want to comment on.</p>	<p>We recognise and applaud the work this council has already undertaken with the adoption of the waste minimisation plan (WMMP) in 2018 but urge you to go further with regard to the diversion of organic waste i.e plant based materials; kitchen scraps, paper, and garden waste.</p> <p>As the local branch of the Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand, we have been collecting signatures from the community calling for the council to prioritise the diversion of organic waste from the landfill system. We are asking for this to be an immediate focus with implementation much earlier than 2023/2034 (as per the current plans).</p> <p>At our oral submission we will present the petition to council and speak to the issue of organic waste and what we would like to see in the district.</p>
Attach any other comments:	

# Annual Plan Feedback Form

Submission #7

## What's Our Plan 2019/2020



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### Contact Details

Full Name: Leone Brown

Organisation: [Redacted]

Postal Address: [Redacted]

Post code: [Redacted]

Telephone: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

Do you want to present your feedback at the hearing?

yes  no

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Given the huge level of toxic leachate draining out everyday from the Hokio Beach Road Landfill I urge the Council to close the Landfill Tip immediately. I fail to understand how it is continuing to be used.

I urge the Council to employ the services of the Waste disposal plant at Marton.

I strongly urge the Council not to sign off on any Waste management plan until Central Government release their plans in 2020.

Please attach additional pages if necessary.

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# What's Our Plan 2019/2020 - Annual Plan Feedback Form



Submission date: 01/04/2019 10:50 AM

Receipt number: 7

Question	Response
Full Name:	Christine Ayres
Name of Organisation:	
Postal Address:	343 Muhunoa West Road RD20
Postcode:	5570
Telephone:	063679387
Email:	ayresx2@gmail.com
Do you want to present your feedback at the hearing?	No
<b>Your Comments</b>	
Please give us your feedback on the projects outlined in 'What's Our Plan 2019/2020' or any other Council projects or services you want to comment on.	<p>The recycling plan for July 2019. I'm sure many others besides myself would not be able to use the new proposed 240lt. recycling bin but obviously for the majority of town dwellers the large bin idea is great and will stop litter being blown about and keeping the glass separate.</p> <p>My access to the roadside in via a long steep driveway which is a farm track with large stones and potholes. Moving a large bin which is over a metre high would not be possible with my disabilities. I have been informed after contacting the council offices by telephone that alternative arrangements for alternative arrangements for this type of problem are under discussion. I am anxious to know what these will be.</p>
Attach any other comments:	

**From:** [annual plan](#)  
**To:** [Records Processing](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Submission. Whiripo Land co Ltd . Kilsby  
**Date:** Wednesday, 3 April 2019 3:47:47 p.m.  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Bryan Kilsby [<mailto:kilsby.fords2@icloud.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, 3 April 2019 10:54 AM  
To: annual plan  
Subject: Submission. Whiripo Land co Ltd . Kilsby

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2 April 2019

To Whiripo Land Co Ltd

Bryan Kilsby

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HDC rates – unfair and out of control – stand up and be heard

To all Horowhenua District members:

Horowhenua District Council is currently consulting on their 2019 Draft Annual Plan, with submissions due April 8. Federated Farmers will be submitting to the council and will speak to our submission on May 8, however, we need your help.

The consultation document gives the impression not much is changing, with a minimal rates increase of 0.02% higher than forecasted in last year's Long Term Plan. But this is the average rates increase across all ratepayers. Rural rates will increase by an average of 9.5%, yet for many of you this increase will more like 15%.

The consultation document, supporting information and rating calculator for indicative rates for 2019/20 can be found here.

Please take some time to check your rates forecast and submit and speak to Council in opposition to their proposals. We need Council to see and hear first-hand the impact that ongoing rates increases are having on our rural businesses.

Below is a template submission that you can use as a guide to submit by next Monday.

Together we will be heard!

Geoff Kane

Horowhenua District Chair – Federated Farmers Manawatu Rangitikei

Template submission

Email: [annualplan@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:annualplan@horowhenua.govt.nz)

SUBMISSION TO THE HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL

PROPOSED ANNUAL PLAN - 2019

1. I am a rural ratepayer in the Horowhenua District.
2. Over successive years, my rates have increased substantially, and are proposed to increase again this year.
3. I understand that the overall rates increase is 0.02% higher than forecasted, yet rural ratepayers will face an

rage 9.5% increase.

4. I also understand that a number of rural ratepayers have proposed rates increases of 15%. After using the indicative rating calculator, my rates increase will be..... 9.5%

5. I also understand that the rates increase can be attributed to the general rate, specifically \$900,000 more than forecasted in the Long Term Plan. As the General Rate provides services more likely to be used by urban ratepayers, I do not consider it fair that my rates are further increased to offset activities that I see little benefit from.

6. I am also concerned about the inability for Council to keep within forecasted spending, given that these changes are being sought in year 2 of the Long Term Plan. I question why the need to make a considerable rates increase, despite no additional services to be provided.

7. I am also concerned that Council are also re-forecasting debt levels to \$109m by June 2020 compared to the LTP forecast of \$105m. I have serious concerns about the Councils increasing level of debt, especially when noting that just over 15 years ago debt was under \$10m.

8. Last year's LTP forecasted debt to reach \$157million by 2036. I am concerned at what the new forecasted maximum will be, and whether or not the council will be able to keep to the budget proposed this year.

9. I believe there is a strong argument for a re-assessment of the council activities and services, with a view to halting progress on any projects not considered core business, supported by a significant reduction in operating expenses. the council needs to focus the next 20 years on reducing debt and at the very least, holding rates at current levels.

**From:** [Customer Services - Public](#)  
**To:** [Records Processing](#)  
**Subject:** Submission to annual plan.  
**Date:** Wednesday, 3 April 2019 4:46:09 p.m.  
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Kia Ora,

For you to action please

Nga Mihi

Kevin

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**From:** GJ and CM Kane [mailto:kanevale@xtra.co.nz]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 2 April 2019 9:30 PM

**To:** Customer Services - Public

**Subject:** Submission to annual plan.

Submission

From Geoff Kane.

Request—That an officer be allocated to control trees on roadsides and police roadsides from being planted too close.

Also to destroy seedlings before a problem.

Photos show planted trees and wild pines on Brown street ,Shannon.

Other examples are Buckley road and Heights road.

These photo,s also show illegal fences as no solid posts are allowed so close to road.

I do not wish to speak to this submission.











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## Contact Details

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Organisation: Horowhenua Grey Power  
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Post code: 5510  
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Email: lew.rohloff@xtra.co.nz

Do you want to present your feedback at the hearing?

yes     no

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Please give us your feedback on the projects outlined in 'What's Our Plan 2019/2020' or any other Council projects or services you want to comment on.

Please see attachment.

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## Submission

### Horowhenua District Council Draft Annual Plan 2019-20

**Name:** Lew Rohloff  
**Organisation:** Horowhenua Grey Power Association Incorporated  
**Address:** P. O. Box 328, Levin 5540  
**Telephone:** 368 3070  
**Email:** [lew.rohloff@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lew.rohloff@xtra.co.nz)



District Mayor and Councillors,

#### Our Submission is:

We are seriously concerned to note the apparent policy stance adopted by you, our elected representatives, whereby, through the intervals between the obligatory three-yearly Long Term Plan consultative requirement, you are now proceeding to take a purely arbitrary approach to public consultation on Annual Planning procedure and, thereby, are avoiding 'quantitative' engagement with your communities.

The document format you have chosen for this year's consultative procedure, namely "What's Our Plan – Engagement Document" with its absolute avoidance of specific quantitative disclosure information, indicates a desire by elected representatives to 'hide' behind middle management staff and an 'ill-informed public' rather than stand on your record in this, an important local government election year.

With the exception of properties owned by businesses or other tax-efficient, 'quasi-business' constructs, no ratepayer can escape the serious impact of local government rates on their household budgets. With regard to rates it is particularly scandalous the way the engagement document does not even offer the name of a staff member prepared to answer questions on this principal ingredient of responsible governance.

Your intention to again increase rates by 5.98%, an extraordinarily high increase by national standards, is unsustainable. The fact that you predicted such an increase during last year's hotly debated Long Term Plan 2018-2038, does not remove your responsibility to design a rating model which delivers overdue relief for low to middle income households, throughout the district.

A way of delivering such relief is not hard to identify. All that is required is to reverse the long term, unhealthy culture prevailing through successive elected local administrations, whereby, unreasonable and unjustifiable rating impact has been diverted from business' liability to the particular disadvantage of low and middle income households.

In recognition of the additional fact that the rating model you have persisted with for last year's LTP failed to address the problem of affordability at lower household income level, in respect of which, we sought and were given a promise of a 'rate review' as a preliminary to this year's Annual Plan. Another broken undertaking!

Apparently we have no option but to seek accountability 'through the ballot box.'

The paucity of sufficient information emanating from council to engender public confidence in the well-being of our district coupled with our continuing inability to get the vast majority of elected representatives to listen; does not encourage us to list at length the many examples which add credibility to our claims of excessive 'business' patronage' in the culture of Horowhenua District Council.

Perhaps, we are better to direct our energies elsewhere. Therefore, while we contribute to and await developments stemming from the Productivity Commission findings in relation to affordability; we offer just one all-encompassing example of the glaringly obvious misdirection of rating discretionary power invested in Horowhenua District Council.

We challenge elected representatives to justify in public forum:

**General Rate (2019-2020)**

An unusually enquiring observer who takes the trouble to dig deeper into Council's archives, will discover in the Long Term Plan 2018-2038 an apparent assurance that the General Rate is crafted to fairly recover from all classes of district ratepayers, revenue required to maintain services which are shared across the district.

By extrapolating the financial data contained in the Funding Impact Statement it can thus be determined that for the purpose of 2019-2020 rates assessment:

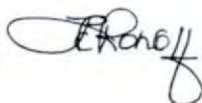
Rating Category	Revenue	Land Value	Rate (per \$)	Differential
Rural Business	\$2,564,000	\$1,589,840,891	\$0.00161274	0.302
Other (mainly residential)	\$7,692,000	\$1,438,211,322	\$0.00534851	1.000

**Question:** "Why is this differential so heavily biased in favour of Rural Business when the 'norm' for district councils throughout New Zealand is .070 vs 1.000 where LV is the basis of determination?"<sup>1</sup>

**Our Conclusion:**

The rating model imposed on the Horowhenua District is seriously regressive. The 'pattern' of apparent patronage revealed in the above example is maintained throughout every aspect of the rating model. We challenge elected representatives to justify this covert policy position.

Sincerely,



Lew Rohloff  
Local Government Spokesperson

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<sup>1</sup> See New Zealand Productivity Commission, Local Government Funding and Financing, Issues Paper (November 2018)  
<https://www.productivity.govt.nz/inquiry-content/3819?stage=2>

# What's Our Plan 2019/2020 - Annual Plan Feedback Form



Submission date: 04/04/2019 08:48 AM

Receipt number: 8

Question	Response
Full Name:	Ian Baggott
Name of Organisation:	
Postal Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
Do you want to present your feedback at the hearing?	No
	Please tick this box if you want to keep your contact details private.
<b>Your Comments</b>	
Please give us your feedback on the projects outlined in 'What's Our Plan 2019/2020' or any other Council projects or services you want to comment on.	<p>With the planned growth in residents predicted, along with the PP20 and O2NL road projects opening up the Horewhenua region there doesn't appear to be any talk of relaxing the restrictions on land sub division that would open up areas to accommodate planned residents numbers?</p> <p>Currently we have a nearly 7000 square meter section with a single dwelling two bedroom house occupying less than half the section but we are unable to subdivide due to council restrictions on sections being at least 5000 square meters. Our section title and covenants restrict the building of a single dwelling on our section but we are aware of sections around 8000 square meters being subdivided into 4000 square meter blocks based on submitting a strong case to sub divide to allow the building of a second dwelling!</p> <p>We would like to see a relaxation of council rules to allow us to subdivide and make available around 3500 square meters for a new resident to build a home?</p>
Attach any other comments:	

**From:** [Ashley Huria](#)  
**To:** [Records Processing](#)  
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**Ashley Huria**

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**From:** Nigel Fitzpatrick [mailto:[Nigel.Fitzpatrick@midcentraldhb.govt.nz](mailto:Nigel.Fitzpatrick@midcentraldhb.govt.nz)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 4 April 2019 11:45 AM  
**To:** annual plan  
**Cc:** Sharon Vera  
**Subject:** What's Our Plan?

Please accept our annual plan submission.

With thanks

Nigel Fitzpatrick

**Nigel Fitzpatrick** | Health Promotion Advisor, Public Health Services  
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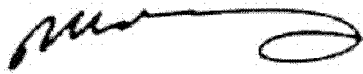
Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Horowhenua District Council Annual Plan 2019-20**

Please find attached a Submission on the above plan lodged on behalf of MidCentral Health's Public Health Service.

