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(By Email)

Mayor Grant C Smith
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The value of local government investment in play, active recreation and sport

We hope that this letter finds you well.

We are writing about the critical role that you and your council play in supporting your local community with opportunities to be physically active.

Council is an incredibly important contributor to local play, recreation and sport opportunities for our community. As you know, council provides and supports:

- Sport and recreation facilities
- Parks and reserves
- Playgrounds
- Community groups and organisations to deliver opportunities for people to be active.

Council also has a vital role in shaping local environments through its placemaking and planning functions. Ensuring that new developments, transport routes and infrastructure help people to be active in their daily lives can make a real difference to the health and wellbeing of local communities.

Your council's investment into the play, active recreation and sport sector ensures happier, healthier people and better connected and stronger communities. We are grateful for your support in this vital area.

Working together to promote physical activity

Sport NZ and Sport Manawatu work closely together to promote physical activity and its many wellbeing benefits. We often jointly submit to public annual and long-term plan consultations to advocate for the provision of play, active recreation and sport opportunities for local communities. We will continue to use this avenue to provide feedback on local planning processes.

We are also conscious that discussions are already underway within the council about the next long-term plans and that the public consultations are only one part of a planning process that begins much earlier.

Play, active recreation and sport provides many wellbeing benefits

We appreciate your council will need to make some difficult decisions in the current financial environment but would urge that investment in play, active recreation and sport be protected given the huge benefits this investment provides to community wellbeing.

Attached is a summary of evidence demonstrating how physical activity supports social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing - the four types of wellbeing that are core to local government's role. The full evidence summary, which also includes relevant case studies from around New Zealand, is available [online](#).

Our people are ready and willing to help you and your officers as needed to make the most of our mutual investment in play, active recreation and sport

Sport NZ invests across New Zealand to support participation in play, active recreation and sport. Much of this investment is targeted at providing opportunities for tamariki and rangatahi to be active in ways that resonate for them. For example, during 2022/23 we have invested over \$700,000 in the Manawatu/Tararua/Palmerston North and Horowhenua regions through our Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa fund, administered by Sport Manawatu.

Sport NZ and Sport Manawatu also have a range of experts who can provide more information and advice about many aspects of the play, active recreation and sport system – including the design and maintenance of facilities, or data and insights about participation levels to support informed decision-making.

Your local Regional Partnership Manager is Colin Stone who can be reached at colin.stone@sportnz.org.nz while your lead contact from Sport Manawatu is Kelly Shanks who can be reached kelly.shanks@sportmanawatu.org.nz. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is any way we can be of assistance.

We look forward to continuing to work together and supporting our communities to enjoy the benefits that come from play, active recreation and sport.

Ngā mihi



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GENERAL

Sport Manawātū is a charitable trust that was established in 1987 and has grown from small beginnings to become a substantial provider of services and events benefiting the sporting and active recreation interests of the Manawātū, Horowhenua and Tararua communities. Our organisation has a long and proud history of supporting and delivering on local Council outcomes. Our headquarters is located in Palmerston North, in addition we have satellite offices based in Feilding, Dannevirke, and Levin.

Sport Manawātū has a cohort of staff who are subject matter experts across a variety of areas. These include Green Prescription, Coaching, Creating Safe Sporting Environments, Healthy Active Learning, Active Recreation, and Play.

Our team gather insights and data, as well as listen to the voice of the community to understand their needs, aspirations, and challenges. This information helps us to determine how we best respond to these needs in a responsive way that will work for them. Our experts work collectively and collaboratively with iwi, community groups, sports partners, health, and many others to further extend the support available across the city. In essence, Palmerston North City Council (PNCC) benefits from a team of people supporting the community in a range of activities and areas.

Sport Manawātū has a vision of a community where everyone is physically active for life. Participation in play, active recreation, and sport is associated with improved health outcomes and education engagement, which supports more productive and engaged communities.

PNCC plays a crucial role in the community's play, active recreation, and sport landscape, providing essential assets and funding opportunities that empower local participation in these activities. These investments are integral to the social fabric of our communities.

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THE VALUE OF PLAY, ACTIVE RECREATION AND SPORT

A recent report¹ by Sport New Zealand evidences how play, active recreation, and sport support the four types of wellbeing that local government is expected to deliver (social, economic, environmental, and cultural).

Social wellbeing

Play, active recreation, and sport have the potential to develop important social skills, strengthen social networks, bring communities together, and curb antisocial behaviours.

Evidence relating to the impact of play, active recreation, and sport on social wellbeing outcomes can be considered across four broad themes as follows:

- Development of social skills
- Strengthened social networks
- Bringing communities together and increasing a sense of belonging
- Improving pride and reducing antisocial behaviours in communities.

Economic wellbeing

The sport and recreation sector makes significant direct and indirect contributions to the New Zealand economy.

Evidence relating to the impact of play, active recreation, and sport on economic wellbeing outcomes can be considered across five broad themes as follows:

- Economic value generated for local communities and businesses
- Employment of New Zealanders in the play, active recreation, and sport sector
- Productivity gains as a result of physical activity
- Savings for communities as a result of the volunteer workforce
- Economic impact of major events.

Environmental wellbeing

Provision of green space for play, sport, and active recreation, and infrastructure for active transportation, can support the achievement of environmental and community wellbeing outcomes.

Evidence relating to the impact of play, active recreation, and sport on environmental wellbeing outcomes can be considered across four broad themes as follows:

- Creation of pro-environmental attitudes and behaviours
- Creation of more environmentally friendly urban environments

¹ The Value of Play, Active Recreation and Sport for Local Government (<https://sportnz.org.nz/resources/the-value-of-play-active-recreation-and-sport-for-local-government/>)

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- Reduced emissions from active transport
- Improved mental wellbeing from being active in natural environments.



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Cultural wellbeing

Participation in play, active recreation, and sport can strengthen feelings of identity and culture and feelings of belonging within and across cultures.

Evidence relating to the impact of play, active recreation, and sport on cultural wellbeing outcomes can be considered across two broad themes as follows:

- Strengthened cultural ties from participation in play, active recreation, and sport
- Increased wellbeing from participating in culturally relevant physical activity

Health and Skill Development

In addition, participation in play, active recreation, and sport is associated with improved health outcomes and education engagement, which supports more productive and engaged communities.

Play, active recreation, and sport also support other wellbeing outcomes that are beneficial to local authorities and the wellbeing of their communities such as improved health and education outcomes.

For example:

- Participation in sport and active recreation can decrease rates of mental health conditions such as depression and anxiety and non-communicable disease (cancer, heart disease, type 2 diabetes) and improve life expectancy.
- A New Zealand study found that those people who met the global physical activity recommendations had 51% higher odds of having healthy mental wellbeing.
- In 2019 in New Zealand, \$9.02 billion return could be attributed to health outcomes as a result of participation in play, active recreation, and sport². This includes better quality of life and increased life expectancy and prevention of diseases attributable to physical inactivity.
- Engagement in play has been shown to improve executive functioning, language, early math skills, physical development and health, and enhanced sense of self control.
- The New Zealand Sport in Education programme found using sport as a context for learning and engagement in schools resulted in improved attendance rates, decreased behaviour incidents, higher retention rates, increased engagement levels and task or assignment completion, and improved NCEA results.
- Participation in sport has been linked with greater employability in graduates. This correlation is stronger for those who volunteer.
- 84% of respondents to a Value of Sport survey agreed that many essential life skills are learned playing sport.
- Participation in sport and active recreation can decrease rates of mental health conditions such

² The Economic Value of Sport and Active Recreation 2023, <https://sportnz.org.nz/resources/the-economic-value-of-sport-and-active-recreation-2023/>

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Community Profile



94,400

Current population 94,400. Moderate (24%) population growth (over 22,000 people) expected¹⁷.



