

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of the Horowhenua District Council will be held on:

**Date:** Wednesday 1 May 2024  
**Time:** 12:00 pm  
**Meeting Room:** Council Chambers  
**Venue:** 126-148 Oxford St  
Levin

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**Council**  
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## Long Term Plan 2024-2044

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### Submitter Details

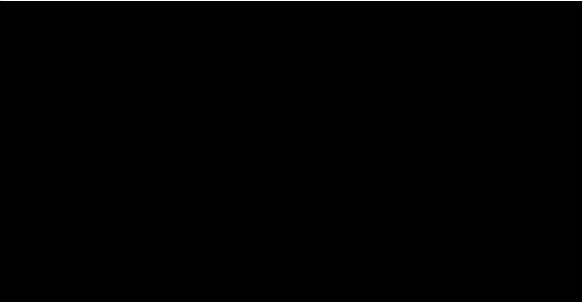
**Submission Date:** 16/04/2024

**First name:** Cam **Last name:** Jenkins



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**Organisation:** Manawatu Tenants Association



**Resident or Ratepayer**

**Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at a Hearing?**

Yes

I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

### Feedback

**Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this LTP?**

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#### Supporting Documents

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to bring to your attention the pressing issue of long-term housing problems within our community and to urge the Horowhenua District Council to actively support and engage with the Manawātū Tenants Union in addressing this critical issue.

As you are likely aware, the housing crisis in our region has reached alarming levels, with an increasing number of tenants facing unaffordable rents, inadequate living conditions, and the constant threat of homelessness. The lack of affordable and secure housing options has placed immense strain on vulnerable individuals and families, exacerbating social inequalities and perpetuating cycles of poverty.

In light of these challenges, it is imperative that local authorities take proactive measures to support tenants and address the underlying causes of the housing crisis. The Manawātū Tenants Union has been at the forefront of advocating for tenants' rights and providing essential support and resources to those in need. By collaborating with the Union, the Horowhenua District Council can leverage their expertise and community

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networks to develop effective strategies for improving housing affordability, ensuring better living standards, and promoting tenant empowerment.

Moreover, engaging with the Manawatū Tenants Union offers an opportunity to foster greater transparency, accountability, and dialogue between tenants and local government. By actively involving tenants in decision-making processes and policy discussions, the Council can gain valuable insights into the lived experiences of those most affected by the housing crisis, ultimately leading to more informed and inclusive solutions.

In conclusion, I urge the Horowhenua District Council to prioritize its engagement with the Manawatū Tenants Union and to demonstrate its commitment to addressing the long-term housing issues facing our community. By working together, we can create a more just and equitable housing system that ensures the well-being and dignity of all residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your positive response and to seeing meaningful action taken to support tenants in our region.

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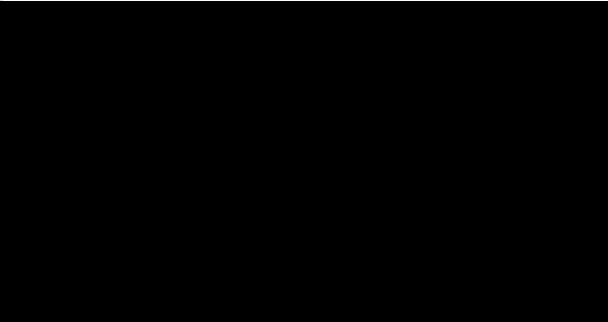
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Submission Date: 16/04/2024

First name: Delwyn Last name: Randall

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Did you attend any of the consultation events?

(in person or online e.g. Facebook live)

Yes

If you did, which one(s)

What services do we need for our community?

