

### Submissions 2024-34 Long-Term Plan

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966	Kate	Looney
967	Ben	Hopkins
968	Ryan	
969	Tracy	Kersel
970	Marianne	Simon
971	Peter	Morris
972		PN Marist Junior Football Club
973	Rosemary	Haddon
974	Kevin	Low
975	Amelia	Barker
976	Roger	Clarke
977	Maree	O'Donoghue
978	Sarah	Downing
979	Situe	
980	Maggie	Leota
981	Bruce	Willis
982	Paul E	Perry
983	Peter	Grey
984	Stephen	Legg
985	Paul	Barris
986	Amy	Hargreaves
987	Brittany	Andrew
988	Bryce	Newman
989	Brad	Taylor
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1004	Ella	
1005	Graeme	Ross
1006	Velda	Dunlop
1007	Kathryn	Rankin
1008	Margaret	Riordan
1009	Brendan	Watchorn
1010	Patricia	Else
1011	Grant	Hadfield
1012	Ingrid	Ames
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1021	Jeanine	Bilsland
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1023		Central Energy Trust Wildbase Recovery Community Trust
1024	Matthew	Fahy
1025	Angela	Churchouse
1026		Amasaki Stem Academy
1027	Glenn	Connelly
1028	June	Forrester
1029	Jim & Pam	Edwards
1030	Jaroslav	Olearnik
1031	John	Monro
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1034	Kim	Ace
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1037		Palmerston North Heritage Trust
1038	Cara	Norling
1039		PN Marist Football Club Committee
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1041	Jeanine	Gribbin
1042	Andre	Hofman
1043		Foodstuffs North Island Limited
1044		Historic Places Manawatu-Horowhenua
1045		Central Districts Branch of the Archives and Records Association of NZ
1046	Marilyn & David	Palamountain
1047	Zachary	Oneroa
1048	Max	Johnston
1049	Shirley	Jepsen
1050	Christopher and Frances	Wilde
1051	John	Phillips
1052	Amanda	Coats
1053	Paul	McJarrow
1054	Lydia	I
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1056	Marilyn	Rossiter
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1062	Isabel	Guthrie
1063	Lisa	Shaw
1064	Tom	Santing
1065	David	Faaiuso
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1073	Aaron	Oliver
1074		Palmerston North Surf Life Saving Club
1075	Michael	Mason
1076	Ariana	
1077	Deanna	Walzl
1078	Graeme	Martin
1079	Kadie	Burrell
1080	Nigel	Jourdain
1081	Mandy	Shaw
1082	Lewis	Jones
1083		Moneywise Manawatu
1084	Linley	Robinson
1085	Fiona	Murray
1086	Bernard	Williams
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1088	Jenny	Sowman
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1091	Brenton	Beach
1092	Lorrene	Langer
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1094	William	Grammer
1095	Matthew	Carson
1096	Steve & Sandra	Rowe
1097	Julie	Ducre
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# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	kate
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Last name	looney
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Email

Phone

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
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Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
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## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support as proposed
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Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed
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Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
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Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Do not support
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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any	Palmerston North is not big enough to have two large libraries - waste of
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feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project	tax payer money
Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park	Do not support
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?	No
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
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?	No

## General comment areas

Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects	I support the ring road project as a priority as a now project. Look to upgrade the capital connection service
Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for water and how we will fund Nature Calls	This should be a central govt project
How did you find out about our long-term plan?	Rates letter or email

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Ben
Last name	Hopkins
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
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Which option do you prefer?	2. Capital value (CV)
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Please tell us why you prefer this option	This is the best option to benefit the rate payers. The council should be insuring that residents can afford their rates and prioritise this above making improvements to the city that are not critical. Reducing rates benefits all rate payers but improvements such as Featherston Street only benefit a few. Rates are currently far too high.
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Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	They don't prioritise the ratepayers as well as the chosen option.
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Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	There needs to be a more supportive method to allow rate payers to partially pay rates and pay off over the three month period between payments. I consider it disgusting that the council does not offer this and penalises people who want to pay their rates but just cannot afford the lump sum. Other businesses are very helpful in this way, and the council are supposed to be here to support the people of Palmerston North. It's not a good look for you. You need to do better.
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I also think that it's time for another rates review. The market was very high when the last one was done and this no doubt has had a knock on effect to the rates increase which feels like it should now correct itself and be reduced. Again, you need to do better.

## Community facilities questions

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Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Do not support
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Do not support
Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park	Do not support
Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks	Do not support

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

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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

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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?	Yes

## General comment areas

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How did you find out about our long-term plan?	Family or friends
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## Your contact details

First name Ryan

Last name

Email

Phone

## Hearing

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

## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you? Other: Ratepayer on a Palmerston North section where I am in the process of building my home

Which option do you prefer? 3. Land value (LV) – current system

Please tell us why you prefer this option It seems like a much fairer option for those in the rural community. The discount reduction to rural rate is already increasing rural ratepayers rates, along with the rates increase across the board. Another change to the rating system leading to a further increase. Considering the current economic climate and cost of living crisis this is unfairly impacting rural properties especially considering general cost increases have a greater impact for rural residents in areas like petrol.

Please tell us what you don't like about the other options The impact upon comparable properties in my street vary from  
 - For a Hybrid Option: 65-53% increase  
 - For a CV Option: 141-98% increase  
 This is completely unfair and unreasonable especially in the short time frames specified.

Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review? There had been no evidence provided to support the claim that the current discount is "unreasonably large." The brief comment on the LTP website "though some services these properties receive, like roading and road drainage, actually cost more per household to deliver" does not give adequate rationale for this change that is impacting most rural

ratepayers top at minimum a 30% increase on their rates. While rural roads have less ratepayers to fund their creation and upkeep they are almost invariably less expensive to create, less well maintained, and (with less wear and tear due to reduced usage) less costly to maintain. The letter sent regarding the LTP acknowledges "ratepayers will have a larger rate increase than most other property owners" it is essential to give the public, especially those affected directly, the information used to make this decision. Especially since this is an aspect that is a compartment within all 3 options being proposed and not consulted on specifically or separately. The level of detail in communication to ratepayers is insufficient particularly considering the high percentage of older people in the rural community who are less likely to use an online tool.

Even if the entire council and community were in agreement that a change would be fairer, adding a rates system change to the stack of other cost increases introduces too many cost increases to the rural section of the community at once. If a hybrid or CV system is to be implemented then the reduction of the rural rates must be limited to so as to not unfairly affect the rural ratepayers.

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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	- while this is a "nice to have" for our city from a financial point of view it should not be going ahead in order to keep rates down across the board - the information provided does not indicate whether the multicultural council would be paying the full \$100,000 indicated lease or if council (and therefore ratepayers) would be funding its ongoing usage
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project	- while this is a "nice to have" for our city from a financial point of view it should not be going ahead in order to keep rates down across the board - \$3.9 million is not a reasonable expenditure for a larger hall, new kitchen and 'potentially useful' workspaces
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project	- while this is a "nice to have" for our city from a financial point of view it should not be going ahead in order to keep rates down across the board - \$3.6 million is not a reasonable expenditure for a kitchen that may or may not be used by the community and 'meeting rooms' when there are so many across all the other Community centres etc
Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project	- while this is a "nice to have" for our city from a financial point of view it should not be going ahead in order to keep rates down across the board - At this point in time is an unnecessary expenditure; 27.1 million is completely inappropriate spending considering the current cost of living crisis and all of the essential increases to rates for things like wastewater upgrades. Especially considering the land to build this facility was purchased for a large sum before community was consulted - this shows a disrespect of community opinion and engagement.

Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Do not support

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

- while this is a "nice to have" for our city from a financial point of view it should not be going ahead in order to keep rates down across the board

Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Do not support

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project

- while this is a "nice to have" for our city from a financial point of view it should not be going ahead in order to keep rates down across the board  
- the information is not provided to indicate that building a new area 5 is more cost effective than repairs; this should be disclosed and the preferred option if it can save ratepayers money

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

The community facilities are all "nice to haves" the council needs to understand how much this is going to financially impact ratepayers and plan their spending accordingly. Across the board these plans do not represent wise or necessary spending and certainly not 'value for money' in terms of the limited benefits to the ratepayers who will be funding them, most of whom are families or individuals, not business, who will profit from the increased revenue brought to our "local economy"

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

Which option do you prefer?

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

Please tell us why you prefer this option

Upgrades to existing facilities (rather than only required seismic repairs) should be properly investigated and considered with full costing and detailed plans provided to ratepayers for consultation, especially if co-funding is minimal or unable to be obtained. Upgrades are not a necessity and reducing the ratepayers costs should be top priority.