30% of population growth in the 40–64-year age group. Lower growth in younger age groups. 52% of population growth (over 11,500 people) expected in those aged 65 years or over. Increasing ethnic diversity. The populations of those identifying as Asian, Pacific People and Māori are expected to increase by 97%, 69% and 65% respectively.

Participation Snapshot¹⁸



48%

Walking for sport or leisure



29%

Jogging/ running



16%

Gardening



19%

Playing Games



20%

Individual workout

Key Participation Facts

- Activities which are undertaken individually or on a casual basis are more popular than traditional team sports.
- Most sport and active recreation activities which require high-cost facilities¹⁹ such as field and court sports fall outside the top 20 most popular activities.
- 30% of the population of the population of Palmerston North City is inactive.
- Tamariki (aged 5-11) are more active in 9 of their 20 expected activities than the national average for tamariki and less active in 1.
- Rangatahi (aged 12-17) are more active in 5 of their 20 expected activities compared to the national average for rangatahi, and less active in 1.

¹⁷All population projections are to 2053. Demographic data sourced from Palmerston North City final population and household projections May 2023.

¹⁸Activity and Participation information sourced from Sport NZ Insights tool.

¹⁹Such as sports fields, indoor/outdoor courts, greens, aquatic centres, specialist surfaces.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

PNCC plays a crucial role in the community's play, active recreation, and sport landscape, providing essential facilities and funding opportunities that empower local participation in these activities. These investments are integral to the social fabric of our communities.

To deliver the best for the city, we acknowledge that PNCC decisions are underpinned by the various plans and policies which are developed to enable effective decision making.

PNCC is clear in its direction for the City with a strong vision of small city benefits, big city ambition. Underpinning this are four goals:

Whāinga 1: He tāone auaha, he tāone tiputipu **Goal 1: An innovative and growing city**

Whāinga 2: He tāone whakaihiihi tapatapahi ana **Goal 2: A creative and exciting city**

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Whāinga 3: He hapori tūhnohono, he hapori hauaru **Goal 3: A connected and safe community**

Whainga 4: He tāone toitū, he tāone manawaroa **Goal 4: A sustainable and resilient city**



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In its LTP Consultation Document, PNCC acknowledges that trying to plan for ten years is hard at the best of times. Striking a balance between meeting all of the new legal requirements, maintaining our infrastructure, and continuing to look after the needs of the community is challenging.

We recognise this challenge and would like to strongly signal the relevancy of how a focus on play, active recreation and sport for residents positively impacts the wellbeing of communities and supports the achievement of a broad range of local government priorities and outcomes.

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LTP CONSULTATION DOCUMENT



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Where we align

• Play Policy

We commend PNCC for being a leading play advocate figure across the region with the Play Policy and implementation of the policy led by the Local Play Advisor over the past 18 months. We strongly encourage PNCC to continue to value this position with the positive impact on the wellbeing of the diverse range of community these Play outcomes have had through being physically active, and the connections of community.

• Housing

We support PNCC's commitment to developing housing across the district and encourage the consideration of the impacts of housing and zoning. It is crucial for PNCC to cultivate housing developments that consider the opportunities for play and the ability for people to be active through engagement with their environment. If building medium-density housing, then considering ways in which play and keeping people active could be integrated in other ways with backyards being obsolete.

When designed to enable meaningful play and exploration, the built environment can improve social cohesion and reduce the incidence of anti-social behaviour. We also promote the consideration of allocated play spaces around new housing developments and accessibility to such spaces for surrounding neighbourhoods. The consideration of quality walkways and cycleways should also be considered ensuring people can walk or cycle using a connected network.

• Active Transport

We commend PNCC for the walkways and cycleways along the Awa. These shared inclusive pathways are an asset to the city and consistently used by the community and visitors. We thank PNCC for the investment into Cycle Skills development as an important element for building skills to support whānau to have increased confidence to use our cycleways and roads. This programme of work continues to contribute to the health and wellbeing of our community and supports children to learn how to ride a bike, where we hear feedback on the barriers being parent confidence, time, and resource to teach children how to ride.

Walking and cycling are simple, cost-effective ways of being active. Walking is an essential part of all journeys. It is accessible and affordable, and socially equitable. Cycling is among the most efficient and sustainable means of transportation. Together, walking and cycling have economic, social, environmental and health benefits. Evidence shows that investments in policies that promote safe cycling and walking can play a crucial role in shaping health, mitigating climate change and improving the environment.

In Palmerston North we have a flat gradient which supports these modes of transport; however, we lack a connected, safe cycling network to allow people to have the confidence to ride safely around the

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city. We support investment into improving infrastructure to support a connected safe cycle network as well as walkways which are inclusive and connected. We also support the finalisation of the cycleway connection to Feilding.



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- **New and Upgrading of community facilities**

Sport Manawātū would like to acknowledge the extensive leadership Rangitāne contributes to the play, active recreation and sport spaces to ensure that tikanga, kawa and manaakitanga is upheld in sports spaces. This has been particularly evident in the large National sporting events held at the Arena over the past year. This guidance ensures that mana whenua set the tone and expectation for events in our region and provides culturally safe space for participants to have a positive experience of our city and region.

Central Energy Trust Arena

Central Energy Trust (CET) Arena has been identified as the city's main multi-purpose hub for organised community and semi-professional sport and recreation activities. It is marketed as the 'sports capital of the region' hosting regional and national secondary school sports tournaments. A measure of success identified in the Active Communities plan is increased use of Central Energy Trust Arena for community sport and recreation with a goal of at least 80% utilisation.

Of the options for consideration, we support option one, and acknowledge that PNCC needs to prioritise the projects that will meet the needs and benefits of the majority and cannot fund every project. Our priority within the projects is Central Energy Trust as we believe it has the biggest impact with the largest number of people locally, regionally, and nationally. The ability to attract local, regional, and national events to Arena should not be taken for granted. To remain competitive and to ensure the community can use this space we must maintain and improve the current facilities.

As stated in the LTP consultation document, although PNCC pays for the upfront costs, there is a fee for usage which, unlike other builds, there is a dollar return on investment. The opportunity to make Arena more community inclusive and accessible is encouraged and Sport Manawātū will continue to work in partnership with PNCC to achieve this.

We support the upgrade to CET Arena that is required to ensure a fit-for-purpose and future-proof facility is available for local user groups and the wider region ensuring that we are not reducing the number of courts available and allows for our growing population. In addition, our sport partners clearly state that upgrading current facilities such as Arena 5 and maintaining and improving playing fields is a priority for them rather than building new. Consideration should be given to the fee structure for sports codes who regularly use indoor facilities. Given the current climate and pressures that whānau and sport are under and the sinking lid policy for Class Four Gaming Funding – codes are experiencing multiple pressures on their ability to keep sport affordable with reduced funding sources.

We recommend that PNCC continues to utilise He Rā Ki Tua (Spaces and Places Facility Framework) as stated in the Arena Masterplan, to evaluate needs and allocate resources to accommodate the ensuing

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demand. In alignment with He Rā Ke Tua, there needs to be a focus on the development of multi-use facilities or hubs where a range of sport, recreation, play, education, social and other community infrastructure needs can be met.

We want to continue to work in partnership with PNCC to ensure that CET Arena continues to be a community inclusive space. As it is the biggest facility in Palmerston North and attracts events of economic significance which contribute financially into the economy, we feel it is a good economic return on investment for PNCC.

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In addition, we recommend the inclusion of play spaces for unstructured play alongside sports fields and courts, as well as more accessible and inclusive facilities for all community. The casualisation of sport and recreation activities means there is a strong interest in indoor venues that are accessible for groups as well as individuals; and upgrading Arena facilities to include technology that can accommodate this would encourage more participants to be able to be active and play at their leisure. As the hub of the city, this would be widely utilised as all indoor sports in the region continue to invest in professional staff to develop and grow participation numbers.