We do not wish to speak to our submission.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Holdaway', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr Robert Holdaway  
Manager Public Health Services

**SUBMISSION ON HOROWHENUA ANNUAL PLAN 2019-20**

To: Horowhenua District Council  
Submission on: Horowhenua District Council Annual Plan 2019-20  
Name: Public Health Services, MidCentral Health  
Address: Public Health Unit, MidCentral Health,  
Private Bag 11036, Palmerston North 4442  
Attention: Robert Holdaway

MidCentral Health's Public Health Service is responsible for promoting the reduction of adverse environmental effects on the health of people and communities and for improving, promoting and protecting their health pursuant to the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 and the Health Act 1956. These statutory obligations are the responsibility of the Ministry of Health and, in the MidCentral District are carried out under delegation by Public Health Services.

Health is influenced by a wide range of factors beyond the health sector and so we are grateful for the opportunity to make the following comments.

#### Master Plan

Master plans offer the opportunity to plan for attractive active-transport routes that offer convenient access to local amenities. Planning for these will help future development integrate with the *Horowhenua Shared Pathway Strategy*; as the number of tracks and associated recreational and economic opportunities grow; and will also improve amenity values of the area by increased access to existing local tracks.

#### Transport Planning

We would welcome the opportunity to be involved with the development of the Integrated Transport Strategy. Active transport will improve health by increasing physical activity, and may help to make towns more social and increase shopping. (Auckland Transport<sup>1</sup> report that "69 per cent of bike riders are stopping to visit shops, cafes and run errands"). Provision for active transport also needs to take into account the needs of people with disability.

We note that active transport also has a good fit with central government policy as outlined in the Government Policy Statement which determines funding priorities for transport expenditure.

We note that NZTA statistics show that from 2000-2018 there have been 11 serious pedestrian injuries and one fatality on State Highway 1 in Levin. This suggests that having the highway travelling through the town has made active transport less safe. Once the bypass is in place, we believe that school travel plans will prove more attractive and viable. We would like to work with Horowhenua District Council and local schools to make these plans a reality.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://at.govt.nz/about-us/news-events/more-aucklanders-choosing-active-transport-research-shows/>, accessed March 2019



The Integrated Transport Plan would be a good starting point for deciding how such plans could fit within the wider transport context.

#### Bikes in Schools

We would like Horowhenua District Council to consider how to encourage schools in the district to adopt the Bikes in Schools programme.

Palmerston North City Council has helped seven schools adopt this scheme. At a recent meeting between Public Health Services and principals, they noted that the scheme meant that now every child at their school could ride a bike and that for some, the bikes in school were a highlight with children choosing extra time on a bike in preference to other rewards.

#### Sugar sweetened beverages policy

We note that a growing number of Councils have adopted a sugar free drink policy and Local Government New Zealand passed a remit<sup>2</sup> encouraging this in 2017. This policy has not impinged financially on Councils, but has helped promote improved lifestyles to the community. Consumption of sugary drinks has been identified by numerous studies as leading to increased risk of diseases (diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and some cancers)..

We would appreciate the opportunity to address Council for 20 minutes on the sugar sweetened beverages policy.

#### Local Alcohol Plan

Although we appreciate that the HDC's Local Alcohol Policy is (at time of writing) under appeal and still provisional, we commend the Council for initiating the process of putting one in place. Where other Councils have declined to take the opportunity to progress a LAP, the HDC has made the decision to clarify expectations around licenced premises, to guide the issuing of licences, reflect its communities' views and contribute to the health and safety of the District.

#### Foxton Waste Water Treatment Plant

MidCentral Public Health Service supports the upgrade of this plant and the move to land-based discharge of treated wastewater. We agree that land-based discharge will improve water quality. Improved water quality decreases the risk of people contracting waterborne disease through contact recreational water use.

#### Water and Waste Water Feasibility Studies- Ōhau and Waitarere Beach

MidCentral Public Health Service supports these feasibility assessments. We would support the provision of reticulated drinking water supplies for these communities and waste water treatment for Ōhau. Provision of these facilities are public health measures that could improve the health of these communities by decreasing the risk of enteric disease associated with

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<sup>2</sup> [https://www.nzherald.co.nz/wanganui-chronicle/horowhenua-chronicle/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1503788&objectid=11898522](https://www.nzherald.co.nz/wanganui-chronicle/horowhenua-chronicle/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503788&objectid=11898522)

untreated/ inadequately treated drinking water or through waste water contamination.

#### Tokomaru Waste Water Treatment

MidCentral Public Health Service opposes the temporary suspension of waste water treatment plant upgrades and the wastewater to land project. The renewal of the resource consent for the Tokomaru Waste Water Treatment Plant was first lodged with Horizons Regional Council in 2016 for consents that expired in January 2017. We note no information in either the proposed draft conditions or the initial discharge consent renewal application that mention any requirement for such a suspension to gather data. There is no mention in the draft annual plan supporting document as to whether such a suspension will allow proposed upgrades to be achieved in the five year consenting period sought in the proposed draft conditions of the consent renewal application.

#### General

We would like to thank and acknowledge Council for its work in:

- ensuring playgrounds meet the relevant safety standards
- meeting needs identified in disability forums (as the population ages, disability will become more prevalent); and
- supporting the on-going work with the Older Persons' Network.

#### Recommendations

That Horowhenua District Council

1. Includes provision for active transport within the master plans being developed
2. Notes our interest in helping with the development of an Integrated Transport Strategy
3. Encourages active transport and School Travel Plans within the Integrated Transport Strategy
4. Encourages Bikes in Schools programme to be adopted by schools within the Horowhenua District
5. Receives a deputation on a Sugar Sweetened Beverage Policy
6. Notes our thanks for its on-going work with people coping with disability and the Older Persons' Network.
7. Removes the temporary suspension of upgrades for the Tokomaru Waste Water Treatment Plant and progresses this project during 2019-2020.

**From:** [Ashley Huria](#)  
**To:** [Records Processing](#)  
**Subject:** FW: SUBMISSION TO THE HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL  
**Date:** Thursday, 4 April 2019 12:04:48 p.m.  
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**Ashley Huria**

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**From:** Ian August [mailto:[augies@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:augies@slingshot.co.nz)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 3 April 2019 8:58 PM  
**To:** annual plan  
**Subject:** SUBMISSION TO THE HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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10. I would like to be heard in support of my submission.

Ian August  
Pp August Holdings Ltd  
Akuhata Trust  
103 Otatau Road  
Shannon

**From:** [annual plan](#)  
**To:** [Records Processing](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Submission to Annual Plan 2019/2020.  
**Date:** Thursday, 4 April 2019 1:33:28 p.m.  
**Attachments:** [Letter for Heat pumps in the hall.pdf](#)

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**From:** Hamish Stuart [mailto:principal2@foxtonbeach.school.nz]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 4 April 2019 1:20 PM  
**To:** annual plan  
**Subject:** Submission to Annual Plan 2019/2020.

Good afternoon,

Attached to this email is a letter seeking assistance for funding to install heat pumps in the Foxton Beach School hall. The hall is a valuable community asset which has been used on a number of occasions for community meetings and it is a civil defence centre. Over the last few years we have upgraded the hall by building a kitchen onto the hall and this was made possible by fundraising and local contractors giving up their time. We have repainted the interior of the hall and the toilet block and we have also replaced lino in the toilet areas.

What we need to upgrade is the heating and cooling in this space.  
My BOT and I would be more than willing to meet and discuss this further.

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Hamish Stuart  
Principal  
Foxton Beach School  
0273638331  
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26th February 2019



*Mission Statement and Vision...*

*At Foxton Beach School we are motivated, diverse, future focused learners, who through connection to our community and environment achieve success.*

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To whom it may concern: Submission to Annual Plan 2019/2020

On behalf of the Foxton Beach School Board of Trustees I would like to ask for assistance in seeking financial assistance to the sum of \$13 400 incl gst from the Foxton Beach Freeholding account to install heat pumps in our school hall.

Our school hall is very poorly heated which means it is extremely cold during the winter months and then it is too hot during the warmer months. We would like to install heat pumps which would see it being a much more comfortable environment for our students.

The current heating system was put in when the hall was built by the BOT in partnership with the Ministry of Education. The heaters were the minimum specifications at the time and aren't very effective at all.

The hall is used as a community venue when organisations have needed a much larger venue to hold a meeting, in fact the council have used our hall on a few occasions.

Currently we have a number of parents who are using our school hall in the morning to take part in fitness classes aimed at new mothers.

As you are aware our school hall is currently a Civil Defence emergency centre and we are hoping to set this up so it would be a lot more comfortable in the event of an emergency. With the threat posed by the Hikurangi subduction zone our school hall will be a vital community asset.

The Board of Trustees feel that the Freeholding account is there to assist the residents of Foxton Beach and the children that attend Foxton Beach School will be future homeowners in this town.

We are very keen to meet with the Community Board to discuss this further.

Your sincerely

Hamish Stuart

**From:** [Customer Services - Public](#)  
**To:** [Records Processing](#)  
**Subject:** FW: submission  
**Date:** Thursday, 4 April 2019 2:46:28 p.m.  
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**From:** GJ and CM Kane [mailto:kanevale@xtra.co.nz]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 4 April 2019 1:37 PM  
**To:** Customer Services - Public  
**Subject:** submission

Hi

Could you please send this submission to the appropriate dept.

Thanks Geoff

Submission HDC annual plan—4/04/19

Presented by Geoff Kane and I wish to speak to this submission.

Main points

- 1) Councillors are so busy trying to sort themselves out they are not doing their job—that is setting the council policy.
- 2) Poor budget management, already the long term plan has been broken and budget blowouts are occurring
- 3) Unfair distribution of rates. —Because the general rate is set on land value, farmers are paying an unfair portion.
- 4) Rates are being spent on social items instead of core business.
- 5) The NE corner of Levin and predicted growth of housing area still has no resource consent to discharge storm water to waste and therefore faces an injunction on issueing building permits in that area until the court and Horizons sort it out. Now 3 years.

During my presentation I will show you 3 sets of my rates.

A 3 bed home in Levin going up 3%

My own section with a new house that has increased \$2000,

Horowhenua has had 300 of these new house this year and where have those extra rates gone? That equals \$600,000.

Lastly my Levin farm going up \$1100 or 10%, double the rate predicted in Long term plan.

This council has to show its credibility and bring rates back in line with budget or face criticism such as needing a commissioner appointed to bring its affairs in order.

None of these increases are going to water or sewage as they are targeted rates that a farmer does not pay.

It is not going to roading as that part of rates is dropping.

Go back to your staff and say this is how much money there is and make do, don,t just put in a wish list!

Geoff Kane

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Submission date: 04/04/2019 06:47 PM

Receipt number: 9

Question	Response
Full Name:	Sam Ferguson
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Do you want to present your feedback at the hearing?	Yes
<b>Your Comments</b>	
<p>Please give us your feedback on the projects outlined in 'What's Our Plan 2019/2020' or any other Council projects or services you want to comment on.</p>	<p>On behalf of a number of community residents and business owners, we are concerned that the opportunity will be lost, the opportunity offered by retaining the existing bridge and trestle south of Foxton.</p> <p>Retaining the existing infrastructure is about the northern link for tourists and visitors, a key part of the full vision of shared pathways through-out the district, real safety for visitors, cyclists, pedestrians, and others.</p> <p>Without a separated pathway this link to our northern neighbors is greatly reduced. We are limited in capturing tourists that want to see and experience heartland New Zealand.</p> <p>The bridge and trestle offer historical, safety, and economic benefit to the region. Potentially it also offers emergency access in the case of crashes on the new bridge.</p> <p>We will be making an oral submission for the council to explore all avenues for keeping this infrastructure, including this being designated as a local road under HDC ownership.</p>
Attach any other comments:	

**From:** [annual plan](#)  
**To:** [Records Processing](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Submission Annual Plan 2019 Wildlife Foxton Trust  
**Date:** Friday, 5 April 2019 7:58:17 a.m.  
**Attachments:** [2019 HDC Annual Plan Submission.docx](#)

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**From:** info@wildlifefoxton.nz [mailto:info@wildlifefoxton.nz]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 4 April 2019 4:19 p.m.  
**To:** annual plan  
**Subject:** Submission Annual Plan 2019 Wildlife Foxton Trust

Please find attached our submission

Nola Fox  
Secretary/Treasurer  
On behalf of Wildlife Foxton Trust



# Wildlife Foxton Trust

P.O. Box 110, Foxton, 4814; Ph: 06 363 5300

## SUBMISSION OF: Wildlife Foxton Trust

TO: Horowhenua District Council Annual Plan 2019

### CONTACT DETAILS

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Do you want to present your feedback at the hearing? No

### SUBMISSION

#### Improving Horowhenua as a Destination

Wildlife Foxton Trust submission is bringing to attention of Council and ratepayers that an important part of meeting this outcome is linked to the Manawatū River at Foxton Loop. The Loop has current high levels of pollution and weeds. We acknowledge and commend the Council on its work to date with Save our River Trust (SoRT) and lobby for this continued support along with active work in getting the Loop opened as soon as possible. We support all SoRT submission on the Loop opening, weed and pollution removal and riparian planting efforts.

Wildlife Foxton Trust also requests financial support for all not-for-profit groups that help provide activities and attractions that support the outcome of Horowhenua as a destination. A low cost example of this could be rates relief or discounts.