## Development contributions questions

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No

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Yes

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?

Yes

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

- Businesses in general have a greater ability to pay than residents, considering the cost of living increases and other increases to rates this

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is an inappropriate time to tip the balance in favor of businesses.  
- the Nature calls project is far too expensive for ratepayers; any way to reduce this cost should be prioritized  
- If a business is not using water or wastewater services they should not be charged for them

## **General comment areas**

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

Goals 1 and 2 basically equate to a lot of unnecessary expenditure. Goals 3 and 4 should be the priority.  
Having 14 long plans to read in the 1 month that submissions are open for is not good consultation - better summaries need to be provided and longer access to them in order to provide better quality feedback

**Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects**

- The development of Featherston Street is poorly designed and not well thought out. The council is right to listen to the opposition and consider any modifications that will improve the functionality for motorists

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

The money that is earmarked for unnecessary community facilities should be used instead for the vital and essential work to fund this project.  
A private partnership should be avoided to limit the risk of a partnership creating financial profit impacting ratepayers.  
The quality and detail of further information regarding costs and options is essential in giving the community the opportunity to make an informed decision

**Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city**

This should be consulted separately - 1 month of consultation is not adequate time to read and feedback on so many separate plans

**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

There needs to be more effort put into reducing rates costs - the increase in new capital expenditure is completely inappropriate considering the current cost of living crisis and is out of step of what the average rate payer can afford to pay

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

Family or friends

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Last name	Kersel
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Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
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Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
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Please tell us why you prefer this option	It just feels like CV is a disincentive for people to improve their properties - they might get an increase in value but that's only useful if you want to sell or borrow, but in the CV methods you'd be financially impacted by improving your home with increased rates. LV feels more appropriate - rates pay for services to the property, and that's got nothing to do with the value of the building/s on it.
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## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Do not support
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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project	Leasing and refurb feels like an expensive option. We must have other facilities like the Arenas that could be used while a more permanent solution (but potentially less ongoing costs) is found.
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<b>Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Support with changes/comments
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project</b>	Could the Pasifika Centre provide additional multi cultural space until the Arenas are upgraded?
<b>Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project</b>	This community needs continued investment and support to continue its revitalisation.
<b>Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park</b>	Support with changes/comments
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project</b>	Ensure the commitment not to start until all funding is secured.
<b>Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project</b>	See comments above re multicultural space. The Arena is a significant project and should be able to house this space as well. Totally support the Arenas continuing to be upgraded given what they bring to the city.
<b>Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?</b>	No one else will provide these spaces so it's great to see Council continuing to support. But we need to think really carefully about adding so much to the debt bill - there must be workarounds to minimise this.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

<b>Which option do you prefer?</b>	2. Only do the required seismic upgrades of these facilities in their current locations
<b>Please tell us why you prefer this option</b>	If the buildings are safe to use, and we can complete only required maintenance at a lower cost, then this should be the immediate decision due to increased spending overall (and debt). But consider that 10 years is not a long time for major council facilities - an even longer view of Council buildings as a collective project could be considered - what do these buildings need to be and do in 50 years, for example.

## Development contributions questions

<b>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?</b>	No
<b>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?</b>	Yes

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

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

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

On one hand you want more residential development to support growth, but on the other you're seeking to make it more expensive for current owners to subdivide and develop their properties - it's putting up an unnecessary barrier.

## General comment areas

Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

Overall, the plans to improve roading in Palmerston North as proposed seem sound.  
However, whoever approved the absolute shambles that is Featherston Street needs to apologise to the city. What an utter disaster - it should never have been allowed. Secondly, the bus route changes have not been as successful as intended, removing much needed longer (more circuitous) routes in favour for more direct services, but removing access to many people who now cannot easily walk to a bus stop. Unfortunately, the Horizons project did not seem to take this feedback into account and I would hope PNCC would have had more clout in ensuring its residents weren't left unreasonably without access to public transport, given the push toward more use of same.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing

Absolutely disappointed to see the plans to build 50 homes on the small section of land next to PNGHS. This dense housing will only add to an already busy intersection and will likely bring down home values in the area. There must be consideration of safety given proximity to a school.

I would prefer to see more development of apartments in the inner city - there seems to be lots of empty or part empty buildings that could be utilised for this purpose in a public/private partnership model.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city

Growth is fine but we need to have the auxiliary services that go with it - when we develop new housing there needs to be a 'Main Street' or 'village centre' thinking that goes with it - a corner shop, a medical practice nearby with capacity, ECE and schools (including high schools - feels like we might be near capacity there?), community centre, green space, etc. etc. There's no point in just plonking a hundred houses down with no thinking about how little communities can be built. We should also be retrofitting existing suburbs with this thinking, like the investment in Highbury currently - but in all our suburbs. This also goes hand in hand with encouraging small businesses to set up in suburbs, not just the city centre.

The other thing I would say, having grown up here, left as a young adult and then returned with my family - there is a real gap in activities for those who are between education and family life - the young adults. The nightlife is a bit shabby, there's no 'Eat Street' or equivalent, major concerts and sports are irregular etc. Ideas how to bridge the gap and encourage this demographic to stay and contribute would be interesting to see.

Please share any feedback about rubbish and recycling services

Totally support expanding waste collection services to include food waste and green waste. Would also support provision of wheelie bins to households as well, to replace rubbish bags (which look messy, are not animal-proof, and blow around the city on windy days!).

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**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

If there was a way to give certainty on rates increases more than 12m at a time, that would be ideal. Given the volume of work being proposed here, I'd be surprised to see much else (anything else!) added over this time, so the revenue council needs to gather through rates should be pretty fixed. However, neither using LV or CV gives certainty given the need to review it every few years. Not sure what the balance is!

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

Councils provide all the services that no profit-driven company would touch, so we should always be prepared to pay for these things as rate payers. But council also needs to remember that it must provide what is NEEDED not what looks nice on a brochure or the website. Painting dots on street corners - not needed. Redirecting that spend to cleaning and repainting traffic islands - needed. Buying new bus stops that don't provide any weather or sun protection, and then plonking them in the middle of footpaths and restricting access to wheelchair/mobility scooter/pushchairs - not needed. Reusing existing bus stops and simply moving them to minimise cost - needed. Removing park tables & chairs and planting trees in the middle of open spaces without consulting local users about how they use the space - not needed. Sweeping leaves on a regular basis to keep drains clear, and not relying on residents to make a complaint to get that work done - needed. It seems that there are always a few vanity projects or decisions to spend that, no matter what we plan for, seem to sneak their way in and have absolutely no basis in genuine need. I just strongly urge council to really think long and hard about some of these kinds of things that seem to fly under the radar until they emerge and tick people off!

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Family or friends



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# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Marianne
Last name	Simon
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
Which option do you prefer?	2. Capital value (CV)
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	Seems to be too expensive.
Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	Cost of living is too high and increasing rates would put a burden on people.

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support with changes/comments
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project	I have volunteered in this space and I think a lot of money are wasted and not used wisely.

<b>Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project	Everyone should be given equal importance.
<b>Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project	Work on strengthening the current library.
<b>Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library</b>	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project	Just work on one main library.
<b>Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park</b>	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project	We already have lots of parks.
<b>Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks</b>	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project	Work on the current Arena 1-4.
Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?	We have a lot of parks. Instead of introducing more, just work on maintaining the ones we have.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

Which option do you prefer?	1. Preferred option: Build on our existing planning and continue work to look at the buildings as a collective project and explore co-funding opportunities
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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?	Yes
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?	No

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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? Yes

## General comment areas

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Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

Just work on maintaining the current roads rather than introducing new ones. For example, the one lane street next to Hello Banana is creating a congestion. The two lane worked so well previously.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city

Why would you build houses on swamp areas. Example the new housing development by JAPAC near the racecourse.

Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years

Rates should are too high.