The utilisation of CET Arena is high for after school sports. Balancing the commercial utilisation of Arena which we appreciate is needed to ensure that Arena is financially viable, does place pressure on community sport when they are moved from their scheduled playing times. The impact is that our rangatahi are playing late into the evening, sometimes as late as 10.30pm which increases well-being and safety concerns. There are also occasions where bookings from sports are made a year in advance and then cancelled due to commercial events, leaving tamariki and rangatahi unable to finish season.

We would like to work with PNCC via the Arena Masterplan steering group to continue to support community sport needs and balance it against commercial utilisation. To complement the current Arena Masterplan steering group, we would like to advocate for a sport and recreation community subgroup to ensure that there is a voice that connects in a more formal way while we move from conceptual design into blue-print ready. Sport Manawātū can help facilitate this subgroup.

As we know accommodation can be a challenging especially when multiples events are in town. We would like to advocate for the development of a Regional Events Strategic Advisory Group to support the coordination of all events across the region. This would ensure planning is comprehensive for accommodation, as well as other needs such as parking and security from across the region. We want all visitors to have a great experience when they come here so that they continue to come back.

Artificial turf

The needs assessment undertaken in 2020 clearly demonstrated a current need and demand for at least one additional artificial turf. Artificial turf has been proven in other centres and is seen as an efficient way of increasing training capacity.

Feedback from our sporting sector on outdoor grounds and facilities is that there is a shortage of grounds that can be accessed and used when there are wet weather conditions or adverse weather

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events. This is further compounded by the lack of lighting on grounds and fields which limits utilisation and causes scheduling challenges for our sports.

Having multiuse turf as well as lighting will allow a range of sports to be able to access opportunities for training and playing for extended hours. Indoor sports can be played later into the evening as they are not impacted by weather or lighting conditions, whereas outdoor sports are affected particularly during winter where they are not able to access the grounds beyond 5-6pm which severely impinges on their ability to train and run their sports. When considering putting turfs or maintaining grounds, drainage is important as well as future proofing and considering environmentally friendly options where feasible.

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We support the Massey turfs concept and approach. Where possible, we strongly encourage sports to seek commercial investment, especially where times are difficult fiscally.

Aquatic Facilities

We support the recommendations of the Aquatic Facilities Needs Assessment, including the development of partnerships with local schools and strongly support the feasibility study identified in the LTP that will investigate the development of facilities to help future-proof the needs of our community and aquatic sports. Sport Manawātū understands that this is a challenging time fiscally, and we look forward to working with you and aquatics to think about the future of aquatic facilities.

Changing rooms

We would like to strongly advocate for sports and the wider sector on the detrimental impact of old and outdated changing rooms on participation. We would like PNCC to give consideration to an improved and transparent maintenance programme for how to make changing room facilities more, multiuse modern, accessible and non-gender specific which will allow for greater utilisation and increased access to facilities.

Preferred Hybrid Rating System

In the expanded infographic detailing the percentage breakdown of 'What your rates cover each week' there is a strong feeling from the sport sector that play, recreation and sport are misrepresented in the rating system which states that Recreation and Play equates to the highest investment through the proposed system at \$9.34 per week. We seek further clarity to understand the projects this investment funds and are directly related to people being active in the community through play, active recreation and sport or is this portfolio wider. If the portfolio is wider, we request that the title better reflects where the investment sits.

Awapuni Community Library Hub and Te Pātikitiki Library

In relation to the Awapuni Community Library Hub and Te Pātikitiki Library redevelopment we recommend that PNCC builds in play utilisation opportunities and Youth Development approaches to make it community inclusive and a multipurpose space. Libraries are a critical community hub that provide crucial social infrastructure through equitable access to empowering services. Play is a universal language and has been proven to help connect those from differing backgrounds. If designed

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with playful spaces, the Awapuni community hub and Te Pātikitiki will provide a space that is accessible for the communities of Awapuni and Highbury to connect and play together. Through our work with Ara Taiohi and other providers, we understand that Youth Development approaches and co-design processes can be used in Libraries to have spaces that respond to and have good buy-in from local rangatahi (thereby providing positive inclusive use of space). We strongly recommend PNCC engage with whānau and rangatahi within Awapuni and Highbury in the development of these spaces.

Multicultural Centre

As a resettlement area, there is an opportunity to connect former refugees and migrants into the community through play, active recreation and sport that is culturally responsive. We support PNCC's proposal to lease a facility in the city centre and recommend that consideration is given to a facility that encourages indoor and outdoor play, active recreation and sport.

Where we differ

You asked us to tell you what you think about the goals:

• Inclusion of sport

- In the current Creative and Liveable City strategy PNCC, we endorse and support the inclusion of play, active recreation, and sport.

We recognise the importance of play and informal recreation alongside organised and formal sports opportunities. We want to continue to support our communities to be more active in whatever ways they choose. We will ensure that recreation planning is responsive to community needs and is a co-ordinated city approach.

However, we note in the LTP Consultation document under **Goal 2**, there is only reference to play and active recreation. Our recommendation is to ensure sport is also included and referenced.

Under Goal 3, the statement 'The support they want to live healthy lives' seems vague and open to interpretation. Is this about community led solutions? We suggest this statement is rewritten to be specific and clear.

In line with our suggestion to include Sport into Goal 2 of the consultation document, we would strongly recommend the inclusion of the word Sport in the Mahere Rēhia, draft Recreation and Play plan. We appreciate and commend PNCC for including the Regional Sports Facilities Plan: He Rā Ki Tua to guide decision making on investment into sport and recreation facilities in the draft Recreation and play plan.

• Urban design with a play lens

- Playful cities and public spaces enable safe and stimulating interactions among communities within the built and natural environment. Playful urban design allows us to explore, discover and test boundaries while contributing to safer, more vibrant and connected cities and community. We challenge PNCC to include a play lens across all urban design, so that the district will have child-

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friendly housing, public play spaces, and easy and safe networks that are attractive to families and communities.



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Opportunities to consider

• Recreation and Play Plan

- It is clear PNCC has done a great job in providing a huge amount of quality playgrounds across the district. Where we see opportunity, is encouraging PNCC to look to the addition of free play options across play spaces by integrating such additions into its regular maintenance schedules of existing parks and playgrounds. This will allow for a variety of quality play opportunities that will allow the benefits of play to be accessible for all community.
- We also challenge PNCC to look to partake in the assessment of equity of play opportunities across the city and prioritise these accordingly.
- Extensive research by Sport NZ reiterates the value of Play, Active Recreation and Sport in creating happier, healthy and more connected communities. While Sport Manawātū is well connected to the PNCC Active Communities Plan, it is also important to draw the correlation of Play, Active Recreation to the Connected Communities Plan.
- Our work across the recreation space and that with Rangatahi is directly linked to the spaces and places for positive opportunities to be active (which was reiterated in our Active Summer Youth Insights video). Sport Manawātū would encourage PNCC to ensure youth voice is captured as this plan is operationalised and understand the benefits of being active in relation to positive social and community connection to the spaces where rangatahi and whānau live and are active.

• Waste Management and minimisation Plan

- There is real opportunity for PNCC to lead the way with waste minimisation and play across the country. Done in a safe controlled manner, Loose Parts Play can offer solutions for the use of recycled products whilst giving children opportunities to utilise these in ways they see fit to practice life skills. PNCC could look to incorporated sustainable play elements into public spaces that provide play opportunities and education around being environmentally friendly simultaneously.

• Active Communities Fund and SEPF

- We congratulate PNCC on the impact that is being made to improve access and reduce barriers for whānau to participate in sport through the Active Communities Fund, this investment is providing tangible impact on the ability of whānau to actively recreate and play sport in our city. Additionally, the Sports Event Partnership Fund is creating substantial economic impact for our community as we are able to secure and host large national sports events.

Financial pressures for whānau and groups to access play, recreation and sport opportunities is increasing. This impact will also continue to be felt at the elite sporting levels with the cost to represent our city at international sports events becoming more unaffordable. We would welcome

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further collective conversations with PNCC and other groups to explore ways in which we could develop funding options for athletes representing our city internationally.