Wildlife Foxton Trust acknowledges support given to Environment Network Manawatu and the Source to Sea project and wish financial support to be increased. This investment increases outcomes around the vision of Horowhenua as a destination at a higher cost benefit ratio than of the cost of the support.

#### Master Plans and Community Plans

Wildlife Foxton Trust wishes to see a start to funding Enviro Schools as an important link of well-being and partnership to enable thriving communities with stunning environments through educating and investing in the younger generations to maintain and sustain work being done currently, rather than having to redo work repeatedly in the future at a cost to ratepayers.

#### Foxton Wastewater

Wildlife Foxton Trust acknowledge as the work and effort in making the change to land-based disposal of treated wastewater. However, we wish to register our concerns over long term discharge onto Matarakapa Island that currently is 2/3rds surrounded by water, on sand, and when Loop is opened will then be 100% surrounded by tidal and flood-prone water. We would like to see prior and on-going water quality sampling happening and communicated to the Foxton and Beach communities. Also a start to finding funds in the long term to eventually move all wastewater disposal on land to east of Foxton.

**From:** [annual plan](#)  
**To:** [Records Processing](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Rates increases  
**Date:** Friday, 5 April 2019 7:58:08 a.m.

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**From:** Karen McErlean [mailto:waitaria@outlook.co.nz]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 4 April 2019 3:13 p.m.  
**To:** annual plan  
**Subject:** Rates increases

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10. I would like to be heard in support of my submission.

Karen McErlean  
Poplar Partnership Ltd  
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Foxton

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# What's Our Plan 2019/2020 - Annual Plan Feedback Form



Submission date: 05/04/2019 11:08 AM

Receipt number: 10

Question	Response
Full Name:	Garry Good
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Do you want to present your feedback at the hearing?	No
Your Comments	

Question	Response
<p>Please give us your feedback on the projects outlined in 'What's Our Plan 2019/2020' or any other Council projects or services you want to comment on.</p>	<p>Levin Town Centre Development. I support this strategy including the projects proposed.</p> <p>However, we need to get quick runs on the board even if they are simple short term projects. The proposed bypass may be some years away but the Council needs to take the initiative and set the scene before it is done to us!</p> <p>Foxton Waste water land based proposal is supported as this project is an example of what needs to be done on a bigger scale across the region.</p> <p>Lake Horowhenua continues to be a significant challenge for the agencies attempting to clean it up. I recognise the continual interference and negativity undermines the efforts by DOC, Regional Council HDC and Trustees.</p> <p>The O2NL expressway is a must for the Levin. Unfortunately NZTA continues to frustrate communities and individual householders because of their inability to be definitive and set timelines. In their defence I acknowledge Central Government has not been helpful.</p> <p>I support the coordinated planning with NZTA to develop a Horowhenua Integrated Transport Strategy. This is the only opportunity we will have this decade to ensure a cohesive strategy is developed. It is also an opportunity to access funding through the expressway developments impacting on our communities.</p> <p>Recycling has become a major challenge for Local Government and I support the changes proposed and would also like to see a greater emphasis on educating the public in better dealing with waste</p> <p>The three waters and in particular water supply will challenge Council as the population grows. A greater emphasis on seeking new water sources and storage are a priority not mentioned in this plan.</p>
<p>Attach any other comments:</p>	

# Annual Plan Feedback Form



## What's Our Plan 2019/2020

We've told you what's planned for 2019/2020. Now's the time to give Council any thoughts you might have on the projects.

All feedback must be provided to Council by midday on 8 April 2019.

### Contact Details

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yes  no

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Please give us your feedback on the projects outlined in 'What's Our Plan 2019/2020' or any other Council projects or services you want to comment on.

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ALSO, BUY SHOPS BY LIBRARY TO EXPAND COMMUNITY CENTRE, OR, BETTER BUY OLD BANK BY HORSEMAN'S CAFE FOR IT ALL. KEEP HALL A HALL AND LET US USE IT. AND PLANT MORE TREES EVERYWHERE.

Please attach additional pages if necessary.



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Submission date: 07/04/2019 08:32 PM

RECEIVED ON  
8/04/2019

Receipt number: 15

Question	Response
Full Name:	Wayne Richards
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Email:	tvacachairperson@gmail.com
Do you want to present your feedback at the hearing?	Yes
<b>Your Comments</b>	
Please give us your feedback on the projects outlined in 'What's Our Plan 2019/2020' or any other Council projects or services you want to comment on.	As you are aware, TVACA represent the village and area around Tokomaru. The majority of the development projects in the LTP focus on the greater Horowhenua area and have little impact on Tokomaru aside from the development of a Community Plan. As we have been working on creating our Community Hub in recent years we wish to show our support for this and your community outcomes and continue to work on this. While we are not part of the initial planning, we believe we are already underway anyhow. I hope you find our detailed submission informative.
Attach any other comments:	<a href="#">Annual Plan Submission 2019-20.pdf</a>

Thank you to Council for again giving the Tokomaru Community and Village Association the opportunity to provide feedback and contribute to the Annual Plan process once more.

Our key objective remains as to do good for our community and it's this focus that is presented in iteration to you again on this occasion. We seek to work with council and offer the following items with our thoughts on solutions for these as well. These are outlined specifically further in this document.

**1. Infrastructure that promotes Safety and reasonable access around our Village.**

This remains our number one priority and has been this way for sometime. Not by the fact that is desired as a change, but more so as it is still seen to be below an acceptable level to the community. We are a small intimate village and those that live here enjoy travelling around the village by foot, bike, pushing a pram or other means. However in doing so they regularly experience safety concerns.

The safety aspect of this request is for safer pathways, that being better suited to the Tokomaru seasonal weather. The Lime paths we have down the length of Tawa Street still remain under-maintained and as such they are seldom used and pedestrians as they will often take to the road. Residents struggle to understand why there is such a good footpath on one street in the village (eg Tokomaru Rd) yet the standard of others is well below an acceptable level.

The speed limits with the village are also a concern, especially in the outlining areas including (but not limited to) Tokomaru East Road where the School students enter the school and a number of newly developed properties have been built, Matipo Street where the 70 km/h limit sign has not been replaced after vandalism 2 years ago, which leaves traffic travelling near 100 km/h outside houses with young families, Karaka Street where the local businesses reduce speed through their staff but again traffic passing through sits around 100 km/h. These are just a couple of examples well discussed in the community, there are others as well that desire attention similarly.

We support your Rural Speed limit review, have had residents participate and eagerly await change. But also once again review the availability of updating other footpaths or providing safer access for cyclists and pedestrians in areas without footpaths currently.

TVACA has made enquiries with the BIKE ON TRUST, to establish a safe cycling program for school students and residents of the area. The trust has indicated our application for this would be greatly assisted by council interest as well. Other councils support this program well, will you?

We also eagerly await an update to the Shared Pathway programme, which TVACA was an avid supporter on earlier, however we are yet to see any plan, or concept to indicate development here. Can you advise where this is heading and when something will be available to the community, as connecting our satellite communities with the area is still a focus for us.

## **2. Develop our Parks and Reserves, increase their facilities, appeal and use.**

While recently we have met with Parks and Reserves officers to plan a detailed development plan for Horseshoe Bend and the Tokomaru domain, we believe it is also necessary to point out some of the short term plans we have for both of these reserves.

Horseshoe Bend is a very scenic, wildlife friendly, idyllic space in our community that is secluded, very treasured and is subsequently deeply cared for by a group of dedicated volunteers. We would like to continue to see it well used by the community and also by the many visitors outside our district. Both schools have indicated they wish to continue with beautification and planting projects. Recently the community further enhanced the walkways by extending the path built last year through the bush and providing great all year access to the river. This was well received.

Our intention for the development of Horseshoe Bend is to continue to develop this green space. Protect some of the areas from erosion, water ponding, flood protection, plant more native species and offer a safe swimming environment for all that visit. We wish to continue to maintain this wonderful environment for generations to come and keep it as a desired location in Tokomaru.

We do not wish to see any large physical development outside of this other than increasing the roading and parking at the reserve, thus protecting the grassed areas from damage due to insufficient amount of parking available now. A separate letter will be sent to HDC outlining our ideas for how this could work.

The Tokomaru Domain has been enjoyed by many in the community since its recent return, however we believe it is now time to utilise this further. One of the first projects we would like to work on is developing a better dog exercise area for this. Including the addition of a walking track around its perimeter, to allow all year round use for those who bring their dogs to this location.

As our other reserve (Horseshoe Bend) prohibits dogs, we wish to look to develop the domain as the preferred area for dog exercise. Currently the Domain becomes very water logged in the Winter months which makes it difficult to use. A pathway would mean owners could come all year round.

The domain is also well used by the local Touch group, who run a seasonal touch tournament as well as fitness groups and is also the venue for our Volunteer Fire Brigade fireworks evening. It is important that we continue to offer this venue for a variety of users and our future plans will be outlined to cater for all of these and more.

We look forward to continuing to work with the staff of HDC on developing this space further in the future to enhance the use of the domain as a sports venue, event arena and community space.

We believe we can make both these spaces a stunning environment inline with your Community Outcome goals.

### **3. The development of a Community Hub in Tokomaru**

Since our last proposed outlined development of a Community Hub in Tokomaru a new group has stepped in to run the Community Hall to rejuvenate and develop it further. Their work to date has seen it being utilised by more groups, held more functions and been enquired into by businesses looking to run events and offer something to the community.

While TVACA works closely with this group, they are largely responsible for the direction that the hall will take in the coming years. A big part of this has been the restoring of the "Supper Room" that used to be independent to the main hall space and act as a specific area.

Thankfully this room has now been restored as an independent space and will now look to evolve this into the Community Space we spoke about earlier. TVACA is based out of this space currently and is looking to make it more of an area the community can regularly use for a variety of services. We want to appeal to the Community Outcomes HDC desires. Making this a space the community can engage with each other through a variety of ways including but not limited to an items like after school program, dedicated community library, JP services, interest group gathering place, coffee groups, parenting programs, community kitchen and many more.

Our next task is to place make this space. Make it inviting and furnish it accordingly. So that it can be utilised by the above. TVACA and the hall group is well underway is working on this task.

We wish to continue to meet with HDC staff for the necessary assistance in creating this environment. Including making it recognised as Tokomaru's Community Space.

The next development area for this would be to improve the parking and access to the hall. While we understand the car park area is a council space, we would like to work with you on making this available as an outdoor space for the community in the warmer months, as well as hosting events in this space as well. We are aware programmed maintenance on the car park has been scheduled. We'd like to be informed of the plans so they fit with the entire community focus.

The recent upgrade of the recycling centre hasn't gone un-noticed, we'd just wished we were better informed on the process. Especially as the TECC development is still to come and we are concerned about the loss of carparking space as a result of the new location.

We also are aware that the hall society are looking in the long term to repainting the hall, potentially changing the entrance space to face the carpark better, as well as potentially extend on the back of the hall. In order to assist with the development of this location as our community space we need greater co-operation with council about future use.

Again the Council expertise is requested in making the Tokomaru space as successful as some of your other community spaces currently being used.

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Question	Response
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Do you want to present your feedback at the hearing?	Yes
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Your Comments	

Question	Response
<p>Please give us your feedback on the projects outlined in 'What's Our Plan 2019/2020' or any other Council projects or services you want to comment on.</p>	<p>The HDC draft Annual Plan provides a vision for various positive outcomes, including a “vibrant economy.” To the extent this is under the sway of HDC to deliver this, far-sighted, responsible, effective and efficient activity by the Council is required.</p> <p>Regrettably, past performance and details in the draft Plan demonstrate that this is not the case.</p> <p>The draft Plan refers to “the Long Term Plan’s wider goal of managing growth while living within its means.” Past performance and details in the draft Plan demonstrate that the Council has no concept or intent of meeting this goal.</p> <p>These two statements are validated by simple analysis of figures from HDC Annual Reports and from the draft Plan.</p> <p>From year ending June 2012 to year ending June 2018, HDC’s revenue from rates rose 51.3%. Expenditure on employee benefits rose an extraordinary 87.9% over the same period. (Over that same period, CPI rose by 6.0 %, local government input prices by 9.4% and average hourly wages by 17.7%.*)</p> <p>In 2012, expenditure on employee benefits accounted for 16.5% of Council expenditure. From an expanded cake, by 2018 employee benefits had grown to 26.6% of expenditure. That is, employees’ share of the Council cake grew by almost two thirds.</p> <p>This is a record of a Council with poor or negligible control of staff costs and suffering plummeting efficiency. The draft Plan shows no break from this. For 2019/20, the Plan has already adjusted upward the annual increase in employee benefit expenses from 5.5% in the long term plan to 10.0%.</p> <p>The economy will not thrive if the Council cannot move from feeding ever more and an ever greater portion of ratepayers’ money into its own employee benefits. The massive and ongoing increase in these comes out of ratepayers’ pockets and has and will reduce employment in the rest of the local economy and in welfare of Horowhenua households.</p> <p>Therefore, the draft Plan is internally incoherent and contradictory and shows an unacceptable frame of mind by those behind the planning.</p> <p>The draft Plan states that the Council “provides open, accessible processes to local government,” that it seeks “community input to decision-making processes,” and that it is “engaging with the Community beyond what is legally required.” To live up to any of that, the Council must urgently provide to ratepayers full details of the past and intended future growth in employee numbers, job allocations, and remuneration and the factors and specific decisions lying behind these.</p> <p>I suggest a reasonable and responsible efficiency goal for Council would be to reduce employee benefit expenses within 2 years to no more than a 20.0% share of Council expenditure (compared to 2012, still an increase in the slice of cake of 21% .)</p> <p>Getting a grip on employee costs would eliminate the need for rate rises and indeed should facilitate rate reductions – boosting the economy, non-Council employment, and household welfare.</p> <p>* Figures ex Reserve Bank of New Zealand and StatsNZ.</p>
<p>Attach any other comments:</p>	

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Do you want to present your feedback at the hearing?	Yes
<b>Your Comments</b>	
Please give us your feedback on the projects outlined in 'What's Our Plan 2019/2020' or any other Council projects or services you want to comment on.	
Attach any other comments:	<a href="#">2019-04-06 Feedback on Annual Plan 2019-20.docx</a>



LAKEVIEW FARM LTD

## Rates

Lakeview Farm Ltd farms to the west of Levin between Lake Horowhenua and Hokio Beach and we are a rural rate payer of the Horowhenua District Council. On checking our rates on the Council website, I find that our rates are increasing on the average at least 10% and would have been higher if it was not for the decrease in the roading rate - (for which I thank you).