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

Social media

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Peter
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Last name	Morris
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## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North rural area
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Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
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Please tell us why you prefer this option	It is people who use the council's services so charging people more who own more expensive houses is not charging fairly for actual services provided but trying to bring in a subterfuge 'wealth tax'. Basing charges on people's ability to pay is not fair and equitable.
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Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	as above
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Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	There is a limited number of rate payers who are also tax payers and only so much debt that can be carried for future generations to pay off. Expenditure plans, including more and more fringe social and cultural needs/wants need to be matched to the people's ability to pay for them.
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## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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<b>Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services</b>	Support with changes/comments
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project</b>	The community centre on Ferguson St near the recycle centre seems to be well used. Another basic facility like this would do the same job for whatever culture wanted to use it. It is "twee" to call such a building and also the proposed one a 'multicultural centre'.
<b>Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project</b>	Same reason as above. Just build another hall-type structure and stop with the race based descriptions. Simplify the structure to be 'multi use' and not 'mono cultural'.
<b>Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project</b>	Same reason as above. Building "library based" facilities is like building more bricks and motor retail shops, people will less and less of them. Just build a suitable hall.
<b>Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project</b>	Same reasons as above plus the truly exorbitant proposed cost. Build a basic Ferguson St type hall if we need a meeting place. Call it a "hub" and you can over-design, over-spend and I'm sure under-utilize.
<b>Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project</b>	Truly exorbitant cost and suspect need. There is already a marae at Maxwells Line. PNCC should be supporting Rangitane with a contribution and not paying the lion's share for them. Ongoing cost would likely be significant to keep it going and maintain. Facilities for all peoples should only be considered and not for specific racial groups. Fine if such groups want to build and pay for their own facilities.
<b>Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project</b>	Sport and recreation are important facets of peoples' lives to be active and healthy and should be supported by Council. Interestingly such facilities are 'multi racial' and available for all races and peoples.
<b>Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?</b>	Keep them simple. Stop with the 'library' justification and race basis.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

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

<b>We're proposing to increase the contributions for residential development and decrease the non-residential fee to more</b>	Yes
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equitably distribute the cost of growth. Do you agree with this change?

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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?

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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?

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No

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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Yes

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

Development levies in general are hard to justify. It is people who use council facilities, not new buildings which should be encouraged and not taxed with a levy.

## General comment areas

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

Council website

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Lisa
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Organisation you represent	PN Marist Junior Football Club
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
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
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support as proposed
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed
Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Support as proposed

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Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Prefer not to say

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Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Support as proposed

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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project

With the high usage already at CET Arena, with it's central location, it would be logical to add an additional turf in the centre of town. The Arena is a well looked after facility.  
It is beneficial that it can be closed up at night so riff raff cant get in a ruin anything that has been made for the community to utilise.

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## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

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Which option do you prefer?

Prefer not to say

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## Development contributions questions

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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

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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

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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

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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?

No

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## General comment areas

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

Marist Junior Football Club will email PNCC in relation to the Proposed new artificial turf at Massey

Option two: Supportive of project/s, but with some conditions

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

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**From:** Junior Football <  
**Sent:** > Wednesday, 8 May 2024 12:32 pm  
**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Proposed new artificial turf at Massey

*On behalf of Palmerston North Marist Junior Football Club we support a second turf but would appreciate consultation with key stakeholders before a location is confirmed.*

Proposed Massey Turf

Option two: Supportive of project/s, but with some conditions

*The below are key points that the Junior Football Committee (34 Junior teams) would like addressed*

- **Lack of consultation with the footballing community**  
Central Football have, from a council perspective, appeared to be representing the Football Community but there has never been any consultation, communication or in-depth information sharing with the clubs.
- **Conflicts of Interest**  
There are key stakeholders in this process and decision-making, who are conflicted, including the Central Football Chief Operations Manager and the Central Football Manawatu Operations Manager, as they are key personnel in the Palmerston North United Football Club. Palmerston North United is based at Massey University and will be the main beneficiary of the turf being located out there. This combined with a lack of consultation and communication with other clubs has led to concerns and questions that need to be addressed.

There is also concern around the statement Central Football made at the PNCC meeting, that they would not support the development of a turf at another location (other than Massey). There needs to be questions asked as to why this statement was made and the reasons/rationale behind it?

- **National Tournaments**  
One key “selling” point for the turf being located at Massey was the ability to attract and hold National Tournaments. Given that national tournaments need to be held on the same playing surface, there are questions around how one turf would provide any significant impact on this ability?
- **Location**  
There are benefits to having a footballing turf at Massey but there are concerns around this not being council owned land and implications of this. Massey is also on the city’s outskirts and is not the most accessible location for the other key clubs in the region. Consultation with the other clubs is required to determine preferred location for accessibility for the footballing community.
- **Cost and Investment**  
The financing model for this proposed Massey Turf includes over \$850K of council finding through its operational budget – it is not able to be debt financed (due to not being on council-owned land). Therefore, the estimated impact on rates would be a 1% increase over 2 years. In addition, there will be (currently) unknown maintenance and operational costs of this turf.  
Central Football are required to finance a third of this project and it is believed some of this will come from profits made from the sale of land in Taranaki. There are questions to be answered around how this money is best utilised to support football in the region and club stakeholders need to be involved in this before it is committed to this project. Football Clubs are under significant pressure with being able to fund and resource their operations and discussion is needed about how best to utilise funds to support clubs in the short and long-term future, and whether a large investment in this turf is the right strategy.

- **Ownership**  
Clarity is needed around the ownership model, given this is Massey land with Central Football and PNCC investment.
- **Usage**  
Has there been a survey/report undertaken asking clubs in the region whether they would use a turf at Massey and if so, then how much would they use it? There is concern that a turf located at Massey would predominantly be utilised by one club (PN United) and would be under-utilised in relation to the level of investment into it. There is also a privately-owned for-profit academy that runs under the PN United umbrella who would benefit from the turf.  
It is very important to determine whether this location will best serve the wider footballing community.
- **Operational Model**  
There are questions that need to be answered around the proposed operational model including who will manage usage, bookings, charges? As well as clarification on the cost of on-going maintenance and with whom does this responsibility lie.
- **Risk of Conflict**  
If the proposed Massey Turf goes ahead without wider club engagement and support there is a significant risk of conflict between Central Football, PNCC and the key clubs.
- **Alternative Venues**  
The footballing community does support the development of another turf, but it needs to be at the right location for optimal usage by the community. With further consultation and engagement with the clubs in the region, there could be wider debate, discovery and discussion on all venue options and viable models for development.

#### **Suggested Outcome**

We support the development of another football turf in the region; however, we believe there are significant concerns over the proposed financing and operational model, the conflicts of interest and lack of engagement with the key football clubs in the region. There needs to be an opportunity for Central Football to engage with and discuss/answer questions from the clubs, to ensure that the turf location and model is supported by, and in the best interests of, the wider footballing community.

Thanks and Kind Regards

Lisa Smith

**PN Marist Junior Football Club**

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# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Rosemary
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Last name	Haddon
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Email

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## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
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Which option do you prefer?	2. Capital value (CV)
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Please tell us why you prefer this option	The capital value option is the cheapest for me. However, I do realise that this option may not generate the funds needed for the LTP.
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Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	The land value option is the most expensive for me. The hybrid option is cheaper than the current system but more expensive than the CV option.
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Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	I appreciate the fact that the Council is attempting to minimise the rates increase. However, my largest concern is the \$1000 levy for the Nature Calls project on top of the rates. This added increase for the ratepayers makes the CV rates option doubly attractive,
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## Community facilities questions

Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support with changes/comments
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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any	This is an excellent initiative but the many other imperatives probably
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feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project	make this less of a priority. It should go ahead but be eased in slowly.
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support with changes/comments
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project	See above comments.
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support with changes/comments
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project	See above comments
Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Support with changes/comments
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project	See above comments
Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park	Support as proposed
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project	This seems like a good initiative. Please clarify how it differs from the Te Hotu Manawa o Rangitaane o Manawatu Marae. Does it come down to greater visitor access?
Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks	Support with changes/comments
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project	Is there any way to mitigate the noise from the city's motorsport activities? Please clarify the carbon emissions levels.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

Which option do you prefer?	1. Preferred option: Build on our existing planning and continue work to look at the buildings as a collective project and explore co-funding opportunities
Please tell us why you prefer this option	It seems that option one on p.46 is the best.
Please tell us what you don't like about the other option	Less appeal to external funders, possibly more expensive for the ratepayers, no green infrastructure and others.

## 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?	Yes
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	Yes

the project. Do you agree with this change?

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

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

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

They seem fair.

## General comment areas

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

I am impressed with the vision and appreciate the considerable time, effort and expertise that went into the LTP. The LTP is important for the future growth and needs of the city. It should bring Palmerston North into the 21st Century without overly disrupting the culture, ambiance and green spaces all of which are much appreciated by the residents. Well done.

Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

It is inappropriate that long-haul trucks drive through the city. They are unsafe, noisy and hard on the roads. The creation of a hub seems to be an imperative. I appreciate the inclusion of cycleways in the LTP and that money is set aside for this purpose. I used to routinely cycle into the city (from Hokowhitu) but feel doing so has become increasingly dangerous. There many more cars on the roads and some drivers can be very rude to cyclists. A campaign is needed that aims at educating drivers about cyclists, pedestrians, school children and the disabled! A little kindness and consideration goes a long way.