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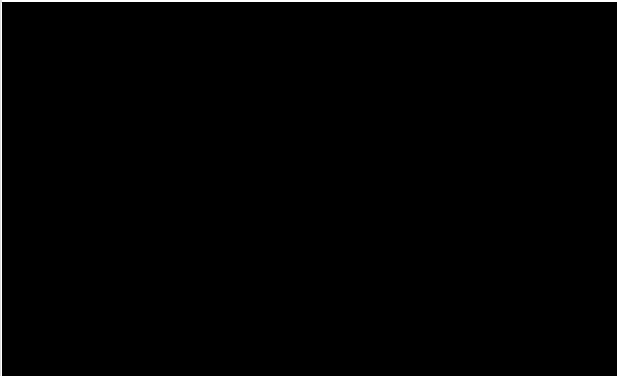
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Submission Date: 16/04/2024

First name: Sam Last name: Fergusson

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Kia ora, this is a personal submission to the LTP. I request to speak to this submission please.

I am focussing on one issue only for this submission, which is to request HDC to put priority into urban active transport (walking and cycling). There are strong economic, social, environmental, safety, health, air quality, and business opportunities through taking this approach.

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I will outline this through a presentation to the LTP. I have presented on this topic before to HDC and my message continues to be the same. There is clear research and evidence that investing in walking and cycling for our communities will deliver much better outcomes now and well into the future.

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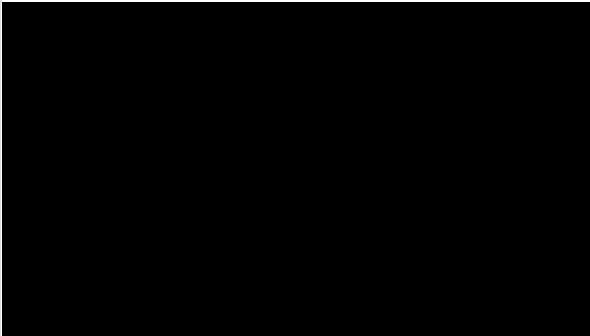
### Submitter Details

Submission Date: 16/04/2024

First name: Jeremy Last name: Manks



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**Supporting Documents**

From: Jeremy/Marie Manks <manks@outlook.co.nz>  
Sent: Monday, 15 April 2024 2:41 pm  
To: Customer Services - Public <CustomerServices@horowhenua.govt.nz>  
Subject: LTP 2024submission.

To HDC

Your "Lets korero" website is much too complex or the time I have available for a submission hence this brief email.

I accept your Option 2 measures in you letter of 26 March 2024.

Option 3

Agree with slowing down affordable housing plan, I don't know what the plan is but it sounds like a central, rather than local, government issue.

Agree with reducing investment in economic development. It can be self funded.

Recycling is a core Council activity. This should be maintained, provided the recycling is effective.

Reduce the budget for community development, say 50%. Many of the grants I have seen are not spent judiciously. Communities can fund raise elsewhere. There is too much reliance on Council funding.

Information services can be voluntary, with the facility provided by Council.

I don't know the impact of reducing rate payer funding but if user paying is the option, I would go with that.

Don't reduce the maintenance of roads, it will catch up with you. Recover new roading costs from developers/users.

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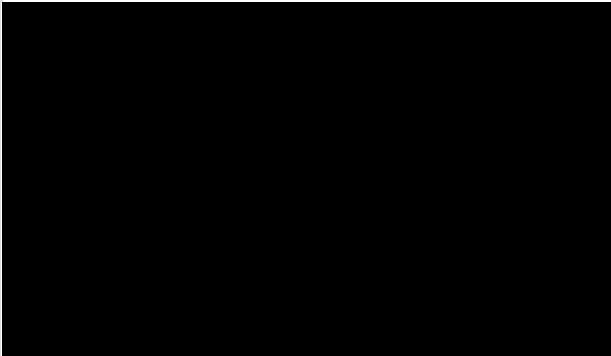
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Submission Date: 17/04/2024

First name: David Last name: Roache

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### Feedback

\*Tell us if you think there might be other ways we could save the required funds across Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, the Youth Space and Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, without having to close on a Sunday.