Lakeview Farm's rates for the year 2018-2019 were \$59,474.40. A 10% increase on this figure would be an increase of \$6000 for the 2019-2020 year - this will impact our company finances even more.

Our increase of at least 10% is more than the 5.98% you state in your 2019-2020 annual plan booklet. If our rural rates are increasing 10%, there must be a considerable number of ratepayers who will be paying a lot less than the 5.98% increase.

As I am sure Councilors' know, farmers' are price-takers - farmers cannot dictate or increase prices for the goods that we produce to cover any large increase in rates.

Lakeview Farm's share of the general rate for the next rating year will be approximately \$37,000, made up of for example -

Parks & Reserves - 29% of the general rate = \$10,700 approx.

Sports Grounds - 9% of the general rate = \$3,300 approx.

Economic Development - 8% of the general rate = \$3,000 approx.

Grants to the Community Group - 3.5% of the general rate = \$1,300 approx.

Community Development - 7% of the general rate = \$2,600 approx.

And the list goes on! Where is the fairness in all this for the rural ratepayers? It's Councilors' responsibility to ensure fairness for all of their ratepayers.

Councilors' hide behind averages, they don't tell the true story of rate increases for the rural ratepayers or why the rural ratepayers have to pay such a large increase – this is dishonest!

Federated Farmers records indicate average Council rates in New Zealand jumped 79.7% between June 2007 and June 2017 when the consumer price index for the same period was only 23.1%.

The current inflation rate is less than 2% - why are our rural rate increases for 2019-2020 at least 10%?

#### Council Debt (Borrowings)

I am very concerned about this large debt. The debt is predicted to be \$109 million by 30 June 2020. There needs to be more transparency around this borrowing and why and where this debt is accumulated. Ratepayers need to see a breakdown of the borrowings and interest costs for each individual asset – such as Waste water, landfill, town water supply, buildings, roading, etc.

When will Council start reducing their large debt?

Council's booklet "What's our plan 2019/2020" is all about what you are doing for the town communities of Horowhenua, very little about what you are doing for the rural farming ratepayer of the Horowhenua District - only an article about the Gladstone Road update.

#### Lake Horowhenua

I am concerned about Lake Horowhenua - I have watched its demise since 1957-58 when the sewage plant was established on the edge of it. In the 1960's the Hokio Stream was dug out for a second time and a weir established to lower the lake considerably which then lowered the water table for the benefit of the sewage plant (by stopping the groundwater entering into the sewage system and flooding the sewage plant during heavy rainfall periods), and to help with the development of the Arawhata Swamp into a dairy farm by Lands and Survey. Again in the 1990's Horizons allowed drains to be dug directly into the Arawhata Stream catchment which before this was spring fed pure water and the largest stream feeding into Lake Horowhenua. These drains then allowed silt from all the market garden areas to flow into the lake when we had heavy rainfall – the silt build up from the gardens is making the southern end of the lake even shallower.

The only improvement to the lake that I have seen in this time was the fencing off of the lake and the planting of flax right around the lake in 1994/1995.

Since the 1960's there have been a number of feasibility studies on ways to improve the lake and the lake water quality and removing the sediment buildup in the lake. The sediment trap established recently at the Arawhata doesn't work and the expensive weed harvester bought by Horizons a number of years ago for over \$200,000 has never been used. With the storm-water runoff coming from Levin's streets and roads and the sediment from the gardens, the lake and the water quality will never improve. The breakdown in relationships between

Council and some of the Maori owners of the lake does not help and needs to be reconciled so that we can all work together on improvements to Lake Horowhenua.

### Recycling

At the present stage the residents of Moutere Road have to take their recycling crates down to Hokio Beach Road each Tuesday morning because we were told the contractors would not come down our road for only a few homes. When the new 240L wheelie bins come into service – how are we to trundle our wheelie bins and existing recycling crates down to the corner of Hokio Beach Road – hook them up to our vehicles and tow them which for some of us is a distance of approx. 1.8 kms? We would appreciate the new contractors agreeing to collect our recycling from outside our gateways as they do elsewhere. We have had two green bins stolen whilst left down on Hokio Beach Road and know others have too.

Kapiti Coast District Council does not provide a council funded kerbside recycling service so does this mean that a lot of their recyclable material ends up in our landfill? If so this is so, that's more reason to stop KCDC rubbish filling up our Hokio landfill.

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Question	Response
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Do you want to present your feedback at the hearing?	Yes
	Please tick this box if you want to keep your contact details private.
<b>Your Comments</b>	
<p>Please give us your feedback on the projects outlined in 'What's Our Plan 2019/2020' or any other Council projects or services you want to comment on.</p>	<p>Hi.</p> <p>Can we please include some projects for Ohau?</p> <p>In particular a focus on Te Ara o Muhunua (Woods Way) - our community led walkway to Muhunua Beach. This has been years in the waiting, and really needs that final push of official council support.</p> <p>And also the proposed mural for the State Highway 1 underpass. Another community project, currently seeking funding.</p> <p>Other ideas include planting out the domain from the highway, enhancing river access off Muhunua East, and extending the bike track in the domain.</p> <p>Just some general love for this often forgotten about bit of Horowhenua would be great.</p> <p>Warm regards, Sarah Walsh</p>
Attach any other comments:	

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Do you want to present your feedback at the hearing?	Yes
<b>Your Comments</b>	
Please give us your feedback on the projects outlined in 'What's Our Plan 2019/2020' or any other Council projects or services you want to comment on.	Brian's and my major concern is that the General Rate is increasing well above the 5.98% and indeed as Rural Business rate payers our rate increase is approx 9%. This increase seems to come from a number of "unfavourable variances" and it is of concern that the budget submitted by council staff 12 months ago was actually unsustainable.
Attach any other comments:	

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**To:** [Records Processing](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Submission from Forest & Bird.  
**Date:** Monday, 8 April 2019 7:56:05 a.m.  
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**From:** Joan Leckie [mailto:joanleckie13@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, 7 April 2019 4:36 PM

**To:** annual plan

**Subject:** Submission from Forest & Bird.

Please find enclosed a submission from the Horowhenua to the Annual Plan.

Branch of Forest & Bird.

PLEASE NOTE: This submission replaces any previous submission sent earlier.

Joan Leckie

Secretary, Horowhenua Branch

7th April 2019.

**SUBMISSION TO HDC ANNUAL PLAN****From: Horowhenua Branch of the Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of NZ Inc**

CONTACT: Joan Leckie, 11 Corfe Castle Lane, Levin 5510

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EMAIL: [joanleckie13@gmail.com](mailto:joanleckie13@gmail.com)**WE WISH TO BE HEARD.****WATER**

1. Forest & Bird supports council action to comply with legislation on drinking water supplies
2. We note the importance of ecological health and strong freshwater quality standards in protecting our municipal water supplies as a 'fence at the top of the cliff'.
3. We also support work to reduce the wastage of water through leaks in supply lines, and any other initiatives (such as educational campaigns or residential storage i.e. rainwater tanks) to reduce our use of water across the region. Not only would this increase our capacity to cope with interruptions in supply that may result from natural disasters, but it would also mean we may be able to reduce our takes from the rivers and bores etc., thereby increasing minimum flow rates at dry times of the year, better protecting instream ecosystems and reducing the occurrence of algal growth in our waterways.

**Waste Management and Minimisation**

4. Forest and Bird would be supportive of efforts to reduce waste to landfill and suggest Council adopt a 'zero waste' goal. We support further recycling initiatives (including for e-waste) and an organic waste collection service, and hope to see such initiatives in the waste management plan.

**Coastal Settlement**

5. Forest & Bird commend council for the attention to coastal hazards in the LTP.
6. Forest & Bird suggest any mitigation approaches should work with changes in our environment rather than fighting against such changes – as this is often detrimental to environmental health and costs more in the long term. Council should be considering how it will manage flood prone, and coastal land, particularly in regard to how the retirement of this land back to ecological buffer areas (such as widened floodplains, wetlands, larger beach/dune areas) will be resourced.

**Three waters**

7. Forest & Bird support further work to improve the reliability and efficiency of our 'three waters'. In particular we would support – ongoing upgrades to waste water treatment facilities to meet best practise; installation of water meters throughout the district; requirement for residential water storage in new developments (either for emergency or drinking water) and any actions required to meet national legislation.
8. Given the aquifers in Horowhenua are under significant stress we consider it imperative that an active approach is taken to reducing per capita water use of the towns and on pollution of these aquifers with nitrogen and other chemicals.

**Climate Change**

9. Forest & Bird is extremely supportive of initiatives that reduce our impact on the environment, including our contribution to climate change.
10. Council should work to lessen its contribution to climate change, including divesting from assets and infrastructure that have reliance of fossil fuels. This would not only reduce the region's contribution to climate change, but also ensure ratepayers assets are protected from the loss of value that is likely to come as the worldwide attitude to such resources shifts.
11. We note that Horowhenua District Council has not signed the Local Government Leaders Declaration on Climate Change. We implore Council to do so and act on the responsibility this would bring.

**Stormwater Quality**

12. Forest & Bird supports initiatives to improve stormwater quality infrastructure and the quality of stormwater reaching our waterways. We suggest the use of more natural systems (wetlands, sedimentation ponds, etc) to assist in achieving this.
13. We support action to increase public awareness of stormwater issues (such as education on the impact of washing cars on driveways, pouring paint down drains, etc) We would also support an increase in compliance monitoring and action, as this has been a failing of many councils around New Zealand. We advocate for a bylaw restricting the washing of cars on driveways, such as that of Porirua City.

**Flood Control**

14. Any flood control work should focus, where possible and appropriate, on the use of natural systems(e.g. wetlands, widening of the a flood plain/erodible corridor, etc) to attenuate flood risk. In general these tend to cost less in the long term than engineering 'solutions' and provide a number of ecosystem services. We support a widening of the erodible river



corridor (being available floodplain) provided adverse effects on the biodiversity values of the river are avoided.

15. Forest & Bird would support initiative to plant up riparian strips. Evidence shows this can make a significant contribution to increases in water quality and reducing flood peak flows, etc.
16. Forest & Bird notes that acknowledging the risk of and planning for natural hazards and disasters is extremely important given the potential effects of climate change. Forest & Bird implore Horowhenua District Council to take as much action as possible to minimise the contribution of the region to climate change, and thereby lessen the risk for what is a coastal and vulnerable region in many ways.

### **Walking and Cycleways**

17. Forest & Bird are extremely supportive of initiatives to enhance the use of walking and cycling as a method of transport. We implore council to move ahead with this work as soon as possible and to continue to provide for sustainable transport options such as cycling.
18. Forest & Bird is extremely supportive of the provision of effective public transport systems, and would support initiatives to maintain and improve commuter services in Horowhenua. Public transport has significant benefits for our environment through a reduction in our contribution to climate change through vehicle emissions (among many other benefits).<sup>7<sup>th</sup></sup>

Thank you for the opportunity of presenting our views

Joan Leckie  
Secretary, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

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**To:** annual plan  
**Subject:** Submission of Foxton Beach Progressive Association Inc to HDC's Annual Plan for 2019/2020:

PLEASE NOTE that we wish to present our submission.

Ted Melton  
Deputy Chair FBPAI  
021 837 874

## HDC ANNUAL PLAN 2019/2020

## SUBMISSION OF FOXTON BEACH PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION INC

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**We wish to present our feedback.**

## INTRODUCTION:

We are the resident, ratepayer & business-operator association in Foxtton Beach community, formed in mid-2018. Currently we have 78 financial members. Our projects and activities are based on member & community feedback. We employ community-led approaches to seek positive outcomes for FB community, through constructive engagements.