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

The Nature Calls project does seem a little uncertain. I hope external funding can be found to assist in this expensive but necessary project. My one concern is the \$1000 levy on top of the increased rates. The levy will pose difficulties for seniors such as myself, especially in view of the cost of living crisis and other increases. Perhaps the levy should be implemented pro rata, or at least a reduced rate for seniors.?

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing

More housing is an imperative and the development plans all seem good.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city

I hope you receive suitable feedback on the strategy.

Please share any feedback about rubbish and recycling services

I am all for plastic reduction and very much hope that a greater variety of plastics can be included in the recycling services.

Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years

Please see my comments in the rates options section.

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

As mentioned above, the LTP is impressive. But the expense is exorbitant and how to implement it is another question. At the end of the day, it should help to make Palmerston North a more attractive, viable and liveable city. Nga mihi nui.

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

Booklet in my mailbox



# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

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Last name	Low
Email	
Phone	

## 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	<b>Wednesday 15 May:</b> <b>Thursday 16 May:</b> <b>Friday 17 May:</b> 9am to 12.30pm
How would you prefer to give your feedback?	Via an online live video

## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North rural area
Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
Please tell us why you prefer this option	Rating by land valuation has been the historically acceptable form of rating, and has strong theoretical and philosophical foundation. It drives the behaviours that are most appropriate in the long term for levying rates. For Council, I am sure the institutional wisdom within Council staff is able to give a far more cogent and validated argument than I, and so I will not attempt to make the argument here.
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	The other rating options proposed appear to be an attempt to raise more income from, for example, rural residential ratepayers, to address the

immediate cashflow needs of Council. My concern is that it is a short-term financial hole seems to be driving changes away from a more economically rigorous existing system.

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

My contention is that a move away from land valuation being the basis for rating will lead to longer term distortions in the local economy which will eventually be to the detriment of Palmerston North and all of its residents.

## Community facilities questions

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

No

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

This project is a move in the right direction and would lead to desirable outcomes, however the huge impact of the wastewater project on ratepayers cannot be ameliorated by current or potential financial instruments. The project is totally unaffordable and the top priority of Council must be to reconsider lower cost options and save right now by paying down debt to implement the eventual solution. All nice-to-have cultural and entertainment projects should be deferred until firm plans are in place to deal with wastewater in a plan that is affordable to ratepayers.

Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building

Do not support

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

This project is a move in the right direction and would lead to desirable outcomes, however the huge impact of the wastewater project on ratepayers cannot be ameliorated by current or potential financial instruments. The project is totally unaffordable and the top priority of Council must be to reconsider lower cost options and save right now by paying down debt to implement the eventual solution. All nice-to-have cultural and entertainment projects should be deferred until firm plans are in place to deal with wastewater in a plan that is affordable to ratepayers.

Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building

Support with changes/comments

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

I would prefer to see expansion of virtual libraries rather than expansion of bricks and mortar, which are becoming more under-utilised as we move towards a digital society.

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

Do not support

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project

This project is a move in the right direction and would lead to desirable outcomes, however the huge impact of the wastewater project on ratepayers cannot be ameliorated by current or potential financial instruments. The project is totally unaffordable and the top priority of Council must be to reconsider lower cost options and save right now by paying down debt to implement the eventual solution. All nice-to-have cultural and entertainment projects should be deferred until firm plans are in place to deal with wastewater in a plan that is affordable to ratepayers.

Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Do not support



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

This project is a move in the right direction and would lead to desirable outcomes, however the huge impact of the wastewater project on ratepayers cannot be ameliorated by current or potential financial instruments. The project is totally unaffordable and the top priority of Council must be to reconsider lower cost options and save right now by paying down debt to implement the eventual solution. All nice-to-have cultural and entertainment projects should be deferred until firm plans are in place to deal with wastewater in a plan that is affordable to ratepayers.

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**Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks**

Do not support

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**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project**

This project is a move in the right direction and would lead to desirable outcomes, however the huge impact of the wastewater project on ratepayers cannot be ameliorated by current or potential financial instruments. The project is totally unaffordable and the top priority of Council must be to reconsider lower cost options and save right now by paying down debt to implement the eventual solution. All nice-to-have cultural and entertainment projects should be deferred until firm plans are in place to deal with wastewater in a plan that is affordable to ratepayers.

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## **City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities**

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**Which option do you prefer?**

Prefer not to say

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**Please tell us why you prefer this option**

Am not familiar enough with these issues

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

These projects may be worthy and a move in the right direction, however the huge impact of the wastewater project on ratepayers cannot be ameliorated by current or potential financial instruments. The project is totally unaffordable and the top priority of Council must be to reconsider lower cost options and save right now by paying down debt to implement the eventual solution. All nice-to-have cultural and entertainment projects should be deferred until firm plans are in place to deal with wastewater in a plan that is affordable to ratepayers.

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## **Development contributions questions**

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**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

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**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

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**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

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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?**

No

## General comment areas

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects**

Mentioned on page 23 of the plan is the intention to invest \$55m in shared pathways. Two projects are mentioned - the Manawatu to Ashhurst River Pathway and Feilding to Palmy shared pathway. Both these projects appear to have stalled for reasons that are not clear. These project are crucial links to our neighbourhood regions and should be prioritised over other roading projects.

As I respond to your plan, I have learned that the upgrade to Featherston Street has been temporarily halted. Again I see the same 4 or 5 names claiming a terrible injustice that must be immediately reversed. This is distressing for me as recent roading upgrades have generally seen valuable improvements to the needs of all road users - foot, cycling and motor traffic. As a regular cyclist in particular, I do not feel safe on many of the city streets. I urge you to consider the needs of all citizens, not just the few noisy ones.

It would be a pity if Council became embroiled in the trendy culture wars to the detriment of alternative means of transport than cars. We all know quite clearly that the long term emphasis for both the health of the community and the viability of our planet is to have our citizens moving about the city without their cars.

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

This project is a move in the right direction and would lead to desirable outcomes, however the huge impact of the wastewater project on ratepayers cannot be ameliorated by current or potential financial instruments. The project is totally unaffordable and the top priority of Council must be to reconsider lower cost options and save right now by paying down debt to implement the eventual solution. All nice-to-have cultural and entertainment projects should be deferred until firm plans are in place to deal with wastewater in a plan that is affordable to ratepayers.

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**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

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

Booklet in my mailbox

Family or friends

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Amelia
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Last name	Barker
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## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
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Which option do you prefer?	2. Capital value (CV)
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Please tell us why you prefer this option	Capital value better represents the value of homes in Palmerston North, which in turn makes for a fairer system to use to pay rates to the council.
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Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	Land value has unfairly placed a heavier burden on those who live in older, run down houses with little capital value than those who live in new builds but small sections. The hybrid version would be better than the current system, but still not as fair a way to share the rates across the city as the capital value version.
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Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	No
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## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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<b>Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project</b>	While it is a great concept, I do not think it is in the best interest of ratepayers to take on a significant amount of debt for this project. There are much more urgent issues in the city that need attention. This is more of a "nice to have" than a necessity.
<b>Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project</b>	I think this is a great option for community groups. It makes the most of what we already have but makes it more user-friendly now and for the future. It is also a much more appealing cost.
<b>Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Prefer not to say
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project</b>	I don't have a strong opinion on this.
<b>Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library</b>	Prefer not to say
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project</b>	I don't have a strong opinion on this.
<b>Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project</b>	I like this idea and the significance it would have for our community. It is an underutilised location.
<b>Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project</b>	This sounds like a good option for the future of our city. We host a lot of sports tournaments, particularly for youth, and better facilities would be of big benefit to the city. It could also be used for non-sporting events, and so fill other needs of the community, such as for cultural events instead of the multicultural centre. There is also plenty of parking in the area, compared to right in the centre of town.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

<b>Which option do you prefer?</b>	1. Preferred option: Build on our existing planning and continue work to look at the buildings as a collective project and explore co-funding opportunities
<b>Please tell us why you prefer this option</b>	It makes sense to improve and make the most of these spaces that we already have. It is also important to make them safe for future natural disasters.
<b>Please tell us what you don't like about the other option</b>	The buildings are starting to look quite tired, so if we are going through the effort of seismic strengthening we may as well improve the spaces at the same time.

Do you have any other comments?

No

## Development contributions questions

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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?

No

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?