I do not support the closing of Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom on a Sunday.

REASON BEING: Foxton is a tourist center & destination point. I believe it should be kept open. To close it would be detrimental to our efforts to tourism.

OPTION: Reduce weekday hours by 1 hour per day, or if more cost efficient close on 1 day per week (being the quietist day of the week).

LIBRARY'S: I believe that the charge for a new book rental should increase to \$5.00 with other books \$1.00 per book. I do not believe this is unreasonable as the price of

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new books is exorbitant.

Increase trade waste costs to a level to recover actual costs, not to be used as gather revenue.

#### Sharing costs – who should pay for what?

#### 3A: How should Te Awahou Foxton Community Board be funded?

(see pages 27-28 of the Consultation Document for more)

##### Option 1 (Status Quo):

Fund through Representation and Community Leadership Targeted Rates only  
Please tell us why:

#### 3C: Do you support the proposed changes to the Rates Remission Policy?

(see page 31 of the Consultation Document for more)

No

Please tell us why:

I do not support any increase in the rates remission policy.

#### Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this LTP?

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#### Supporting Documents

OPTION 1. Totally unacceptable, reductions must be made

OPTION 2 & 3

Combined comments.

1. Council should concentrate on its main services. i.e Roading & footpaths, waste water, storm water & fresh water.
2. I support Councils involvement in community welfare, such as Library's. swimming pools etc and Community Grants
3. Reduce Community Development by 50%
4. Dog Fees: Increase only to recover costs, not to be used for money making. Instigate a reward system for responsible owners. Increase penalties for irresponsible owners of unregistered dogs and dangerous dogs.
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7. Increase parking costs in Levin.
8. Sell off carbon credits. Council no longer needs to offset landfill, so the forestry owned by Council could be used to cover carbon credits for the capped existing ones.
9. I also support the sale of carbon credits to be used reduce loan debt. I am not in favor of capital sales being used to offset operating costs.
10. Increase trade waste costs to a level to recover actual costs, not to be used as gather revenue.
11. I reluctantly support ceasing the mowing of berms.  
OUTCOME; It could result in more ratepayers taking a bit more pride in their communities.
12. I do not support a 17% rate increase. Costs need to be reduced, not reduce services.
13. Remove the housing action plan.

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14. Reduce investment for information services by 50%.  
15. I support the rate funded depreciation.  
16. Economic Development. The Horowhenua Company Limited, with the sale of their purchased land, they should now be able to fund their activities from their land sales that have generated funds. Cut back to \$300,000. This should be rated across the district not targeted on nonresidential properties.  
17. No operational activities should be funded through debt, operational activities should be funded from rates. (if that's not possible then don't do it i.e recycling.  
18. Do not reduce the investment in reading.  
OPTION 2.  
19. I do not support a separate rate for the Te Awahou Foxton Community Board.  
(a) It is part of democracy  
(b) The Board was set up for Community Involvement of Foxton & Foxton Beach. When amalgamation took place, Mr Ellwood did not at any time indicate that this could be charged as a separate service.  
QUESTION: is the \$188,000 a true cost, it is hard to justify.  
EXAMPLE: direct expenses show \$23,000 as allocated, not actual costs. Costs associated would still be there regardless if the TAFCB existed. Officers would still have to come up with reports. By rating them separately is like driving a wedge in democracy.  
20. I do not support any increase in the rates remission policy.  
Councils, like all business should be addressing their overheads. Staffing levels at 2007 numbered 57.  
Mr Ward is on record as saying they were under staffed. By 2010 staff numbers had lifted to 88  
At 30/6/22 staff numbers were 226  
At 30/6/23 staff numbers were 278  
30/06/24 ???  
THREE WATERS;  
I believe the time is right to review the contract relating to 3 Waters. I believe there should be sufficient savings by bring the work back inhouse.  
I REQUEST that Council explore all options available.