This first SUBMISSION for our Association recommends key projects only. Most projects we envisage are beyond this Annual Plan, and not in the LTP. We highlight matters we consider important, and those in which we seek greater participation or support.

## OUR SUBMISSION ADDRESSES:

- Community Planning for Foxtton Beach;
- Master Planning for Foxtton Beach Growth Area Subdivision;
- Development in FB's Holben/Te Wharangi Reserve;
- Estuary and dune care.

**SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS: That the Annual Plan 2019/2020 show as What's Happening/Key Projects:-**

- FB community plan proceeds
- Improved Signage continues
- Freedom Camping policy is reviewed
- Review of FB Coastal Reserve Management Plan is undertaken
- Review of FB Freeholding Fund policy & strategy proceeds
- Development works on Holben Reserve proceeds

**(1) A Community Plan for Foxtton Beach:**

**WE RECOMMEND:** That the Annual Plan state (as a What's Happening/Key Project) that the **Foxtton Beach Community Plan** will proceed in 2019/2020.

## KEY POINTS:

- The member-initiated 10 year FB development plan becomes FB's community plan. We appreciate Council support to facilitate this within our community. Strategies and plans proving particularly helpful at community planning level, are H2040 Growth Strategy,

Horowhenua Wellbeing Strategy, FB Reserves Investment Plan, Shared-Pathways programme, and FB Growth Area Master Planning.

- We support having strategic economic development accompany growth, change and development in 2019/20 and beyond. We see good Freedom Camping policy as important to that. We also welcome the upcoming Destination Management Strategy and Integrated Traffic Strategy for 2019/2020. Relevant to these:-

WE RECOMMEND: - Continuing to fund & progress **signage & branding** proposals put forward in 2018 by FCB, FTDA, FBPAI and MET; and strategically **reviewing Freedom Camping policy**, with local community participation. These should show as What's Happening/Key Projects in the 2019/2020 Annual Plan.

WE ALSO RECOMMEND:- **Review of the Foxton Beach Coastal Reserve Management Plan**. If agreed, this should show in What's Happening/Key Projects in the Plan.

- The comprehensive FB Coastal Reserve Management Plan is 10 years old. Consultative review could highlight constructive priority actions. These could be presented in an action-plan, with targeted actions allocated to agencies and community groups. Recent fencing and dune vandalism remind us that anticipated residential and visitor growth may further stress this highly sensitive environment .
- Through the Manawatu Estuary Management Team, the Association has prompted exploration of a part-time 'ranger' position. This person could supplement statutory managers and community groups, to more effectively action targeted protection and enhancement of estuary values in the RAMSAR site. The project could also include coastal dunes and Holben Reserve.

WE RECOMMEND:- that the announced **community review of FB Freeholding Fund policy/strategy** show as a specific What's Happening/Key Project in the 2019/2020 Annual Plan.

\* We look forward to our members and FB public contributing constructively to the upcoming community review. The Association may propose that future Fund expenditures favour strategic projects, such as those prioritised within the FB community plan; and:-

\* In order to maximize strategic benefit to FB, request least possible expenditure from LTP provision of \$2.5m for future Forbes Rd/Kilmister Block subdivision.

We also support upgrading of FB Surf Lifesaving Club.

## **(2) Subdivision Development In Foxton Beach:**

### KEY POINTS:

- Member concerns about future change and growth inspired the 10 year FB Development Plan project, now the FB Community Plan. We are vitally interested in the FB growth area Master Plan. We have been advised to anticipate at least 350 new homes within 10 years, with more to follow. We appreciate the substantial impact for local community planning,

both risks and opportunities. We seek, through planning, to preserve FB lifestyle and environmental character, while securing desirable enhancements.

- We therefore look forward to bringing forward constructive community-generated proposals to ensure new FB subdivisions are as much as possible, community-oriented, attractive and balanced, economically sustainable, and environmentally-friendly. For example, we believe innovations could minimise fresh water requirements by collecting and using rainwater.
- We are ready to facilitate positive community engagement around Master Planning, in conjunction with Council.

**(3) Further Development at Holben/Te Wharangi Reserve:**

WE RECOMMEND: That if current scoping enables commencement, **Holben development** shows in the Annual Plan 2019/2020 as a **What's Happening/Key Project**, given that funding is already identified in the draft plan.

KEY POINTS:

- We expect to learn soon of the scope of proposed wetland works, as the next step in advancing development of this key strategic reserve via the FB Reserves Investment Plan. We can bring constructive up-to-date responses and proposals from our community. We wish to assist Council develop Holben as an integrated whole, responsive to higher growth expectations.
- Of future relevance, we envisage a FB volunteer-based Reserves & Open-space beautification and maintenance project. We would scope this in conjunction with Council and FCB. We think this could positively assist with Holben's development, and make available funds go further.
- We reiterate our agreement to facilitate works notifications to affected residents.

**Thank you on behalf of Foxton Beach community** for this opportunity to make our submission to the 2019/20 Annual Plan.

Katharine Wilkinson, FBPAI Chairperson,

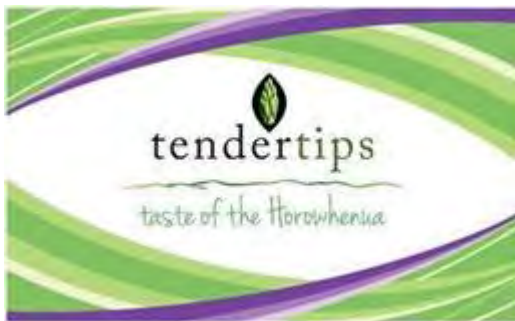
on behalf of members and management committee . 7 April 2019.

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**To:** annual plan  
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Submission attached



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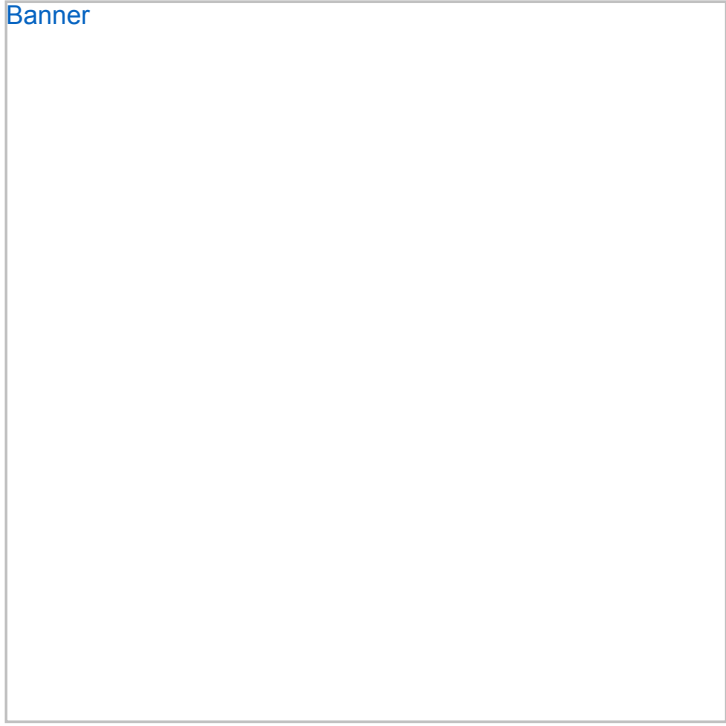
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SUBMISSION TO THE HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL

I would like to be heard in support of my submission.

PROPOSED ANNUAL PLAN - 2019

1. My family are rural ratepayers in the Horowhenua District and are representative of many rural businesses in the District. We pay a large amount of rates on land we own, and land we lease. This land is located throughout the Horowhenua District
2. As a group of rural businesses', we have worked extremely hard over the last few years to bring agricultural and horticultural prosperity to a relatively small geographical community. As a rural community we create
  - a. job growth
  - b. community pride
  - c. a great diversity of food production
3. For all of that effort there is precious little left over for discretionary spending at the end of a business year and it is a really challenging business to be in. The cost of us doing business is going up every year while our income levels change very little.
4. Over successive years, our businesses' rates have increased substantially, and are proposed to increase significantly again this year. Our business' rates proposed increase is 8.8% This increase is representative of all farming folk and is significantly higher than the community average of 5.98%
5. For example, we are going from a total rates bill of \$58,480 to \$63,603, an increase of \$5,123.00
6. If I take the general rate component of our rates alone the increase is 17%, an obscene number.
7. I find it very concerning that we are being expected to shoulder such an increase over and above the rest of the community. We have 18 persons living in houses we pay rates on. If the average household is 3 persons that equates to 6 households. That calculates to \$10,600 per household. If we consider that there is a community rates cost per household, this demonstrates the level of imbalance between urban and rural as this amount is many times the urban average.
8. Our submission is twofold
  - a. Farmer's rates increase should be in line with the rest of the community and we should not be treated, as a South Island farmer suggested, like the community ATM.
  - b. Communitywide rate increases of this level are totally unsustainable. With inflation as low as it is, costs should support rate increases of a much lower level than those proposed. As our community grows (which it is doing rapidly and ahead of the national average), there is a higher number of rateable properties in our District all of which contribute to the rate pool. It concerns me that even with the increase in rateable properties it is deemed necessary to increase our rates at 6%. Is the cost of running our community increasing so much higher than the rate of inflation
9. Over the last 3 years we have seen an elected council bereft of skilled and visionary leadership. I would like to think that with the sideshow and distractions of this election term, you as councillors are simply unaware of this excessive rate burden proposed for farmers. Now that the rural community has made you aware, I trust you will put it right.

Name: Geoff Lewis, Lewis Farming Ltd

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Levin



To: Horowhenua District Council  
From: Social Credit (Western Region)  
Submission on Draft Annual Plan (2019-2020)



Quote: "In the past Council has debt-funded some of its asset renewals to keep rates more affordable. This is unsustainable". Our response to the above observation? Total agreement. But we find the ensuing statement oddly contradictory i.e. "...therefore Council has decided that debt should be used to fund new assets to improve the Level of Service or growth projects".

With Council net debt expected to reach \$109 million by June 2020 we are pleased to note that you see the need for alternative sources of funding other than from the Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA). Ratepayers would surely rejoice if the proposed 5.98% rates-rise could be cancelled !

It is imperative that Council recognizes the financial fact that our sovereign central bank, the Reserve Bank of NZ, is fully empowered to credit-fund essential public infrastructures, thus eliminating the debt-servicing burden these costly schemes incur. Indeed there is no legislation in our Statutes prohibiting the beneficial use of this mechanism. What is more, since the GFC (Global Financial Crisis) of 2008, scores of eminent economists worldwide now advocate the same or similar policies to what Social Credit proposes. We respectfully urge Council to support our submission.

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Note: We would like the opportunity to speak to this submission. Thankyou.- H.M.S.

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Please find attached Federated Farmers submission to the Annual Plan

Kind regards  
Coralee

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# Federated Farmers of New Zealand

## Submission to the Horowhenua District Council on the Draft Annual Plan 2019

8 April 2019



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**SUBMISSION TO THE HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL ON  
THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2019**

To: Horowhenua District Council

Name of submitter: **Federated Farmers of New Zealand – Manawatu/Rangitikei**

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**INTRODUCTION**

1. The Manawatu/Rangitikei Province of Federated Farmers (Federated Farmers) welcomes this opportunity to submit on the Horowhenua District Council Draft Annual Plan 2019 (Annual Plan). We also acknowledge any submissions made by individual members of Federated Farmers.
2. Federated Farmers is focused on the transparency of rate setting, rating equity, levels of service for key responsibilities and both the overall and relative cost of local government to agriculture. We submit to Annual Plans and Long Term Plans throughout New Zealand. We also submit on central government policies that affect local government revenue and spending, with the aim of ensuring that local government have the appropriate tools to carry out their functions.
3. We would like to be heard in support of this submission.

**SUBMISSION**

4. We note the draft Plan states, “for this year Council is able to stick to what we planned in the Long Term Plan and has not made any significant or material changes”. Federated Farmers made a comprehensive submission to the proposed 2018 Long Term Plan, stating our concerns with the significant level of debt that Council was accumulating, largely as a result of large non priority nice to have projects. We are therefore disappointed to be resubmitting again in year 2 of the Long Term Plan to reiterate these concerns.

**Rates increase**

5. While we understand that the overall rates increase is only 0.02% higher than forecasted, as property value is used as the proxy to recover rates, those with higher land values, rural ratepayers, are facing unjustified rates increases. In addition, we note the average rate increase for rural ratepayers is 9.5%, however after using the indicative rating calculator provided, the increase is far greater for a number of rural ratepayers with increases around 15%
6. Federated Farmers understands that the rates increase can be attributed to the general rate, specifically \$900,000 more than forecasted in the Long Term Plan. Given that the general rate cost recovers for a number of activities that can be considered little benefit to rural ratepayers, we do not consider the commensurate increase to rural ratepayers fair.
7. Federated Farmers is also concerned about the inability for Council to keep within forecasted spending, given that this is year 2 of the Long Term Plan. We question why the need to make a considerable rating increase, despite no additional services to be provided? We ask that going forward, Council provide for clarity and transparency, a list of overspending itemised by project/activity.
8. For our Council and communities to move forward in a productive and sustainable way, Council needs to ensure that budgets are maintained, and overspends are avoided. We therefore ask that Council:
  - a. Review its areas of expense with a view to delay or delete any work programmes that could be considered nice to have’s, rather than essential to the wellbeing of the District.
  - b. Reassess Council business and service delivery, with a view to cutting back operating expenses significantly. Operating expenses continue to increase, yet this is an area where spending needs to be reduced.