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tātou.

We would like to acknowledge and commend the Palmerston North City Council for their open, transparent and inclusive approach to seeking feedback from the community.

Finally, thank you for the opportunity in allowing us to make this submission on the Long Term Plan.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kelly Shanks'.

Kelly Shanks
Chief Executive Officer
Sport Manawātū

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Your contact details

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Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	Wednesday 15 May: Thursday 16 May: Friday 17 May: 1.30pm to 5pm
How would you prefer to give your feedback?	Via an online live video

Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Business owner who pays commercial/industrial rates in Palmerston North
Which option do you prefer?	1. Preferred option: Hybrid (a mixture of land and capital value)

Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	Yes
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Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project	There are already existing spaces that are currently underutilised.
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Prefer not to say
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Prefer not to say
Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Prefer not to say
Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park	Prefer not to say
Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks	Support as proposed

City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

Which option do you prefer?	2. Only do the required seismic upgrades of these facilities in their current locations
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Development contributions questions

We're proposing to increase the contributions for residential development and decrease the non-residential fee to more equitably distribute the cost of growth. Do you agree with this change?	Don't know / no opinion
We're proposing to stop collecting development contributions for growth costs associated with the Nature Calls wastewater project, due to Council's proposal to seek external funding for the project. Do you agree with this change?	Don't know / no opinion
We're proposing to add the cost of interest from borrowing that funds infrastructure growth into the calculation of development contribution fees. Most other councils around New Zealand already do this. Do you agree with this change?	Don't know / no opinion
Do you agree that we shouldn't charge a fee for non-residential development that has no connection to the water or wastewater network?	Don't know / no opinion

General comment areas

Please share any additional feedback you'd like us to consider	Twin Turfs - 6a Manawaroa Street Turf 1 was last replaced around 2017/18, this would put it in line to be replaced in 2027/28. Turf 2 was last replaced around 2019/20, this would put it in line to be replaced in 2029/30. It is vital for Hockey Manawatu to ensure that these are done in a timely manner to ensure that they do not deteriorate to a point which could
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become a health and safety issue.

Work should begin soon on the Turf 1 replacement. This will enable time to work with current turf providers to identify the best solution for Manawatu as the Federation of International Hockey move away from water-based turfs. This could provide long term savings with pipes and water no longer required, as well as enabling Manawatu to be a leader in New Zealand with the most recent international quality turf – potentially attracting the national sides.

Additionally, PNCC should consider providing additional funds to ensure the upkeep of Turf 2. If this is done, it could be possible to extend the life of this turf for a couple of years, which would spread the investment in hockey more evenly across the 10 year plan.

Twin Turfs – Changing Rooms

The changing rooms at the Twin Turfs are old, dated, and simply are not fit for purpose anymore. The plumbing is causing significant issues during peak times which is an ongoing expense which could be eliminated with significant capital invest.

A focus needs to be put on privacy, and inclusion, as the current set-up (both upstairs and down) largely caters for males and females. With only one (1) single toilet and one (1) single shower available.

This does not cater for our membership who identify as something other than male and female. While this is currently a small portion of our membership, it does not provide a safe, welcoming and inclusive feel for gender diverse hockey players.

Twin Turfs - Pavilion

Similar to the changing rooms, this is a dated building which is beginning to have some major problems. The switch board is at capacity, the hot water cylinder recently burst requiring replacement, the lighting requires an upgrade, and the ceiling is beginning to dip in places.

While acknowledging this is an HMI asset, a collaborative approach with PNCC is required. HMI cannot afford to commit to any significant infrastructure projects until we understand PNCC's plans with the changing rooms and any impact this will have with the entire building.

Twin Turfs – Facilities Maintenance

Lawns, spraying, rubbish, grooming all contribute to a large maintenance bill each year. While we work with Council on some aspects (Lawns), is there scope in the LTP to add permanent Council rubbish bins around a Council facility that they are responsible to clear?

This could align with other bins in the vicinity, and free up costs for HMI which could either;

Go towards offering more hockey/sport opportunities. Or;
Ensure fees are kept as low as possible.

Both options would help promote participation in sport, ensuring a healthier community.

Twin Turfs – Storage Shed

PNCC currently have an old, wooden storage shed in the back corner of the property. The position and age of this building is a concern. Due to this, hockey gear has had to be stored in some of the changing rooms to ensure it is not damaged due to the environment.

By investing in a bigger, weather-tight, storage shed would enable all gear to be stored together and free up the changing rooms currently occupied by the gear.

Massey – Infrastructure:

Massey, PNCC, and HMI embarked on a partnership to deliver a third hockey turf for the Manawatu community. While the project was meant to include the turf, as well as changing rooms / toilets, the reality is that after four years it is still only the turf.

Massey have acknowledged their responsibilities under the MoU, but the financial situation has changed drastically since the project began.

PNCC's position to date ("it's Massey's responsibility and not PNCC's") is extremely disappointing. This venture was meant to be a partnership between three entities to help grow the sport in the region, and attract national and international events.

The partnership between Massey and HMI is growing, and is in a positive position.

HMI is working hard to secure meaningful fixtures including the 2024 National Hockey Championships, and potentially the Oceania Junior World Cup Qualifiers.

However, the elephant in the room remains the lack of facilities and PNCC's dis-interest in engaging in meaningful conversations around how to move this forward.

I am not sure that PNCC funding is the right option, but it needs to be a topic on the table and assessed to ensure we are not overlooked for future events due to the lack of appropriate facilities.

Dilan Raj
Hockey Manawatu

How did you find out about our long-term plan?

Council website

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Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	Yes
Please let us know if you'd like a language interpreter	No interpreter required
Preferred hearing dates	Wednesday 15 May: 9am to 12.30pm, 1.30pm to 5pm Thursday 16 May: 9am to 12.30pm, 1.30pm to 5pm Friday 17 May:
How would you prefer to give your feedback?	In person

Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
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General comment areas

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for water and how we will fund Nature Calls

The risks outlined here are all, what I would describe as Business As Usual risks. By which I mean they are exactly the sort of risks that would have been considered and assessed 20, 30 or 50 years ago. But one thing has changed in that time that presents a massive future risk - Climate Change. There is no way that Business As Usual is an appropriate response to planning over the next 10 years. This is a deep criticism that I have about the Long Term Plan as presented. I haven't attempted to address any of the other questions, because the questions posed, are all posed from the perspective that Business As Usual is

appropriate. That Climate Change is an existential risk to society, the economy and indeed our very survival as a species should not be in question. Once one accepts this as a reality, Business As Usual would not be an option. Instead every planned project should be tested against the question - is this project an appropriate response to the changes that are urgently needed in the coming decade to address climate change? I don't see an all pervading evidence of this throughout the LTP.

How did you find out about our long-term plan?

Social media

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4pm, 9 May



Council's Long-Term Plan Submission Form

You can give your feedback on our Long-Term Plan in a variety of ways. If you'd like to speak to our Elected Members about your submission we do need you to fill out the contact details and hearings section of this page. With this submission form you can answer as many questions as you want. You don't need to answer them all if you don't want to! There are no age restrictions to making a submission – we are happy to see submissions from all ages.

The Local Government Act allows you to give feedback in any format. This can include:

- filling out this form or doing it on our website at pncc.govt.nz/LTP
- sharing feedback on our social media channels
- emailing us at submission@pncc.govt.nz
- or drop in to our customer service centre or libraries
- You can give feedback in any format that suits you. That could be a letter, petitions, picture, drawing, song or video (up to 3 minutes) etc.
- Come chat to Elected Members at **Planning Palmy Expo** 20 April, 10am-1pm at the Palmy Conference and Function Centre.

All submissions may be made publicly available on our website, customer service centre and some of our libraries. This means you may want to be more careful about what private information you share in your submissions about your circumstances. Your contact details (but not your name) are confidential and will not be published. Elected Members receive all submissions without contact details so they can consider the views and comments expressed.

We collect your contact information so we can keep you up to date.