No

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

N/A

## General comment areas

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Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

The new roading update on Featherston Street is terrible. Having bus lanes in the single lane of traffic is causing huge delays and massive frustrations for motorists, causing them to make poor choices while driving and making the road even more dangerous. The car parks on the right of the cycle ways also do not work, and cars are now parking in the cycle ways. Parking on the right of the cycle ways causes the lanes to zigzag in an unnatural manner and make the whole layout a significant hazard. Particularly with the narrower lanes for driving and the bus stops. Not having a left hand turn lane at the lights is also causing traffic to back up significantly at what is already a very dangerous intersection. The cycle lanes need to be moved or made smaller and there needs to be space for the buses to stop outside the flow of traffic.

I appreciate that the buses have been changed to electric, and the new airport bus route frequency is great.

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

Social media

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## Your contact details

First name	Roger
Last name	Clarke
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North rural area
Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
Please tell us why you prefer this option	Its fair & even.
Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	What needs to be thought about very seriously, is this - We are Pensioners & soley exist on the Super, its not a ATM m/c these rates increases are over the top, its not just PNCC but Horizons as well, it has to stop, Councils -live within your means, its not a lolly scramble of \$\$\$

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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	Multi Culture -sounds nice - but- User pays , not the Rate payer !!!

project

Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building

Do not support

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

More \$ – from our rates- as stated they are NOT a Lolly scramble

Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building

Do not support

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

Use what the city already has a fully functional Library, this moved across to present site of the DIC building, heaps \$ --spent, its all Ok as is.

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

Do not support

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project

More \$ – wasted, its needs to stop.

Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Support as proposed

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

This is where my Dad is buried, its a lonely forsaken part of Palmy Nth. Needs some Love shown here out of respect for all those old Soldiers whom rest here, RIP.

Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Do not support

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project

Stop wasting rate payers \$---, use what you have - make do.

## 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

Please tell us why you prefer this option

If required then,- proceed - dont waste \$---

## 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?

No

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

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

No

New Zealand already do this. Do you agree with this change?

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

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 encourage growth & financial risk taken by developers, dont abuse them by charging them big \$\$ for nothing. its counter productive.

## General comment areas

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

I was born here, 77 years ago, great spot in NZ, keep it this way.

Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

Stop putting these new BUS STOPS in the middle of the road, who are the crazy folk in Council implementing this Bizzare behaviour. Many Years ago there were Bike lanes in Palmy, now they are gone, check old plans of Palmy, look at Fitzherbert street, Ruahine street, Church street-----surprise ---"yes they were there, now -GONE"- Now bikes thrown out onto road- absolute stupidity - by council- wake up -sort it out !!!

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

The Sewer dept, has long been short changed, No plan for growth- sort it out -Fast.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing

Get cracking, stop messing about, stop talking -action is greater than words.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city

Please advise- when will the Rural part of No1 line be changed over to RESIDENTIAL Zone ??? Approx 13+ years back the then planner Mr Baker talked about City WEST, 10 years later, what occurred - NOTHING, Now its gone & called a Maori name(Bro town) by locals!! WE live on the cnr of Cloverlea road & wish to subdivide 2+ acres of our land for Development as housing, its all flat & good to go, only less than 300 metre from town Bdy, WE need action - NO MORE talking NO MORE consulting - just get on & change the Towns land Regs, install the 3 WATERS pipes etc right up to ANDERS road, get cracking - now. WE are sick n tired of being fobbed off by council, life is short.

Please share any feedback about rubbish and recycling services

WE use this - it cost us \$ --- its good as is.

Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years

AS stated- there are many folk in Palmy Nth that are Pensioners, we are some of them.  
WE are Rural at present, get Nothing at all - No 3 waters , no foot paths, ZERO, but get a ever increasing rates Bill -for nothing. This is unsustainable for us!!!

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

Please read our words re -City Growth & change this area to Residential.

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

Council website  
Rates letter or email



# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Maree
Last name	O'Donoghue
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
Which option do you prefer?	1. Preferred option: Hybrid (a mixture of land and capital value)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	It's a bit complicated but our elected representatives have considered it fully and I'm happy to take their advice, particularly around the idea that it is a more equitable system.
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	They are somewhat inequitable and perhaps do not support development.
Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	Doesn't the capital value include the land value?

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support with changes/comments

<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project</b>	I support in principle but wonder whether we have existing buildings that could be adapted for communities to use eg a large space that could be divided?
<b>Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project</b>	The Pasifika community does as much as it can to support itself. Expanded and refurbished facilities would be cared for and well used.
<b>Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Support with changes/comments
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project</b>	I think the existing facility is well used and support a scaled down refurbishment, perhaps without the outdoor spaces?
<b>Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project</b>	Has significant community importance in an established suburban area.
<b>Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project</b>	I like the idea of this visible partnership with Rangitane. It will have considerable cultural and economic importance to the city.
<b>Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project</b>	Sounds good - part of the ongoing development of the area.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

<b>Which option do you prefer?</b>	1. Preferred option: Build on our existing planning and continue work to look at the buildings as a collective project and explore co-funding opportunities
<b>Please tell us why you prefer this option</b>	Seems more strategic to consider the at-risk facilities as a group.
<b>Please tell us what you don't like about the other option</b>	Short term thinking
<b>Do you have any other comments?</b>	Prioritise essential infrastructure.

## Development contributions questions

<b>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?</b>	Yes
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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

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

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

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

These options seem sensible.

## General comment areas

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

All good

Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

Focus on keeping the roads in good repair. Wait for existing cycleways to bed-down before creating new ones - ie allow time for cyclists to use them consistently so that it is evident they are a worthwhile investment. Amberley Avenue bridge as soon as possible please!

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

Three Waters may have worked better here??

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing

Looks good but make sure that the infrastructure is there to support increased residential housing eg traffic management (eg there has been huge growth in the Summerhill / Aokautere area in recent years - way more traffic than before and existing traffic management systems are not coping: some traffic lights and roundabouts needed urgently).

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city

I'm not keen to see the city grow too much - our present size is an asset.

Please share any feedback about rubbish and recycling services

Yes - keep looking at options for recycling.

Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years

Perhaps a moratorium on new projects to allow consolidation of projects already budgeted and in progress. There will be a limit to how much people can pay beyond the rate of inflation.

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

Council website

Booklet in my mailbox

City Councillor

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Sarah
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Last name	Downing
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Email

Phone

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
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Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
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Please tell us why you prefer this option	I can't afford the increase in rates
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## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support as proposed
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Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed
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Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Do not support
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Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park	Do not support
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Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Support as proposed

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## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

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Which option do you prefer?

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

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## Development contributions questions

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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

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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

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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

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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?

Yes

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## General comment areas

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# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name

Last name

Email

Phone

I am under 18

## Hearing

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

## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?

Which option do you prefer?

Please tell us why you prefer this option

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

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

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?  No

Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services  Support as proposed

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

If we are to be inclusive - then this is the way.

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**Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building**

Support as proposed

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

This a hub for Pasifika communities to flourish within their culture back by the community leaders and PNCC.

This could be an opportunity to reach out to Pasifika and non Pasifika communities to utilise this space.

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**Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building**

Support as proposed

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

Education is key to learning and upskilling.  
The library is essential for our future generations.

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

Support as proposed

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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project

Awapuni has one of the highest population for a suburb. I support it because it will create further opportunities for employment, and to create a safe space for the Awapuni community to use.

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**Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park**

Support as proposed

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

I believe in this project. It will be created to support our future generations.  
I see the value in this project.

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**Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks**

Support as proposed

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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project

I support anything to do with sports.

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

I am really hoping that the Pasifika Centre get's the upgrade it deserves. And it will create value to the city.

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## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

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Which option do you prefer?

Prefer not to say

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## Development contributions questions

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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

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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

Yes

the project. Do you agree with this change?

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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?

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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

## General comment areas

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

Family or friends



# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Maggie
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Last name	Leota
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Email	
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Phone	
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## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Prefer not to say
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Which option do you prefer?	4. Prefer not to say
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## Community facilities questions

Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support as proposed
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Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support with changes/comments
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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project	Propose Kia Toa Rugby be provided a space in the Pasifika Community Centre, as a lot of our Pasifika peoples are part of this Rugby Club. A lot of the pasifika families apart of the rugby community are not attached to pasifika churches and communities etc and this is way to include them in a community. The community centre needs to be community centre focused and shouldn't be led by pasifika organisations. This should be by the community for the community, the reason why it is still what it is today because it's always been pasifika community focused.
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<b>Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?</b>	If possible, can the bill brown courts be upgraded and the park be moved away from the roadside and to a safer location on the park.

981

# Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on	8 May 2024, 1:25PM
Receipt number	904
Related form version	5

## Your contact details

First name	bRUCE
Last name	wLLIS
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area Landlord of a home in Palmerston North who lives here
Which option do you prefer?	1. Preferred option: Hybrid (a mixture of land and capital value)

## Community facilities questions

Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Do not support
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Do not support
Te Motu o Poufoa Anzac Park	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any	Not necessary at this time

feedback you'd like to provide about the project

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Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Do not support

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

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Which option do you prefer?