**Debt**

9. We also see that after one year of the Long Term Plan being in effect, Council are now re-forecasting debt levels to \$109m by June 2020 compared to the LTP forecast of \$105m. Federated Farmers has serious concerns about the Council’s increasing level of debt, especially when noting that just over 15 years ago debt was under \$10m.
10. As the last four Long Term Plans have not held, we ask that Council work to ensure that debt is reduced over the final two years of the Long Term Plan, as we do not believe that the forecasted debt is sustainable. While Council claims it is operating within its debt affordability benchmark, this is not the sort of debt that leaves scope for further sustainable borrowing should there be a significant but unforeseen requirement for expenditure over the next few years, as we have seen arise concurrently for the last few years.
11. Debt should not be used as an alternative to the Council and the community making hard decisions around what areas of expenditure are a priority now, and which can be deferred. We therefore recommend that Council does not progress any projects which could be considered nice to have, and instead work within its means to maintain and where possible develop current infrastructure assets, ultimately reducing debt.

12. Council also needs to find cost savings to keep expenditure in check. It is unlikely the community will specifically identify, let alone agree upon, specific areas of expenditure which should be cut back. We consider it the Councillor's responsibility to lead this discussion by assessing and prioritising current and planned expenditure and then discussing these options with the community.

**Breadth of projects/activities**

13. Federated Farmers also notes that the Annual Plan proposes a number of work programmes which can be considered non-essential rather than core Council business. These are also programmes of work that arguably should be proposed via a Long Term Plan process where there is the ability to consult in full about the Council's proposed direction and budget. We have particular concerns about the following projects:
- a. Destination Management Strategy – tourism strategy
  - b. Master Plans – plans to guide development for high growth suburbs
  - c. Community Plans – broad overarching documents to guide communities in to the future
  - d. Levin Town Centre Development
14. Given the level of debt that Council is facing, and the current budget concerns, we ask Council to park these projects at this time. Federated Farmers submits that Council needs to focus the next 20 years on reducing debt and at the very least, holding rates at current levels.

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Manawatu/Rangitikei Federated Farmers thanks the Horowhenua District Council for considering our submission.



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**Cc:** Alastair Cole  
**Subject:** ENM's submission to Draft Annual Plan 2019-20

Kia ora,

Please find attached the submission of Environment Network Manawatu (ENM) to the Horowhenua District Council's Draft Annual Plan 2019-20.

Please note that ENM will speak to this submission.

Warm regards,

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## **Environment Network Manawatu**

### **Submission to Horowhenua District Council Long Term Plan 2018-2038**

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#### **Hearing of Submissions**

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **Yes**

Do you want to keep your submission details private? **No**

#### **BACKGROUND**

Environment Network Manawatu (ENM) is a charitable umbrella organisation dedicated to enhancing the environment within the Manawatu catchment. We receive funding from Palmerston North City Council, Lotteries, Eastern and Central Community Trust, Community Organisation Grants Scheme and project funding from additional organisations. We currently have over 50 active member groups, four of whom are based in the Horowhenua District and four extra groups who are routinely working in the Horowhenua.

This submission has been written in response to initial comment on the plan from our member groups. It has been revised in response to further member group feedback.

#### **COMMENTS ON THE 2019/2020 ANNUAL PLAN**

ENM believes that our member groups contribute towards many of the community outcomes identified by Council, particularly the thriving communities, exuberant economy, stunning environment and enabling infrastructure outcomes.

ENM recommends that council actively resources community groups that are working alongside council to achieve the proposed community outcomes for the District, as a way to engage the community and also build greater community ownership.

ENM would like to comment on two programmes of work identified in this plan being:

##### **Community Plans**



ENM is aware of several environmental groups working with or within communities that have been identified as targets for community plan development and ENM would hope that these groups would be actively involved with the development of these plans given their involvement in these townships - to ensure these groups can participate, but also to avoid any duplication.

A particular example is Save Our River Trust in Foxton, who have a specific allotment of PGF funding to identify the feasibility around environmental enhancement for Foxtons waterways, but also NZ Landcare Trust, who are embarking on a three year programme of work (that began in November 2018) with Ministry for the Environment and Horizons Regional Council funding, to bring together the communities within the Waikawa Stream catchment (including Manakau and Waikawa Beach townships).

The NZ Landcare Trust programme of work also includes the development of a Strategy and Action Plan for the catchment. This plan should have strong links and ties with the Community Plans for Manakau and Waikawa Beach and could possibly involve some co-development to ensure these communities do not dis-engage as a result of these processes occurring independently.

### **Water and Wastewater Feasibility Studies – Ohau and Waitarere Beach**

Well planned water and wastewater infrastructure is an important component in being able to increase the density of some of the smaller townships within the Horowhenua without having significant environmental impacts. However, with provision of this infrastructure, there also becomes the tendency to consume more resources and also to take less responsibility for the waste that households produce.

ENM would like to suggest that, prior to council undertaking any investment, they create and adopt a water and wastewater minimisation strategy (different from a solid waste strategy) for the district, looking to incorporate opportunities as follows:

- 1) Only providing supplementary water schemes to communities who have had to provide their own water supplies until the development of the proposed infrastructure and requiring them to maintain (existing) or install (new build) rainwater collection and storage. This means the design requirements of the water supplies can be smaller and, consequently, a smaller build cost and lower environmental impact for these communities.
- 2) Requiring water efficient, dual flush toilets to be installed as part of any building consent and/or wastewater connection agreement.
- 3) Offering subsidies or incentives for wastewater separation in new builds so that only black water is collected as part of wastewater and that households have the ability to store and use greywater (shower water, laundry, sink water etc.) for gardens and for flushing toilets. This is particularly appropriate for beach communities where greywater can supply significant volumes of irrigation/gardening water for summertime use.

ENM believes that this is an important component to undertake first prior to any feasibility studies being undertaken, as this will encourage the kind of thinking which will enable more cost effective solutions for the communities identified as a way to limit council debt, plus have a better environmental result. A key step to achieve this is to look at solutions around minimising water use and wastewater production.

### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

It is pleasing to see Council is still actively looking to weigh up its services versus its cost.

ENM would encourage council to continue taking steps to enable greater community participation in decision making. Council needs to ensure that all proposals are grounded at a community level and that plenty of time is given for a decision to be made, which will set up your council for long term success where you can generate

community buy-in and ownership of project work. Your intent to undertake Community Plans highlights this and ENM would encourage that environmental matters are a key consideration in these plans.

## **WHAT OTHER PROJECTS OR IDEAS SHOULD COUNCIL BE CONSIDERING FOR THIS PLAN AND BEYOND?**

ENM would like to HDC to consider beginning to fund key initiatives as part of their 2019-2020 Plan, targeted around enhancing the district's environmental organisations and environmental education:

### **Manawatu River Source to Sea**

**Our submission is that:**

- 1) Council become active participants in the Community driven project, Manawatū River Source to Sea (S2S) – a project that will enhance biodiversity and bring economic benefits to the Community;**
- 2) Council include funding within the 2019-2020 Annual Plan of \$10,000 per annum to help support S2S (2017 – 2040) projects and enable a work programme to begin in the Horowhenua District.**

As a way of trying to curb the biodiversity loss within the Manawatu River Catchment, promote recreation and also turn people's attention to the wider river environment, ENM's biodiversity focused member groups have been formulating a project over the past four years to enable the linking of existing works, fill in voids where people and organisations are not working and encourage greater participation in environmental works from the community.

Please see the progress report for this project which I have attached and forms part of this submission.

Manawatu River Source to Sea is now actively undertaking work programmes in and around the Palmerston North Community. The Palmy Plastic Challenge is the first action based initiative under this programme to engage the community and educate people about the importance of removing plastic out of waterways.

The S2S project was successful in gaining support from Palmerston North City Council's recent Strategic Priority Grant funding round, which will be used towards coordination to enable implementation of a wider work programme for the city. S2S has also received funding for the Palmy Plastic Challenge initiative, which is co-funded by Massey University, Manawatu River Leaders Community Grant funding and Palmerston North City Council.

### **Enviroschools Programme**

ENM understands that Council is now providing funding for Enviroschools at secondary school level, which we endorse. However, ENM suggests that it is even more important that we offer this programme to primary schools as well, for the following reasons:

- Nationally, the best outcomes from Enviroschools are achieved at a primary school level and Enviroschools have the best resources for these schools;
- Enviroschools is a long term behaviour change programme, which has a strong focus on minimising impacts on the environment and restoring natural ecosystems – reducing the burden and associated costs of infrastructure required by communities. Providing a budget to extend this programme to primary schools feeds into the councils community outcomes, particularly the 'Stunning environment' outcome;

- In the long term, this will save councils money. The Enviroschools programme compliments and extends Horowhenua’s existing zero waste education, which is also provided by other district and city councils; and
- Horizons Regional Council have identified that Horowhenua District currently has five schools on the ‘Friends of Enviroschools’ list, plus Opiki and Manakau Schools who have both identified that they want to become Enviroschools.

**Our submission is that:**

- 1) Council includes a budget in this year’s Annual Plan to begin funding up to 8 primary schools to become facilitated enviro-schools. For subsequent plans, officers engaging with Horizons Regional Council educators about any further demand for this service in the district so they can budget for more schools to join in future years.**
- 2) ENM understands that councils pay \$1000 per Enviroschool per year to provide an Enviroschools Facilitator. This would equate to an addition of just \$8,000 to Horowhenua Districts’ budget for this year’s Plan.**

ENM would like to see HDC providing funding for any schools in the district that are currently ‘Friends of Enviroschools’ or any schools looking to join this programme into the future. Enviro schools provides critical resourcing for schools and learning for children that will provide positive outcomes throughout the district for years to come.

**Manawatu River Loop at Foxton**

Both Save Our River Trust (SORT) and Wildlife Foxton Trust are member groups of ENM.

In SORT’S case, ENM is well aware of the resource consent, granted by Horizons Regional Council to SORT, which has significant implications for this group implementing works on the town frontage of the river loop. The potential benefits that works around the town frontage could have for both this community and for the Councils new community facility Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom are significant and ENM would urge council to assign further funding within the 2019-2020 budget to SORT, to enable them to have a greater funding pool to undertake a robust and compliant work programme within the Foxton Loop over the period.

Wildlife Foxton Trust has also become a member group of ENM. ENM believes this organisation has a significant opportunity to create an environmental hub for Foxton, showcasing New Zealand native fauna and providing educational and tourism opportunities. ENM would encourage District Council to consider offering public land or buildings (if applicable) and also considering investment into this facility into the future.

**Foxton Wastewater Discharge**

ENM is aware of concerns that the discharge to Matarapa Island could result in nutrient loss into the surrounding waterway at higher than expected levels. We support Wildlife Foxton Trust’s request that water quality sampling be undertaken prior to discharge to land commencing (to establish a baseline) and then on an on-going basis, with results made available to the Foxton and Beach communities. In addition we suggest that appropriate native species be planted and maintained near the water’s edge, to act as a riparian strip to help mitigate any impact that nutrient may have on the waterway. Such a planting would also provide biodiversity benefits.

**Manawatu Estuary**

ENM would like to highlight the Manawatu Estuary as an area where Council should be investing significant energy and resource. This Estuary is one of only six places in New Zealand to be listed as a wetland of international importance with the international Ramsar Secretariat, due to its diverse population of migratory and sedentary native and indigenous bird species.

Horowhenua District Council's current contribution to this area is around management of the dune lands at the foreshore end of the site and also the bird sanctuary spit, both of which are habitats that require significant investment over time to keep them in good condition. We would encourage Horowhenua District Council to increase its funding for these special reserve lands with high biodiversity value and make sure that these internationally recognised environments, and the flora and fauna which they provide for, are protected and enhanced for the benefit of future generations.

We would also encourage Horowhenua District Council to continue to work actively with the Manawatu Estuary Trust, the Manawatu Estuary Management Team and the recently formed Foxton Beach Progressive Association to be able to ensure that decisions about this estuary are not made unilaterally, but made across organisations and also have ownership from the community.

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We've told you what's planned for 2019/2020.

Now's the time to give Council any thoughts you might have on the projects.

**All feedback must be provided to Council by midday on 8 April 2019.**

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right to access the information and request its correction.

### Your Comments

Please give us your feedback on the projects outlined in 'What's Our Plan 2019/2020' or any other Council projects or services you want to comment on.

The Horowhenua Farmers Rate Payers group are concerned about the level of rates increase that we will be paying, being well above the advertised increase of 5.98%. Our group pay 25% of the General Rate. The General Rate is spent on numerous very urban/lifestyle items that our group receives a limited benefit from, and definitely not a benefit that reflects the amount we contribute.

We are also concerned that just 12 months after the LTP deliberations the budget in the first year is already suffering from "unfavourable variances". The proposed debt level has also increased beyond budgeted figures. These issues need to be address now.