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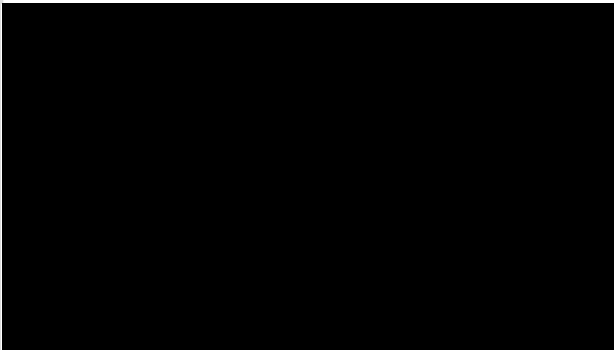
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How should we minimise and manage waste?

**2A: How should we pay for Levin Landfill aftercare and Landfill debt?**

(see page 19 of the Consultation Document for more)

**Option 1** (Preferred Option):

Repay through a separate Targeted Rate where every property pays the same rate.

**2B: How should we fund kerbside recycling services? Who should pay?**

(see pages 20-23 of the Consultation Document for more)

**Option 1** (Status Quo):

Urban continues to pay, with rural properties that receive kerbside recycling services, subsidised to receive the same service.

**2C: Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP)**

(see pages 24-25 of the Consultation Document for more)

(i) Do you support the WMMP Vision?

*"To provide households and businesses with affordable and impactful waste management and minimisation services. To promote community empowerment, individual responsibility and positive behaviour change."*

Yes

(ii) How would you rank the WMMP Goals

(Highest = most important)

- .Reduce waste where we can
- .Manage waste responsibly
- .Make it easy to recycle
- .Provide the best price disposal of urban waste
- .Maintain community services (i.e. kerbside recycling, transfer stations, kerbside bag collection)
- .Provide high impact, low cost delivery of targeted waste diversion initiatives
- .Promote the environmentally safe disposal of all waste (including hazardous waste, herbicides, lithium ion batteries, paint etc.)
- .Council to advocate for our community on a regional and national level
- .Educate the community on waste minimisation
- .Promote reuse of waste

Sharing costs – who should pay for what?

**3A: How should Te Awahou Foxton Community Board be funded?**

(see pages 27-28 of the Consultation Document for more)

**Option 2** (Preferred Option):

Fund through new Targeted Rate

Please tell us why:

**3B: How should Economic Development be funded?**

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(see pages 29-30 of the Consultation Document for more)

**Option 2** (Preferred Option):  
New Economic Development Targeted rate  
Please tell us why:

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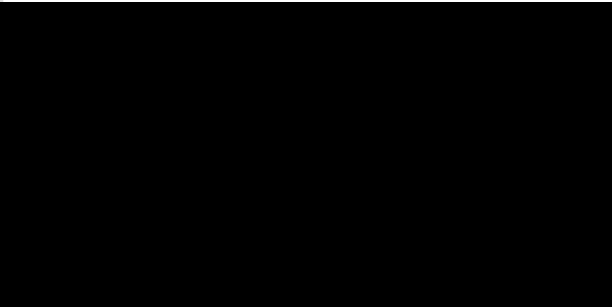
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### Submitter Details

Submission Date: 17/04/2024

First name: Suzanne Last name: McFarlane

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Yes

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### Feedback

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2A: How should we pay for Levin Landfill aftercare and Landfill debt?

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Option 2 (Status Quo):

Repay through existing Solid Waste Targeted Rate, which means that the rural sector pay 20% and urban sector 80% of the total cost.

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Option 2 (Preferred Option):

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Please tell us why:

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**3B: How should Economic Development be funded?**

(see pages 29-30 of the Consultation Document for more)

**Option 2 (Preferred Option):**

New Economic Development Targeted rate

Please tell us why:

**3C: Do you support the proposed changes to the Rates Remission Policy?**

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Yes

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