For more information, see our privacy statement on our website.

Your details

First name:

Peter

Last name:

Claridge

Organisation you represent:

(If applicable. Please only answer this question if you're speaking on behalf of an organisation)

Postal address: (only provide if no email address)

Email:

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Phone:

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Please tick if you are under 18 years old as we will apply further privacy measures.

Everyone who makes a submission can speak to our Elected Members about it.

All submissions will be acknowledged by email, or letter and given to Elected Members, who will consider the views and comments expressed when finalising the Long-Term Plan.

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission? Yes No

If you've selected yes, please let us know if you would like a language interpreter

New Zealand Sign Language interpreter Te Reo Māori interpreter No interpreter required

Preferred hearing dates. Please select up to 3 preferences.				How would you prefer to give your feedback?	
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Wednesday 15 May	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In person	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Thursday 16 May	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Via an online video link	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friday 17 May	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Please select here if you are flexible on days on times *only on the indicated days*

We will be in touch with you to confirm the time for you to speak to Council. You will have ten minutes allocated to speak in support of your submission or to answer any questions from the Mayor and other Elected Members. If we receive a large number of submissions we may need additional days for hearings in May. If this occurs, we will be in touch with you.

Your submission

This submission form is broken into sections. First we will ask you to give feedback on some of the topics we have options for. Then towards the end we will ask for general comments on key areas of Council, as well as a general feedback section. Please answer all questions you'd like to provide feedback on.

This submission form is also available on our website at pncc.govt.nz/ltp. On our website you will be able to save your submission as you go, and come back to it before choosing to submit.

If at any time you need more space, please write on another piece of paper and clearly state your name, address, phone number and the question your feedback relates to.

Rates Review Questions

If you are submitting on behalf of a business or organisation, please ensure you have stated this in the 'Organisation' category at the top of your submission form and you have permission to submit on the business or organisations behalf. You can submit as both an organisation and individual.

Which of these describes you? (Select as many as apply)

Collecting this information helps us determine whether different groups of people share similar views.

- Resident, but not a ratepayer (e.g. you rent or may live with family/friends)
- Ratepayer who lives in their home in the Palmerston North urban area
- Ratepayer who lives in their Palmerston North home, which is classified as 'Rural' or known as a lifestyle block
- Business owner who pays rates in Palmerston North (Commercial/Industrial classification')
- Business owner who rents their business location in Palmerston North
- A developer of residential properties
- A developer of commercial properties
- Landlord of a home in Palmerston North who lives here
- Landlord of a home/s but do not live in Palmerston North
- Landlord of a business/commercial property in Palmerston North who lives here
- Landlord of a business/commercial property who does not live in our city
- Other (please state)
- Prefer not to say

Please tick which option you prefer.

- 1 Preferred Option - Hybrid (a mixture of land value and capital value)
- 2 Capital Value (CV)
- 3 Land Value (LV) – current system
- 4 Prefer not to say

Please tell us why you prefer that option

Essentially it means our P.N.C.C rates burdens ^{for '24-'25} will REDUCE by $\$190-00/\text{Annum}$ compared to our total 2023-2024 rates demand.

Please tell us what you don't like about the other options

Hybrid option will cost us $\$364-00/\text{Annum}$ MORE than the CV option, & is kind of difficult to get one's head around its current & future ramifications to the ratepayer.

Land Value: will cost us $\$546-00/\text{Annum}$ MORE than the C.V. option & the L.V. is ridiculously high since the last Q.V. mass valuation, which put ours up by 100%. I just cannot understand their methodology in that kind of increase for P.Nth.

Notably, these Land Values determined by Q.V. do NOTHING for the Benefit of Production or Standard of Living for the general population of the country, they simply put more pressure to raise valuations of land & its subsequent consequences – generally negative, unless you're considering emigrating to a lower cost of living country. We are not considering this option!

Do you have any other comments you'd like to make regarding the rates review?

When you people are deciding on what should, or shouldn't be done for the short & long term future of the city, I consider it imperative that your No 1 priority is the ability for the ratepayers ability to sustain the cost and maintain a reasonable standard of living for themselves &/or family.

You have a DUTY to consider those people who are vulnerable in the community, e.g, those on the lower end of the socio-economic scale those on fixed or limited incomes, & those that don't have the ability or knowledge to consider a balanced approach by way of a submission to council on their intended plans.

N.B

If council decides on the 'Hybrid' or retaining 'L U' based rating, consider what was introduced by the Horsham District Council in the late 1990's, At the time, the council was intending changing to C U based rating, but due to widespread OPPOSITION to this ideology, based on the unfairness of those that were willing & able to make improvements to their properties, thereby adding C-U to their properties would pay more rates than those that didn't or couldn't make improvements, but still received the same council services.

A decision was made to introduce "Differentials" to the L U rate, the amount of differential being based on the amount of Council supplied benefit to those affected properties. It was accepted this being the FAIREST method of tax apportionment.

Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?

Yes

No

If you are submitting on behalf of an organisation, please ensure that you have written the organisation's name and contact details on the top of this submission form, and you have their permission to make a submission on their behalf.

We'd like to ask you about these projects separately in case you have different thoughts on different projects.

We're asking you to select whether you support each project as proposed, whether you support it with some suggested changes or comments, or you do not support it. We'll ask you to explain why you've picked the option you have. Suggested changes or comments could include things like the scope of the project, the timeline proposed, the location, the cost, how we're planning on funding it – or any other feedback.

Multicultural Centre Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services.

Support as proposed

Support with changes/comments

Do not support

Prefer not to say

Please tell us why you've selected that option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project

Seemingly required, however leasing & then spending \$750,000 on improvements on someone's else's building does not make sense to me, this cost should be on the owner with the proviso of a long term lease so the owner can be assured on their recouping their targeted improvements

Pasifika Centre Expand and refurbish existing building

Support as proposed

Support with changes/comments

Do not support

Prefer not to say

Please tell us why you've selected that option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project

Seemingly req'd, however \$3.9M sounds like a hell of a lot of money.
- What is a "rate", & what are its benefits?

Te Pātikitiki Library Expand and refurbish existing building

Support as proposed Support with changes/comments

Do not support Prefer not to say

Please tell us why you've selected that option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project

Seemingly req'd, however "meeting rooms, etc" would have to be on a hireage, not "freebie" basis to the users.

Awapuni Community Library Hub Build a new Awapuni Community Library Hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library

Support as proposed Support with changes/comments

Do not support Prefer not to say

Please tell us why you've selected that option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project

Principles are sound, cost is ridiculous! It needs to be scaled back significantly. Have lived in the Manawatu for 70 years & never seen the need for a welfare centre yet. There's a large church on Pitama Rd, which I'm sure would have a hireable hall

Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park Creation of a civic marae with public facilities and visitor and education attractions at Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park (co-funded with Rangitāne and external funding)

Support as proposed Support with changes/comments

Do not support Prefer not to say

Please tell us why you've selected that option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project

Without doubt, a "NICE TO HAVE" but NOT a "NEED TO HAVE" @ the present. Perhaps in the 30 year L.T. Plan! The legal & very costly, "Nature Calls" development outweighs this idea 100:1. Definitely put it on the "back burner" for 20+ years!! IT WILL KEEP!!

if req'd a army catering from Linton. portable toilets, etc, etc

Central Energy Trust Arena Replace Arena 5 at the Central Energy Trust Arena, as well as build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks.

Support as proposed Support with changes/comments

Do not support Prefer not to say

Please tell us why you've selected that option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project

With a ratepayer spend of \$36M+ over 6 years, I would be definitely increasing the hireage fees, (improved facilities demand increased returns), to "claw back" say 50% of the capital costs over perhaps 10-15 years from time of completion of each stage of improvement

Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?

I think all the intended projects have merit in them, & would benefit the users & general public to varying degrees.

However, in my experience, costs & timeframes put down on paper are, at best, "estimates only," just about inevitably they end up costing significantly more, & take a lot longer to materialise than they should, for a multitude of reasons!!