Ann

For some unknown reason I can not submitt twice ie once for Brian and I and once for the Horowhenua Farmers Rate Payers....they system keeps telling me I have already submitted.

So please confirm that this submission has been received

Ann

**SUBMISSION TO THE HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL PROPOSED ANNUAL PLAN 2019**

1. We are rural ratepayers in the Horowhenua.
2. Our overall rate increase will be 9.2%. We already pay \$75,891.13 in rates and question how we will benefit as rural dwellers from the extra \$7,307.76 increase at the higher percentage we are expected to pay compared to the urban dwellers increase.
3. The rates increase are attributed to the general rate of which our general rate will increase by 17% which is a huge unfair imbalance between urban and rural .
4. We are very concerned about the increased spending by Council over and above what was forecasted in the Long Term Plan and also the debt levels which are spiralling. Council needs to put more focus on reducing debt by reassessing spending instead of increasing rural rates to this unfair extent which seems to be the easy option.
5. Our present mayor campaigned against rising debt levels and the rural community now seems to be the scapegoat for something that he has not had the ability to control.

Signed



Doug and Glynis Easton

8/4/2019

# Annual Plan Feedback Form

Submission #35

## What's Our Plan 2019/2020



We've told you what's planned for 2019/2020.  
Now's the time to give Council any thoughts you might have on the projects.

All feedback must be provided to Council by midday on 8 April 2019.

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Do you want to present your feedback at the hearing?

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Please give us your feedback on the projects outlined in 'What's Our Plan 2019/2020' or any other Council projects or services you want to comment on.

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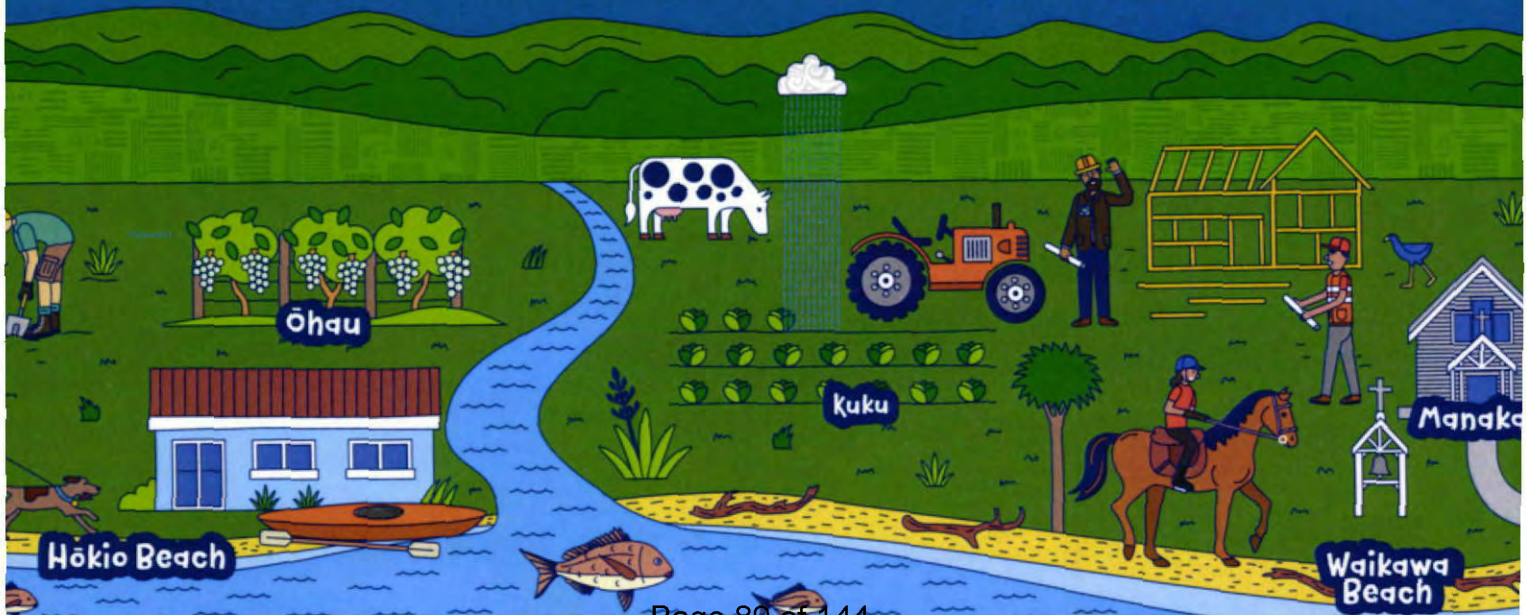
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**Submission to Horowhenua District Council**  
**From: The Foxton Community Board**  
**Date: 8 April 2019**

- 1. S.O.R.T**
  - 2. Cenotaph Lighting**
  - 3. Tourism Funding**
  - 4. 24hr Public Toilet**
  - 5. Foxton East Drainage Scheme**
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**S.O.R.T**

The Board congratulates Council on the support it has given to S.O.R.T to date. It also acknowledges the exciting opportunities signalled by the recent grant of \$100,000 by the Provincial Growth Fund.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

We urge Council to work closely with Central Government to secure the funding necessary to advance the goals of S.O.R.T

**Cenotaph Lighting – Main Street Foxton**

With the attractive lighting of the water tower at the Southern end of Main Street, it would be both advantageous and essential to light up the Cenotaph at the Northern end of the Main Street.

With the proposed development of Mavtech and the Courthouse Museum, lighting will be essential to add to the ambience and enhancement of the history of the area.

**Tourism Funding**

Applying for \$20,000.00 to cover the contract for Cathy McCartney to continue with promoting tourism in Foxton. Cathy has a power point presentation available along with support from Arjan Van Der Boon.

**24hr Public Toilets**

Foxton, as a tourist destination needs a 24hr toilet. Many residents want to walk in the early morning and the unavailability of a 24hr toilet is a wellbeing issue. When the river loop is opened, we will need facilities for the water sport participants.

**Foxton East Drainage Scheme**

We support Regional Councils amended funding split. Though we need to consult with Horowhenua District Council on their policy relating to storm water.

Delay the project for one year so that the community can work with Horizons staff on the most cost effective solution.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

We recommend that the local rating component be funded by the urban areas in the Horowhenua district, noting that this is consistent with H.D.C's harmonisation policy.

## What's Our Plan 2019/2020



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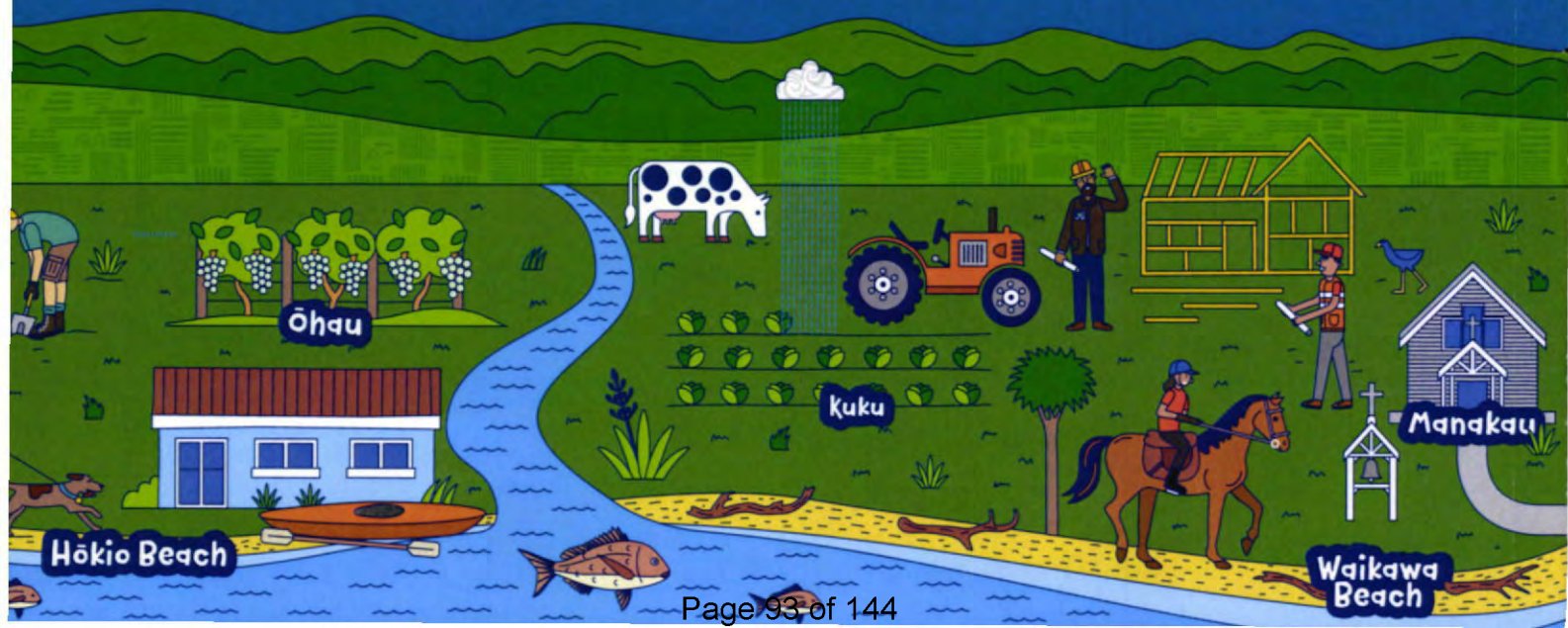
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Submission to:

**Horowhenua District Council**  
**Annual Plan 2019/2020**

From: Waitarere Beach Progressive & Ratepayers Assn Inc.

We commend Council on being able to stick to what was planned in the Long Term Plan and not making any significant or material changes. We celebrate the new vision statement and look forward to it underpinning all initiatives and decisions Council makes as outlined in the Annual Plan.

We congratulate Council on the Annual Plan "What's our Plan" document and the manner in which the information has been presented.

As a community we have two priority items to submit on:

**Holmwood Park Play equipment:**

Holmwood Park is an important reserve within the Waitarere Beach township. It is the only playground at the southern end of the township and is regularly used by the families of young children and teenagers alike, as there is a sizeable open space as well as a small play equipment area.

This park is recognised as being within the 10 minute ped shed which recognises that people are typically more likely to walk further for a valued attraction/asset such as a children's playground.

We submitted in the 2018-2038 Long Term Plan process for an upgrade of play equipment at Holmwood Park and received the reply that there was no provision being made for this in the new LTP.

Since this time there has been further deterioration of the metal supporting the existing play equipment as evidenced by the accompanying photographs – graphically showing extreme rust in many places.

On February 28, 2019, we received an email from Rachel Carr of HDC Parks & Reserves, that a playground inspection by Recreational Services was undertaken at Holmwood Park and the outcome and recommendation was to immediately remove the swing bridge and climbing frame to ensure the safety of users. This recommendation to remove these items and make safe the existing equipment by boarding up access to the top of the climbing frame work was actioned asap.

Upon enquiring when this equipment would be suitably repaired, we were informed that there is currently no budget for new or refurbished play equipment.

It is important to note that in the Holmwood Park Reserve document:

4.6 - Management Principles – recognise the value of the park to Waitarere Beach as well as the wider District, in providing a safe and family friendly open space for people to use and enjoy. Provide appropriate facilities to support the function and use of the Park, which are in keeping with the existing character.

4.7.3.1 Policy – ensure that new and existing play equipment is installed, maintained and replaced in accordance with National Playground Standards.

We request this play equipment be either re-instated to full operational status or replaced as soon as possible – currently children are unable to use the equipment as it was designed and installed to be used and with the current level of corrosion, it will not be long before the whole play structure will be classed as a health and safety issue and then become a particularly urgent issue.

Holmwood Park was named after Captain Charles Holmwood who was the Captain of the Hydrabad ship which washed ashore on Waitarere Beach in a storm on June 25 1887. We are currently working alongside Council Officers on installing info boards and relocating a mural to the park to celebrate the Hydrabad and its heritage.

We would be keen to be part of a Council/Community collaboration as advocated by Jim Diers in his presentation “Creating great communities together” – making communities stronger & our neighbourhoods more attractive. Council providing the materials and overall guidance but utilising the voluntary skill sets available from residents within the community provides an opportunity to reduce the cost of a new play area – one with a nautical flavour and made of a more suitable coastal material – wood. (Refer accompanying possible concept photo)

**Waitarere Rise Ave centre gardens:**

The centre gardens on Waitarere Rise Ave were designed to be a showcase entrance to the Waitarere Rise subdivision and until recently this has been much admired.

For the past 18 months or more, the gardens have been neglected by Council and are now an embarrassing reminder of how badly things can go wrong when not supported by Council departments. Over the past two summers plants have been stressed and some lost, through lack of upkeep and mulching (mounds of mulch have been onsite for the last couple of years but has not been spread to help with retaining moisture during hot summers), weeds have grown to ridiculous heights and abundance, and the road surface has not been weed killed for some time!