2. Only do the required seismic upgrades of these facilities in their current locations

## Development contributions questions

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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

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

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?

No

## General comment areas

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Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

Stop the silly obsession with cycleways

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

Newspaper

# Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on	8 May 2024, 1:36PM
Receipt number	906
Related form version	5

## Your contact details

First name	Paul
Last name	Perry
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	<b>Wednesday 15 May:</b> 9am to 12.30pm <b>Thursday 16 May:</b> 9am to 12.30pm <b>Friday 17 May:</b> 9am to 12.30pm
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
Which option do you prefer?	2. Capital value (CV)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	<p>1.</p> <p>PNCC needs to move to capital value rating, which most local councils in NZ have moved to. Why do we keep trying to avoid this? Moving to 70% land value/30% capital looks like an attempt to largely continue avoiding the issue.</p> <p>2. Yes, some people will have an increase in rates with capital value rating, but it must be remembered that they are the ones that have been benefiting from the unfair rating system, while many others have in effect been continually punished by virtue of having a more traditional sized section, often with a relatively modest (and often older) house.</p> <p>3. One must ask why do rates vary? The amount of rates paid on a given property is not a function of the amount and nature of the services</p>

provided. It is obvious that it is an attempt to connect rates to ability to pay. Yes, property valuation is far from a perfect measure of that ability to pay, but how one can argue that land value is a fairer measure of ability to pay compared to capital value defies logic.

4. Surely, when a person buys a residence it is the total sum that is central to the decision, not just one part of the value (land)? After all when a person buys a property they have to come up with what is essentially the capital value, not just the partial land value.

5. This is a matter of fairness.. Is the council really worried about that?

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

1. Land value is inherently unfair. Please see my comments in the preceding section.

2. The 70/30 proposal seems to be an attempt to largely keep the old system in place. If commercial properties are a problem, why not treat them differently from residential properties, but address the unfairness in residential rating.

3. Your "compromise" position is indeed a very weak compromise. Why not at least go 50/50?

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

1. Your document says that "some" other councils use capital value rating. In fact, as far as I can determine, "a solid majority" of the NZ population is covered by local councils using capital value rating.

2. It looks like most of the local councils still using land value rating are ones with smaller populations and/or more rural. It looks like PN is one of the most populous councils still tied to land value rating.

## Community facilities questions

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

No

## Development contributions questions

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**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

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**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

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**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

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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?**

Don't know / no opinion

## General comment areas

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

1. I am concerned about housing intensification plans, particularly in suburbs that are most single family detached homes, with yards.. There is a place for higher density housing, but that place is in or near the CBD,

2. One of the attractions of a city like PN is the ability to have a relatively affordable single family detached home with a reasonable sized yard. The yard allows children a safe and private place to play, the growth of some of one's own food, a place for pets, and a place for a compost pile to reduce the food waste the city is concerned about. These are all good things, and "green" things.

3. There are a number of problems the city must carefully address with housing intensification; a) water runoff due to a dearth of trees and land covered with vegetation, b) access for fire service vehicles, c) privacy and sunlight, d) street

parking. With the last issue, it is foolish to imagine that you can get a large proportion of people to give up having a car, even if it is not used for the work trip.

PNCC planners have told me that the government will not allow councils to require developers to provide off-street parking in new developments. If that is so, then surely the council can come up, at least, with some positive incentives for developers if they do provide off-street parking.

4. 150sqmetres as a section size is too small for properties in suburbs where most homes are detached with reasonable sized yards. That is little more than the area of my relatively small house. There is a place for for such sections, but near the CBD,

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

Council website

Booklet in my mailbox

Rates letter or email

Newspaper

# Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on	8 May 2024, 1:43PM
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Related form version	5

## Your contact details

First name	Peter
Last name	Grey
Organisation you represent	Housing Advice Centre
Email	
Phone	

## 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	<b>Wednesday 15 May:</b> 9am to 12.30pm, 5.30pm to 7.30pm <b>Thursday 16 May:</b> 1.30pm to 5pm, 5.30pm to 7.30pm <b>Friday 17 May:</b> 9am to 12.30pm, 5.30pm to 7.30pm
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
Which option do you prefer?	1. Preferred option: Hybrid (a mixture of land and capital value)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	I think this would be fairness overall but like to see greater promotion of the Rates Remission programme to support low income families and individuals.



## Community facilities questions

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

No

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

Support as proposed

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

The ethnic makeup of Palmerston North's population is increasing and to ensure the settlement into our city there needs to be a place for them to gather and seek support and advice.

Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building

Support as proposed

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

The Pasifika Centre has proven to be very beneficial to our Pasifika communities.

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

Support as proposed

Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Prefer not to say

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

Community facilities are important to build inclusive and supportive communities.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

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Which option do you prefer?

Prefer not to say

## Development contributions questions

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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

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

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

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

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

Community Support Plan  
Strongly support the Council's ongoing support and commitment to the overall community and the organisations and initiatives working to support and develop our community's resilience, well-being and growth. The Council needs to understand the pressures on community services around demand, complexity of need, and financially the increase in service provision costs including recruitment and retention of skilled staff. I hope the Council continues to work alongside communities and organisations to seek solutions to support the ongoing delivery of services.

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

Strongly support development and implementation of a local Housing First model, outreach support, and quick-response fund to support people to retain their rental housing. This initiative should be based on Whanau Ora and Collective impact modelling.  
Strongly support the building of new social housing and Council's leadership in further development opportunities.  
Strongly support the development community to provide new housing developments and more diverse forms of housing. These developments need to have a component of affordable housing options and builds of universal design.

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

Council website  
City Councillor  
Family or friends

# 984

## Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on	8 May 2024, 2:08PM
Receipt number	909
Related form version	5

### Your contact details

First name	Stephen
Last name	Legg
Email	
Phone	

### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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### Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North rural area
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Which option do you prefer?	1. Preferred option: Hybrid (a mixture of land and capital value)
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Please tell us why you prefer this option	Hybrid option seems to be a fairer compromise
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Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	<p>Rural lifestyle block owners haven't really had, nor are likely to have much more, increase in access to Services ( excluding water and sewage) such as footpaths and lighting etc, so the proposed lower discount ( to 15 and 17% from 37%) is illogical It is not based on any evidence and has no known rationale. It is therefore arbitrary and unjustified.</p> <p>Any change to the discount must have a specific rationale. I am therefore against any change to the discount unless or until PNCC can persuade me, based on quantifiable evidence, that it is fair. As it stands, the proposed change seems to have been plucked out of thin air.</p> <p>The proposed reduction in discount for rural lifestyle bock owners has a disproportionate effect on the cost of their rates, in relation to any obvious benefits to them, and is therefore unfair.</p> <p>However, I realise that the cost to PNCC of providing services - such as roads and road maintenance etc, to rural lifestyle blocks may increase, so feel that a smaller decrease in discount (ie less than 37%) would be</p>
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fairer and might be justifiable if an analysis of relevant data could be undertaken. I am sure that Council engineers and bean-counters could calculate what this might be. For example it might be in the order of 25-30%, rather than 15 and 17%, but the final value that is proposed must be based on quantifiable evidence rather than an educated guess.

I met with a council member to discuss this at a local meeting. He suggested that an approach to determine a 'right' level of discount, might be obtained by comparison with what other Councils do. whilst I agree that this might provide comparative information on various percentages for the discount, this in itself will not provide any specific rationale. so if other councils are approached to find out what they do, they should be questioned about their rationale for reaching the values they have selected. maybe the type of calculations that I have alluded to in the previous paragraph, have already been attempted elsewhere. If, so it could provide useful guidance on setting a fair discount rate tor rural lifestyle dwellers.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

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Which option do you prefer?

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

Please tell us why you prefer this option

We should be aspiring to do more than the bare minimum

## General comment areas

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Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

A cycle way to the Mountain bike park is surely something that should be supported and built.

A cycle way to Ashurst along the riverside should be completed

I am in favour, in general, of making PN much more cycle friendly.

Please share any feedback about rubbish and recycling services

Expand the recycling. It seems ludicrous that we cannot recycle plastic bags and polystyrene. We are way behind many Scandinavian countries in this regard.