CONCENTRATE on the "ABSOLUTE NEED," NOT on "NICE TO HAVE" principles.

DO NOT proceed with the Anzac Park proposal in this, or even the following 10 year L.T. Plan, it will KEEP, it is NOT NECESSARY at this point in time & would be foolish to contemplate it in this L.T. Plan.!!

City centre transformation - landmark facilities and seismic upgrades

Which option do you prefer? (select one)

Option one (Preferred Option)

Build on our existing planning and continue work to look at the buildings as a collective project and explore co-funding opportunities.

Option two

Only do the required seismic upgrades of these facilities in their current location

Prefer not to say

Please tell us why you prefer that option

To keep the ever ballooning costs manageable to the ratepayers.

For goodness sake, where has "your collective" common sense gone, and realise that we all, (including councils), have to live within their means, make do with what we've got for now & reconsider improvements @ this time + STOP massive borrowings!!

Please tell us what you don't like about the other option

It just gives the council more reinforcement to justify their 250M debt borrowing capacity when its just prudent NOT TO @ this point in time. Ambition is O.K, you just need to learn to "Cut Your Cloth To Suit Your Cap" - in other words, exercise prudence when times & productivity do not line up with grandiose, expensive ideas!

Do you have any other comments?

LIVE WITHIN YOUR MEANS. AS THE TIMES DICTATE.

Spend ratepayer's money as though it were your own !!, (this EXCLUDES those of you where money is of no ^{consequence!} consequence!)
- We all want a positive return on our investments - do you really believe you are going to get a positive return on these? me thinks unlikely!

Development Contributions

We're also proposing some changes to our Development Contributions Policy.

If you're subdividing land or building a new home or business, it's likely you'll need to pay development contributions. These are paid on any development that generates extra demand on infrastructure in our city. Our policy is currently being reviewed and we'd like to hear your thoughts on these proposed changes.

We're proposing to increase the contributions for residential development and decrease the non-residential fee to more equitably distribute the cost of growth.

Do you agree with this change?

Yes No Don't know / no opinion

We're proposing to stop collecting development contributions for growth costs associated with the Nature Calls wastewater project, due to Council's proposal to seek external funding for the project.

Do you agree with this change?

Yes No Don't know / no opinion

We're proposing to add the cost of interest from borrowing that funds infrastructure growth into the calculation of development contribution fees. Most other councils around New Zealand already do this.

Do you agree with this change?

Yes No Don't know / no opinion

Do you agree that we shouldn't charge a fee for non-residential development that has no connection to the water or wastewater network?

Yes No Don't know / no opinion

Please tell us why you've selected these answers, and any other feedback you have about the proposed changes to our Development Contributions Policy.

To me, my answers are just common sense, I wonder why its taken you people so long to even ask the questions of us.

General comment areas

Information about these topics is available in our consultation document

Please share any feedback you have about our **vision, goals and plans**

I believe you all have ^{in your minds} what you consider the best for the population of P.Nth.

It's just that some of you are better at persuading your colleagues to your point of view than others & this is not always the what the bulk of the population agrees or necessarily wants, or needs. I do agree with your efforts @ consultation on big matters - well done, e.g. 'NATURE CALLS'.

Please share any feedback regarding proposed **transport projects**

A hugely big ticket item! You need to reconsider, lower or cancel spending on, "shared pathways", ie - P.Nth - Ashhurst & P.Nth - Feilding, your \$31M on city cycleways, \$22M "Streets For People" - e.g. the huge expenditure on Cuba St from Rangitika St → Arena & I hardly ever see pedestrians S.W of George St! \$88M to meet South direction - what the devil does this mean?

It's a huge amount & is it all **NEEDY** - Reduce, IT & make do!!
\$22M on City streets upgrades - I don't think so! Think about value for money on the area from Main St → The Plaza, a huge expense for a continual traffic jam!

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for **Water and how we will fund Nature Calls**

I think you're doing the best you can under the circumstances.

I just disappoints me that piping treated wastewater out to sea hasn't gone ahead. All major cities in N.Z do this, with no adverse environmental effects @ a fraction of the cost of what we're saddled with. Complicated, costly, & fraught with potential land disposal problems.

I've seen it happen decades ago @ Tokomaru with its then dairy factory land whay disposal scheme - it turned into a land pollution nightmare.

Please share any feedback regarding our proposed plans for **housing**

As the city's population has, & is undoubtedly going to increase, obviously, they have to be housed. What I see with multi-level apartment blocks going up everywhere I look, & your proposed development of the clear land in the stated areas seems a logical solution to an ever increasing demand.

I firmly believe any attempt to develop land for housing that flooded in the February 2004 floods, - particularly in the Cloverlea - Mison spilway areas should **NEVER, EVER** be considered. It would end up a disaster not unlike seen in Auckland with cyclone "Gabrielle" - Feb 2023.

Please share any feedback regarding our proposed plans for **growing our city**.

You can also provide feedback on our Future Development Strategy which we're consulting on at the same time. You can read about that at pncc.govt.nz/FDS

On paper it reads very well indeed. I wonder what %age of the population actually realise about these desirable outcomes & how fortunate they actually are.

Well thought out, only time will tell how much the population buys into them, (those that know what they are, that is!)

Please share any feedback about **rubbish and recycling services**.

We're also consulting on our Waste Management and Minimisation plan, please make a submission at pncc.govt.nz/wasteplan

I believe the 'Recycling Recovery System' set up by Council, particularly since the introduction of the Wheelie Bins, is one of the **BEST** initiatives I've seen since 1999, when we shifted to PNth!

Regarding upgrading the sorting equipment @ the recycling plant - what has to be done, has to be done. Ensure your "due diligence" & competitive quotes are done to get the best value for money & "future-proofed", so it will have a long, hopefully trouble free life. Food scraps & greenwaste collection "**HAS TO BE**" on a "**USER PAYS**" basis! We compost what we can, & what we can't, we take to the greenwaste site for them to compost.

Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next ten years

If council proceeds with the LTP in its current form, I believe it will put an unsustainable financial pressure on a significant number of households within the city.

This to me is a contradiction to your 'vision, goals and plans' for the city.

Please share any additional feedback you'd like us to consider

Currently, we live in a comfortable, modest, 1976 built home, of which we have done many improvements to, and the general property, over the past 23.5 years we have lived here.

Initially we borrowed money to finance extensions to the house, garage & various modifications within both structures. Since that initial borrowing, all improvements done, including ongoing maintenance, have been done out of personal income.

We are now in a situation where everything is FREEHOLD & are semi-retired on largely fixed incomes.

The 100% INCREASE in Land Value of the section determined by Q.U N-Z in the last mass valuation increased our rate burden to the PNCC & Horizons significantly, where the combined rates cost/annum is currently our 2nd largest outgoing in living costs, the highest being food. The LTP as is, indicates rates will be No.1 outgoing!

We are not "high living" people & use our income prudently with wisdom to our likely future needs, & are very concerned that given the overly ambitious nature of your LTP, we run a real risk of being "rated out" of our family home, which is totally unacceptable!

This to us is entirely "AT ODDS" to your well intentioned 'vision, goals & plans' for the city.

It simply is "NOT ON" for a situation like this to be allowed to be legalised, & pushed through, when many of your plans can be shelved, minimised and/or CANCELLED altogether.!!

In closing, what does the 'city-wide transport low-cost & low-risk upgrades,' & "Road to Zero" mean?

88M is a huge figure & would need some serious benefits to warrant this level of borrowing/expenditure
CUT IT BACK !!

P.S.1 You mention that council is subject to inflationary pressures on electricity & gas. As a large user, you are in a prime position to play one supplier against another & negotiate sharper prices on an annual contracted basis as I do.