Acting on concerns from the residents at the Rise, our committee have been battling with Council Officers as to whose responsibility it is to maintain these gardens for more than a year. Having been assured in an email on January 29 2019 from Sean Hester, Parks & Property Lead North, that “we now have certainty that the road corridor at Waitarere Rise (Stage 1) has now been vested over to council and that on that basis Recreational Services will start to spray and maintain the centre gardens, as well as the 4x mows of the berm per year”, on February 20 2019 we then received a letter from Arthur Nelson, Property & Parks Manager stating “that the site was not included in the Grounds Maintenance contract as this only applies to urban residential roads and not rural residential as this subdivision is classified”.

This whole subdivision was a **Council approved project** with development contributions paid by the developer and the planting plan for the centre berm planned in conjunction with Senior Council Officers at the time and an approved Landscape Architect. A \$50,000 bond was held by Council for 5 years until 2013, so that the planting was completed and maintained in an appropriate manner by the developer for 5 years. Not all of this bond was returned to the developer, as he had planted more weather resilient coastal plants than approved in the original plan. This garden was then vested as an asset to Council, as was all the infrastructure in Stage 1 of the development. It was maintained regularly until the last couple of years.

Waitarere Beach has been identified by Council as having significant growth in the next 20 years and the Waitarere Rise subdivision development is a major component contributing to the number of new houses being built during that time frame.

The *underlying principle* here is that it **was** a **Council approved** subdivision and the developer up held all the **conditions necessary at the time**, to make it an attractive asset to the Waitarere Beach area and wider Horowhenua district.

We request that Council **honour** the original agreement to maintain the centre garden as agreed and **implement** whatever policy/regulatory changes required to make this occur.

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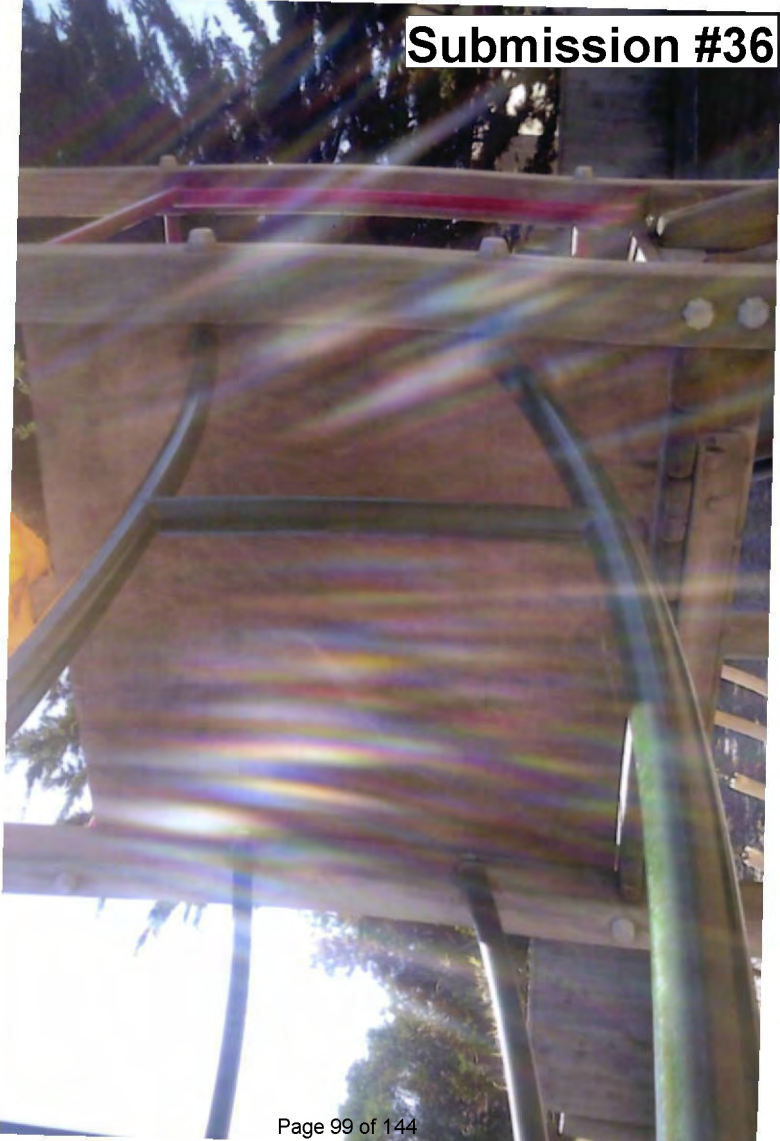


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**Submission #36**

Possible Holmwood Park play ground replacement concept.

Submission #36



**Colleen Burgess**

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**Sent:** Monday, 8 April 2019 1:27 p.m.  
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**From:** John & Wendy Allen [mailto:jdallen@xtra.co.nz]  
**Sent:** Monday, 8 April 2019 12:46 PM  
**To:** annual plan  
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SUBMISSION TO THE HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL

PROPOSED ANNUAL PLAN - 2019

1. I am a rural ratepayer in the Horowhenua District.
2. Over successive years, my rates have increased substantially, and are proposed to increase again this year.
3. I understand that the overall rates increase is 0.02% higher than forecasted, yet rural ratepayers will face an average 9.5% increase.
4. I also understand that a number of rural ratepayers have proposed rates increases of 15%. After using the indicative rating calculator, my rates increase will be 9.5 – 15% (we have 4 separate titles we pay rates on).
5. I also understand that the rates increase can be attributed to the general rate, specifically \$900,000 more than forecasted in the Long Term Plan. As the General Rate provides services more likely to be used by urban ratepayers, I do not consider it fair that my rates are further increased to offset activities that I see little benefit from.
6. I am also concerned about the inability for Council to keep within forecasted spending, given that these changes are being sought in year 2 of the Long Term Plan. I question why the need to make a considerable rates increase, despite no additional services to be provided.
7. I am also concerned that Council are also re-forecasting debt levels to \$109m by June 2020 compared to the LTP forecast of \$105m. I have serious concerns about the Councils increasing level of debt, especially when noting that just over 15 years ago debt was under \$10m.
8. Last year's LTP forecasted debt to reach \$157million by 2036. I am concerned at what the new forecasted maximum will be, and whether or not the council will be able to keep to the budget proposed this year.
9. I believe there is a strong argument for a re-assessment of the council activities and services, with a view to halting progress on any projects not considered core business, supported by a significant

reduction in operating expenses. The council needs to focus the next 20 years on reducing debt and at the very least, holding rates at current levels.

10. I would like to be heard in support of my submission.

Name: John & Wendy Allen

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**From:** Lynne Best [mailto:Lynne.Best@horizons.govt.nz]  
**Sent:** Monday, 8 April 2019 2:26 PM  
**To:** annual plan  
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Good afternoon

Feedback on your Annual Plan from Horizons Regional Council is attached.

Nga mihi  
Lynne

**Lynne Best | PA to Dr Nic Peet, Group Manager Strategy & Regulation**

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Dear David

**HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN 2019/2020**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on your annual plan 2019/2020. Horizons Regional Council (Horizons) values the strong relationship between our two organisations. We look forward to continuing to work together closely on projects and processes of mutual interest and concern, particularly those with implications for natural resource management.

We note that Horowhenua District Council (HDC) is not proposing any significant or material changes from what is set out in the current Long Term Plan. Horizons supports HDC's ongoing implementation of these programmes, including moving wastewater from Foxton's treatment plant to land-based disposal and carrying out a feasibility study for stormwater treatment that will lead to improved environmental outcomes.

Horizons does not wish to speak to your Council at the Hearing in May. However, we are happy to arrange for a representative attend this or any other meeting with elected members or staff, if our contribution would be helpful.

Yours sincerely

Michael McCartney  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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Submission date: 09/04/2019 05:32 AM

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Question	Response
Full Name:	Ian and Sandra Gray
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Do you want to present your feedback at the hearing?	No
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<b>Your Comments</b>	
Please give us your feedback on the projects outlined in 'What's Our Plan 2019/2020' or any other Council projects or services you want to comment on.	<p>As farmers we are very concerned about the level of rates increase that we will be paying, being well above the advertised increase of 5.98%. Our group pay 25% of the General Rate. The General Rate is spent on numerous very urban/lifestyle items that our group receives a limited benefit from, and definitely not a benefit that reflects the amount we contribute.</p> <p>We are also concerned that just 12 months after the LTP deliberations the budget in the first year is already suffering from "unfavourable variances".</p> <p>The proposed debt level has also increased beyond budgeted figures.</p> <p>These issues need to be addressed now.</p>
Attach any other comments:	

**Colleen Burgess**

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**From:** Michelle Rutherford  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 April 2019 10:34 a.m.  
**To:** Records Processing  
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I found this feedback in the noreply inbox.

Cheers  
Michelle

**Michelle Rutherford**

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**From:** Pauline Masters [mailto:paulinemasters@xtra.co.nz]  
**Sent:** Monday, 8 April 2019 11:44 AM  
**To:** no reply  
**Subject:** Annual Plan

I am a Rural ratepayer in the Horowhenua District.

Ever since I have started to pay rates which would be over 40 years ago, they have increased heaps and are going to increase again.

My main concern is that the Council doesn't seem to be able to keep within their budget, what would happen if I did that I would be broke? There seems to me to be a re-assessment of council activities and services

For a small District Council look at all the Staff employed and what are their salaries and wages?

The debt levels just seem to be rising all the time which concerns me.

I would like to be heard in support of my submission.

Pauline Masters

43 Papaitonga Lake Road

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re: Reserves in Shannon.

I would like to have the Shannon Progressive Assn Inc 'Waterwheel' project completed on the land at 35 Margaret Street, Shannon, which was purchased specifically to build the water wheel some years ago. The 'godwits' was put up to the entrance in Foxton in a matter of months. This project has been ongoing for at least 12 years. It is TIME to 'get it done'.

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Shannon Memorial hall  
that Shannon retain these hall for the people of Shannon to enjoy that it be run by locals for locals at a responsible cost. that the council give the keys to local people Shannon needs more toilets around the shopping area & more lighting around the town & railway station. Police presence more accessible

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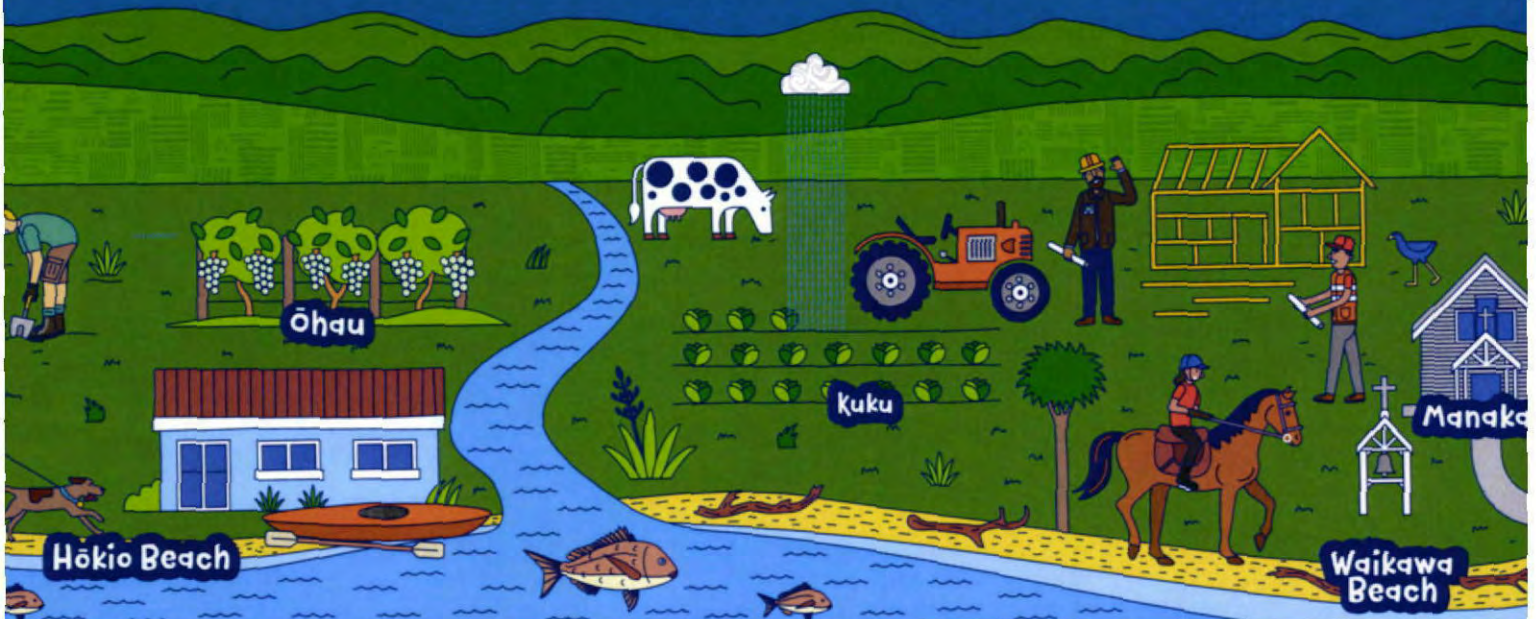
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