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

Booklet in my mailbox

Rates letter or email

Newspaper

City Councillor

# Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on	8 May 2024, 12:00PM
Receipt number	890
Related form version	5

## Your contact details

First name	Paul
Last name	Barris
Organisation you represent	myself
Email	
Phone	

## 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	<b>Wednesday 15 May:</b> 9am to 12.30pm <b>Thursday 16 May:</b> <b>Friday 17 May:</b>
How would you prefer to give your feedback?	In person

## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	A developer of commercial properties Landlord of a home in Palmerston North who doesn't live here
Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Do not support
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Prefer not to say
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project	Its not what my submission is about
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project	I don't understand why it needs doing
Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project	Waste of money.
Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project	To expensive
Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project	To expensive
Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?	No

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

Please tell us why you prefer this option	I don't believe it needs doing
Please tell us what you don't like about the other option	PNCC need to reduce its cost.
Do you have any other comments?	PNCC Needs to review the undertaking of unnecessary expensive projects in order to achieve rate relief.

## 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?	No
We're proposing to stop collecting development contributions	Yes

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?

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?

No

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

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

A full review on how development fees should be undertaken.

## General comment areas

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

It does not address all the important issues the city is facing.

Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

I don't have a strong view on it.

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

The planned work is good. But the total cost does not make sense

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing

The city should leave this to central government.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city

PNCC needs to review the Palmerston North Airport plan to build a new terminal building \$40 million is not affordable. And the city will end up paying for it.  
There needs to be a review of the REPA areas they are calculated based on the runway been extended by 900 m. These plans will cost to build over \$200 million. City needs confirmation that these plans have been completely abandoned.

Please share any feedback about rubbish and recycling services

Working well

Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years

The city slogan Let's get Palmy Growing.

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

City could do a lot better

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

Family or friends

Supporting information

[REPA Size Notes v1 \(1\) \(1\).pdf](#)

## REPA Design Size - NZPM

Max aircraft size Boeing 737 series (up to incl -800 but excl -900) classed as A/B III  
Approach for RWY 25 is the limiting factor as it is larger than the Departure RWY07 REPA.

### 3.13 of AC150/5300-13B, Airport Design

of control. The primary goals are to clear the RPZ areas of incompatible objects and activities, and to ensure this area remains clear of such objects and activities.

1. The approach RPZ dimensions for a runway end are a function of the aircraft approach category and approach visibility minimum associated with the approach runway end.
2. The departure RPZ is a function of the aircraft approach category and departure procedures associated with the runway.
3. For a particular runway end, the more stringent RPZ (usually the approach) will govern the property interests and clearing for the airport owner.

#### 3.13.1 Standards.

The RPZ is trapezoidal in shape and centered about the extended runway centerline. Two different components comprise the RPZ: the approach and departure RPZ, which normally overlap. Discontinuity may occur when the approach or departure RPZ begins at a location other than 200 feet (61 m) beyond the end of the runway (refer to [Figure 3-26](#) and [Figure 3-28](#)).

##### 3.13.1.1 **Approach RPZ.**

The approach RPZ extends from a point 200 feet (61 m) from the runway threshold, as shown in [Figure 3-26](#), for a distance as prescribed in [Appendix G](#) or the online [Runway Design Standards Matrix Tool](#).

##### 3.13.1.2 **Departure RPZ.**

The departure RPZ begins 200 feet (61 m) beyond the runway end. If the end of the TORA and the runway end are not the same, it is 200 feet (61 m) beyond the far end of the TORA. Refer to [Appendix G](#) or the online [Runway Design Standards Matrix Tool](#) for dimensional standards.



I.3.3 The following new land uses within the limits of the RPZ are permissible without further evaluation:

1. Farming activities meeting airport design clearance standards.
2. Irrigation channels meeting the standards of AC 150/5200-33 and FAA/USDA manual, *Wildlife Hazard Management at Airports*.
3. Airport service roads, as long as they are not public roads and are under direct control of the airport operator.
4. Underground facilities, as long as they meet other design criteria, such as RSA standards, as applicable.
5. NAVAIDS and aviation facilities, such as equipment for airport facilities considered fixed-by-function in regard to the RPZ.
6. Above-ground fuel tanks associated with back-up generators for unstaffed NAVAIDS.

1 mile = 1609.34m  
 3/4 mile = 1207.008m

3/31/2022

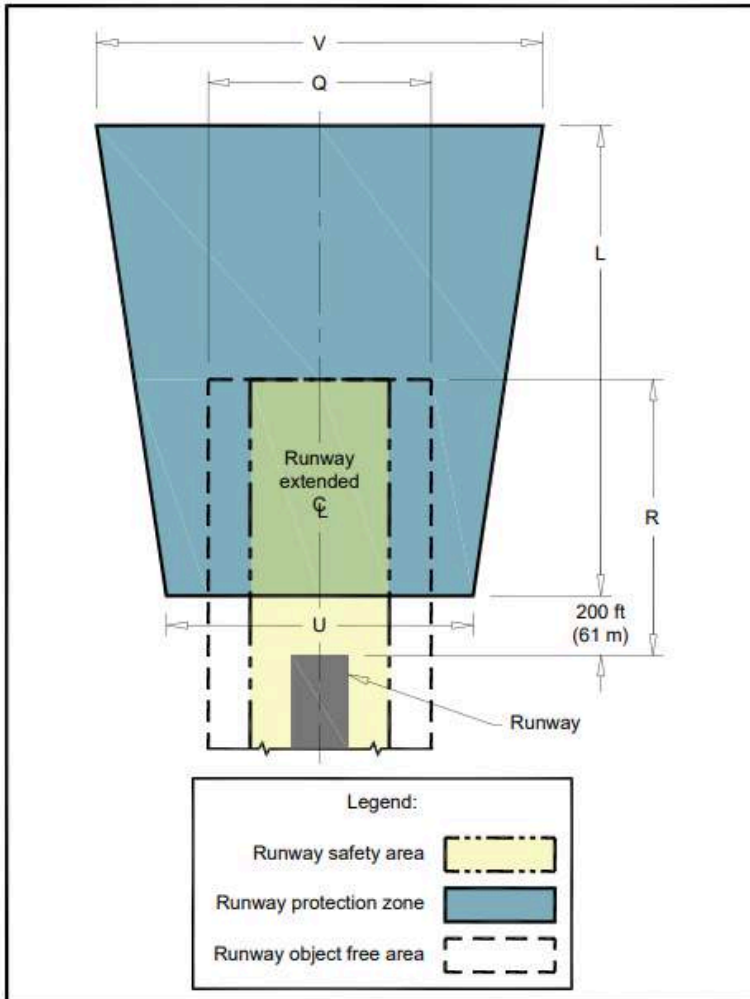
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 Appendix G

**Table G-5. Runway Design Standards Matrix, A/B-III**

<i>Aircraft Approach Category (AAC) and Airplane Design Group (ADG):</i>		A/B – III			
ITEM	DIM	VISIBILITY MINIMUMS			
		Visual	Not Lower than 1 mile	Not Lower than 3/4 mile	Lower than 3/4 mile
<b>RUNWAY DESIGN</b>					
Runway Length	A	<i>Refer to paragraphs 3.3 and 3.7.1</i>			
Runway Width	B	100 ft	100 ft	100 ft	100 ft
Shoulder Width		20 ft	20 ft	20 ft	20 ft
Blast Pad Width		140 ft	140 ft	140 ft	140 ft
Blast Pad Length		200 ft	200 ft	200 ft	200 ft
Crosswind Component		16 knots	16 knots	16 knots	16 knots
<b>RUNWAY PROTECTION</b>					
<b>Runway Safety Area (RSA)</b>					
Length beyond departure end <sup>5,10</sup>	R	600 ft	600 ft	600 ft	800 ft
Length prior to threshold <sup>11</sup>	P	600 ft	600 ft	600 ft	600 ft
Width	C	300 ft	300 ft	300 ft	400 ft
<b>Runway Object Free Area (ROFA)</b>					
Length beyond runway end	R	600 ft	600 ft	600 ft	800 ft
Length prior to threshold <sup>11</sup>	P	600 ft	600 ft	600 ft	600 ft
Width	Q	800 ft	800 ft	800 ft	800 ft
<b>Obstacle Free Zone (OFZ)</b>					
Runway, Inner-approach, Inner-Transitional		<i>Refer to paragraph 3.11</i>			
<b>Precision Obstacle Free Zone (POFZ)</b>					
Length		N/A	N/A	N/A	200 ft
Width		N/A	N/A	N/A	800 ft
<b>Approach Runway Protection Zone (RPZ)</b>					
Length	L	1,000 ft	1,000 ft	1,700 ft	2,500 ft
Inner Width	U	500 ft	500 ft	1,000 ft	1,000 ft
Outer Width	V	700 ft	700 ft	1,510 ft	1,750 ft
<b>Departure Runway Protection Zone (RPZ)</b>					
Length	L	1,000 ft	1,000 ft	1,000 ft	1,000 ft
Inner Width	U	500 ft	500 ft	500 ft	500 ft
Outer Width	V	700 ft	700 ft	700 ft	700 ft
<b>RUNWAY SEPARATION</b>					
<i>Runway centerline to:</i>					
Parallel runway centerline	H	<i>Refer to paragraph 3.9</i>			
Holding Position <sup>†</sup>		200 ft	200 ft	200 ft	250 ft
Parallel taxiway/taxilane centerline <sup>2,4</sup>	D	300 ft	300 ft	300 ft	350 ft
Aircraft parking area	G	<i>Refer to paragraph 5.4.1.2</i>			
Helicopter touchdown pad		<i>Refer to AC 150/5390-2</i>			