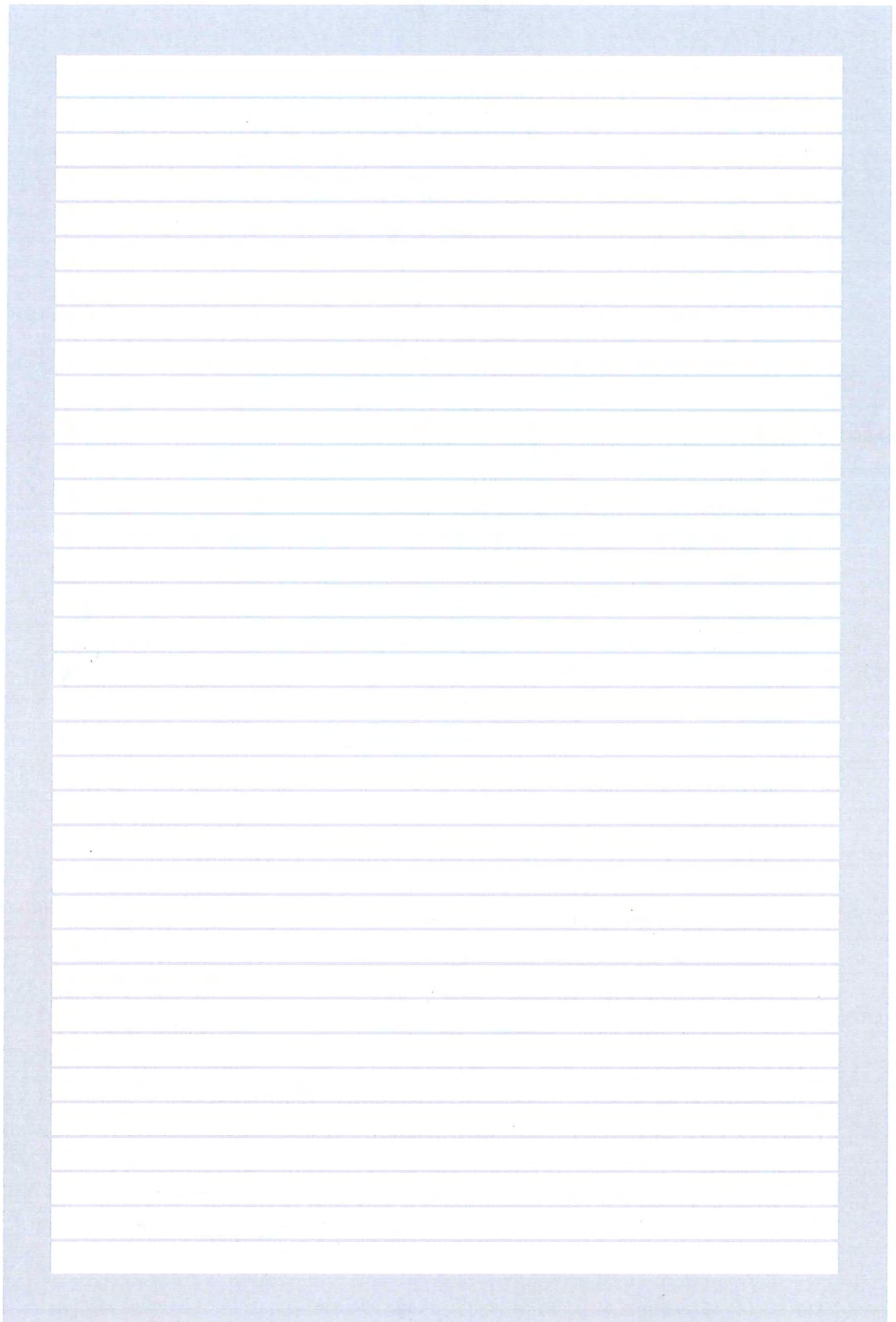
If I can achieve a better deal on our electricity costs 11/4/24-31/5/25 by doing the above & achieving a lower total cost based on the latest monthly usage bill by -9.48%, then why can't you people do the same?

By doing this on an annual basis you should be able to get a huge 'New Customer' credit to your account by continually swapping suppliers, or at least have the buying power to negotiate hard for a favourable deal to retain you as an existing customer.

You've just got to put loyalty to one side & get "hard nosed" with these suppliers, - you'll be surprised how keen some are to get your business.!

P.P.S.1 Fulton Hogan: This business are poor operators compared to the Higgins's. They are slow to respond to complaints, what work I've seen is barely up to standard, their gutter leaf sweeping is erratic at best, & we're paying them. Their mgmt need a damn good "dressing down" for them to "lift their game," or they're down the road when their contract expires

Thankyou
P. Claridge





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Will pick up valuable properties on small land areas.
Better spread of sources of rates.

Please tell us what you don't like about the other options

- 2 I would prefer a 50:50 hybrid.
- 3 Valuable properties will be included.
- 4 I did say

Do you have any other comments you'd like to make regarding the rates review?

Try to get GST on rates returned to Local Government by requesting from ministers

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Highbury needs a safe place for young people to gather when home life proves difficult.

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can be used as backup civil emergency route as well as storage when Central Library is upgraded.

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Please run water & sewage to the Observatory when the road is sealed.

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Popular event area and use will grow with the City. Proactive development.

Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?

Upgrade Car Central bus terminal or relocation to improved site so new proposed hotel/conference building can have better access.

City centre transformation – landmark facilities and seismic upgrades

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Only do the required seismic upgrades of these facilities in their current location



Prefer not to say

Please tell us why you prefer that option

Do not want to see charging applied if private sector funding provided.

Please tell us what you don't like about the other option

Existing building may not be able to be saved and a totally new facility needed. Costs may be a factor.

Do you have any other comments?

If the government eases the time line for seismic work then costs could be spread over a greater time

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Do you agree that we shouldn't charge a fee for non-residential development that has no connection to the water or wastewater network?

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Please tell us why you've selected these answers, and any other feedback you have about the proposed changes to our Development Contributions Policy.

I am not a property developer and am unsure of the implications involved here.

Keep up a cash source and flow to reduce the borrowing that will be needed to recover from the loss of three waters

Need to try to recover costs

No connection then no charge. Septic tanks need looking after by the owner and Council may need to monitor the health of the septic system.

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In 2½ years incoming Labour government may bring back the sensible Three Waters and this would reduce costs to the city.

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Must keep up social housing and homes for the elderly who cannot keep up with rental costs.
Places for the homeless and for people fleeing domestic violence to find protection.

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Food scrap bins a great idea.

Insinkerators add suspended solids and increased BOD and could be charged as part of rates based on additional loading onto wastewater plant. In my previous life as City Chemist for Whangarei City I did the calculations for this additional loading.

Please share any feedback regarding **proposed rates over the next ten years**

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I would enjoy a maze garden in the City.

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Not accurate for those on low incomes / properties under \$5K.

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Would this space be available for all groups to use/hire for events? How would it be different to the Convention Centre?

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*How often do they need more space?
Yes to commercial kitchen.*

Is this available for other groups to hire? eg. other cultures.

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I have volunteered at Te P since the day it opened. Highbury Whanau Centre, Legacy Centre, and Te Aroah Noa are all available to hire for meetings/rooms + have kitchens. Many people from Highbury go to Awapuni Library.

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Our community facilities need to be multi-purpose. eg: facilities need to be able to be hired by everyone and need to be used constantly.

If a group is only using it once a week, it is not needed.

City centre transformation – landmark facilities and seismic upgrades

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Prefer not to say



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Could we include Library / Te Manawa / Convention Centre in one space (similar to Bulls) to save on staff + costs. eg: currently both Library + Te Manawa run holiday programmes, events, etc.

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Would like to see all transport/roads left as it is. We do not need any changes at present.

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Please tell us why you prefer that option

Land value home is based on in recent land sales of area is more equitable than a hybrid system or capital home sales
Should be based on fair market sales & determined by a mass appraisal service provider @ V.
so a market trend is established & applied

Please tell us what you don't like about the other options

If a house value drops - rating values don't necessarily come down; assuming Council's spending requirements stay the same

If not, & Council needs more money for budgets, rates will rise regardless of changes to rating values

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Support as proposed

Support with changes/comments

Do not support

Prefer not to say

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If Hamson House not fit for purpose. Where is proposed Centre in inner city to be developed given the large number of ethnicities and resettlement needs & services

Pasifika Centre Expand and refurbish existing building

Support as proposed

Support with changes/comments

Do not support

Prefer not to say

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Existing building not fit for purpose to showcase Pasifika / cultural activities — Needs to be closer to City Centre with multiple options for parking instead of limited onsite parking & that nearby streets to accommodate the big numbers that would use the venue for multiple purposes

Te Pātikitiki Library Expand and refurbish existing building

Support as proposed

Support with changes/comments

Do not support

Prefer not to say

Please tell us why you've selected that option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project

Library collection area already too small to process the current number of books and associated activities. Library reading & IT spaces need expanding as all are sitting on top of each other. more info required here. This library is an important hub & connection for this community.

Awapuni Community Library Hub Build a new Awapuni Community Library Hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library

Support as proposed

Support with changes/comments

Do not support

Prefer not to say

Please tell us why you've selected that option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project

Current venue is too small for community.

Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park Creation of a civic marae with public facilities and visitor and education attractions at Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park (co-funded with Rangitāne and external funding)

Support as proposed

Support with changes/comments

Do not support

Prefer not to say

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Don't see who would benefit most this far from CBD

Central Energy Trust Arena Replace Arena 5 at the Central Energy Trust Arena, as well as build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks.

Support as proposed

Support with changes/comments

Do not support

Prefer not to say

Please tell us why you've selected that option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project

Why not build your multi purpose marae / multicultural centre here if you are demoing it

Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?

City centre transformation – landmark facilities and seismic upgrades

Which option do you prefer? (select one)



Option one (Preferred Option)

Build on our existing planning and continue work to look at the buildings as a collective project and explore co-funding opportunities.



Option two

Only do the required seismic upgrades of these facilities in their current location



Prefer not to say

Please tell us why you prefer that option

Some city buildings not fit for purpose any longer
eg Central Library – lack of storage, leaks & needs buckets
to catch the many drips that are a health hazard
Lifts that fail to work, escalators that haven't worked in years
Book returns that consistently break down, seismically unsafe

Please tell us what you don't like about the other option

Do you have any other comments?

Fix it properly – employ more maintenance staff
or build a fit for purpose library with meeting rooms
& appropriate heating/temperature control
— One that is reflective of a city that claims to be
a learning centre and academic capital.

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Yes No Don't know / no opinion

Do you agree that we shouldn't charge a fee for non-residential development that has no connection to the water or wastewater network?

Yes No Don't know / no opinion

Please tell us why you've selected these answers, and any other feedback you have about the proposed changes to our Development Contributions Policy.

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What proposals do you have regarding rates paid by retirees that won't price them out of their own homes if current council rate rise increase of \$1000 per household per year happens.

Please share any additional feedback you'd like us to consider



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First name: *Christine Mary* Last name: *Johnstone*

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Please tick if you are under 18 years old as we will apply further p

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Please tell us why you prefer that option

The hybrid option appears to be the fairest for the majority of rate payers.

Please tell us what you don't like about the other options

Do you have any other comments you'd like to make regarding the rates review?

Lined writing area for comments.

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Support as proposed

Support with changes/comments

Do not support

Prefer not to say

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Support as a future project in light of financial restrictions currently.

Pasifika Centre Expand and refurbish existing building

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- see above.

Te Pātikitiki Library Expand and refurbish existing building

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Support the idea of refurbishment but currently there are no planning proposals available.

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Do not support

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Please tell us why you've selected that option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project

Support this project as would provide community services to a wide section of the community. Large enough to provide space for Civil Defence purposes & for the library (main) which requires seismic repair.

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Support provided sufficient external funding is available. This is an expensive project! - It will of course incur ongoing funding.

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Support in view of the Bowker Hall requires seismic repairs within the next 10 years.

City centre transformation - landmark facilities and seismic upgrades

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Prefer not to say



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The massive costs of these projects - then considering the resultant rate rises.

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This is a complex issue in terms of affordability. \$1000 per year over a 10 year period is just not sustainable for many households. Looks like further innovation in regard to funding. Some very necessary projects is the only way to go.

Please share any feedback regarding our proposed plans for **housing**

In favour of protecting productive land when considering expansion. Examples of where land appears to be disappearing are north and east of the city. Infill housing including areas of 2-storied housing to provide more affordable accommodation ~~including~~ for purchase & rental is ideal.

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In favour of any plan to reduce the amount of waste ~~being~~ going to the landfill. This also requires ongoing education & commitment by the community in recognizing the need for a sustainable future!
- e.g. reducing waste collection has sometimes had to do an increase in fly tipping!



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Please tell us what you don't like about the other options

Do you have any other comments you'd like to make regarding the rates review?

- 1) There has not been any obvious transparency from P.W.C.C. to consider
 - a) People on fixed incomes e.g. pensioners, part-time workers, - are now terrified - average people are having to consider their options
 - b) No explanation re an explanation that in some instances Commercial owners could be better off with a L.V. + 30% capital value
 - c) Reduction of debt - the government is making hard choices - ~~at the time~~ perhaps the council should scrap the 'nice to have' projects & do use the ratepayers money to complete the infrastructure, sewerage & water
 - d) - Put some effort into getting rate-payers feeling like their opinion counts & aim to have us working together.
 - e) There seems to be an arrogance from the Councillors & the staff from the council. They forget the rate payer pays their wages.

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Currently I do not believe the Council has the money to complete these projects.

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Support with changes/comments

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Prefer not to say

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Support with changes/comments

Do not support

Prefer not to say

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'Nice to Have' if we could afford it.

Awapuni Community Library Hub Build a new Awapuni Community Library Hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library

Support as proposed

Support with changes/comments

Do not support

Prefer not to say

Please tell us why you've selected that option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project

Its a 4 minute drive or 9 minute bike ride to the CBD library. - The Council had no right to spend rate payers money - purchasing land in Awapuni - \$2 million without consultation. (Did they obtain a valuation?)

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Would be nice to have if we could afford it - PNCC needs to consider the rate payer & the cost of debt.

Central Energy Trust Arena Replace Arena 5 at the Central Energy Trust Arena, as well as build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks.

Support as proposed

Support with changes/comments

Do not support

Prefer not to say

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The Arena attracts events to Palmerston N which brings in extra revenue. Changes need to be carefully considered & co-funding found. Some years ago a local business person offered to pay towards a roof on the arena-??

Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?

We are well-off for a lot of community facilities - but it does cost money to maintain them.

We need to reduce debt before adding to them.

City centre transformation – landmark facilities and seismic upgrades

Which option do you prefer? (select one)

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Option two

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Yes

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More population - means more everything

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Yes

No

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Please share any feedback regarding **proposed rates over the next ten years**

Please share any additional feedback you'd like us to consider

This submission is not user friendly
It is slanted & written in a way that would
put the average person off from completing
the form.

The tone of the questions leans towards
favoring the council

It is too long. I feel that the council
is relying on people not understanding
this council does seem to consider what
ratepayers want.

General comment areas

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Featherston St - now a dangerous throughfare
The business's - Mitre 10, Boys High, Countdown
Ebony Coffee etc all objected to the plan - but
the P.N.C.C. went ahead anyway - leaving the use
of Ministry funding until the last minute - stupid
via the pot-holes. - Bus stops in the middle of the
road - someone will get hurt

Please share any feedback about our proposed
plans for **Water and how we will fund Nature Calls**

Please tell us why you've selected these answers, and any other feedback you have about the proposed changes to our Development Contributions Policy.

Handwritten text, likely feedback, is present but is extremely faint and difficult to read. It appears to be a response to the question above, possibly discussing the proposed changes to the Development Contributions Policy.