**Note:** Values in the table are rounded to the nearest foot. 1 foot = 0.305 meters.

**Note:** See the Footnotes on the page after Table G-12.



**Table ENR 1.5-4  
Aircraft Category**

CATEGORY	$V_{at}$
A	Less than 91 kt IAS
B	91 kt or more but less than 121 kt IAS
C	121 kt or more but less than 141 kt IAS
D/D <sub>L</sub>	141 kt or more but less than 166 kt IAS
E	166 kt or more but less than 211 kt IAS
H (Helicopter)	Not applicable

4.1.4 The approach minima for aircraft categories listed in Table ENR 1.5-4 are included on instrument approach charts included in AD 2.

In the following tables for RWY25 and 07 the four digit numbers (visibility in metres), highlighted in red, must be >1609m to get a reduction of the REPA. Visibility <1609 m is highlighted in blue boxes.

# RWY 25 Approach

DISTANCE to WPT	RW25	0.8	1.3	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	MREP
Advisory Altitude 3.2 <sup>1</sup>	MDA	DA	MDA	880	1220	1560	1900	2240	2580	2920	3260	3500
Category	A			B			C			D		
LNAV/VNAV *	480(329) - 1600						500(349) - 2000					
LNAV	640(489) - 2000						640(489) - 2800					
Circling #	690(539) - 2000			760(609) - 2800			#1060(909) - 3700			#1120(969) - 4600		
* Valid to AD temperature -10°C. Use of remote QNH NA.										CAT D circling NA south of RWY		
# CAT C/D circling airspace containment not assured.												

Effective: 11 AUG 22

## PALMERSTON NORTH

◉ Civil Aviation Authority

### RNP W RWY 25

DISTANCE to WPT	RW25	0.8	1.3	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	MREP
Advisory Altitude 3.2 <sup>1</sup>	MDA	DA	MDA	880	1220	1560	1900	2240	2580	2920	3260	3500
Category	A			B			C			D		
LNAV/VNAV *	480(329) - 1600						500(349) - 2000					
LNAV	640(489) - 2000						640(489) - 2800					
Circling #	690(539) - 2000			760(609) - 2800			#1060(909) - 3700			#1120(969) - 4600		
* Valid to AD temperature -10°C. Use of remote QNH NA.										CAT D circling NA south of RWY		
# CAT C/D circling airspace containment not assured.												

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## PALMERSTON NORTH

◉ Civil Aviation Authority

### RNP W RWY 25

Category	A	B	C	D
RNP 0.30	NA	490(339) - 1600	NA	NA

1. Procedure NA when AD temperature is below -10°C or above 47°C
2. RF required
3. RNP 0.3 initial and intermediate segments, RNP 1.0 missed APCH segment

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## PALMERSTON NORTH

◉ Civil Aviation Authority

### RNP X RWY 25 (AR)

# RWY 07

PM DME DBT	KETX	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2.8	MAP1 2
Advisory Altitude 5.2%	3510	3190	2870	2550	2240	1920	1600	1280	960	640	MDA	MDA
Category	A			B			C			D		
VOR/DME	570(449) - 1600						570(449) - 2400					
Circling	690(539) - 1900			760(609) - 2800			1060(909) - 3700			1120(969) - 4600		

CAT C/D circling airspace containment not assured.  
 \* CAT D circling NA south of RWY

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## PALMERSTON NORTH VOR/DME RWY 07

● Civil Aviation Authority

DISTANCE to WPT	GUTNI	3	2	1	LEISO	3	2	1.8	1.1	RW07	
Advisory Altitude 3*	2720	2400	2080	1760	1440	1130	810	MDA	DA	MDA	
Category	A			B			C			D	
LNAV/MNAV*	530(409) - 1600						550(429) - 2400			580(459) - 2400	
LNAV	740(619) - 2500						740(619) - 3600				
LNAV +	560(439) - 1600						560(439) - 2400				
Circling	770(619) - 2500			770(619) - 2800			#1060(909) - 3700			#1120(969) - 4600	

\* Valid to AD temperature -10°C. Use of remote QNH NA.  
 + Requires 3.0% (190 ft/NM) missed APCH climb gradient.  
 # CAT C/D circling airspace containment not assured.  
 CAT D circling NA south of RWY

**Effective: 11 AUG 22**

## PALMERSTON NORTH RNP RWY 07

● Civil Aviation Authority

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NZPM AD 2 - 52.1

Certificated Aerodrome 2 NM N of Palmerston North

## PALMERSTON NORTH OPERATIONAL DATA (1)

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### RWY

RWY	SFC	Strength	Gp	Slope	ASDA	Take-off distance				LDG DIST
						1:30	1:40	1:50	1:62.5	
07 25	B	PCN 50 F/C/X/T	8	0.49U 0.49D	1902	1902 1923	1902 1873	1882 1827	1686 1728	1763 1822
07 25	Gr(s)	ESWL 1100	4	0.64U 0.64D		605				605

RESA -- RWY 07 240 X 150 m

Runway conditions monitored during ATC hours of service

### MINIMA

IFR Take-off		
RWY	Day	Night
07	500-1500	500-1500
25	300-1500	300-1500

Reduced take-off minima available during TWR HR -- not below 0-800.



## Runway Protection

### Approach Runway Protection Zone (RPZ)

A/B - III						A/B - II					
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Inner Width	U	500 ft	500 ft	1,000 ft	1,000 ft	Inner Width	U	500 ft	500 ft	1,000 ft	1,000 ft
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Dimensions		ft	m	Dist from Threshold
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Length	L	1700 ft	518.16m	$518.16+61=578.2m$
Inner width	U	1000 ft	304.8m	61m
Outer width	V	1510 ft	460.25m	$518.16+61=578.2m$





## Runway Protection

### Departure Runway Protection Zone (RPZ)

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Length	L	1,000 ft	1,000 ft	1,000 ft	1,000 ft	Length	L	1,000 ft	1,000 ft	1,000 ft	1,000 ft
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**Table B–1. Aerodrome reference code**

Code element 1		Code element 2		Outer main gear wheel span
Code number	Aeroplane reference field length	Code letter	Wingspan	

30 November 2023

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CAA of NZ

Civil Aviation Rules

Part 139

CAA Consolidation

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Less than 800 m	A	Up to but not including 15 m	Up to but not including 4.5 m
2	800 m up to but not including 1200 m	B	15 m up to but not including 24 m	4.5 m up to but not including 6 m
3	1200 m up to but not including 1800 m	C	24 m up to but not including 36 m	6 m up to but not including 9 m
4	1800 m and over	D	36 m up to but not including 52 m	9 m up to but not including 14 m
		E	52 m up to but not including 65 m	9 m up to but not including 14 m
		F	65 m up to but not including 80 m	14 m up to but not including 16 m

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C.2.1 Length of runway strips A strip must extend before the threshold and beyond the end of the paved runway or stopway for a distance of at least—

- (1) 60 m where the aerodrome reference code number in Table B1 is 3 or 4; or
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A runway strip must extend laterally on each side of the centre line of the runway and its extended centre line throughout the length of the strip to the minimum distance determined in Table C-1.

### C.2.2 Width of runway strips

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**Table C-1** Minimum Runway Strip Distance

Aerodrome Reference Code Number	Runway Type	Distance
3 or 4	Precision approach	150 m
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3 or 4	Non-instrument approach	75 m
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1 or 2	Non-precision instrument approach	75 m
2	Non-instrument approach	40 m
1	Non-instrument approach	30 m

Because Palmerston North does not have a precision approach for any of the runways (an ILS or Instrument Landing System is the only precision approach that we have in NZ) then the Runway Strip should be 150m wide (75m either side of the centreline).

However, this has no bearing on the REPA/RPZ size.

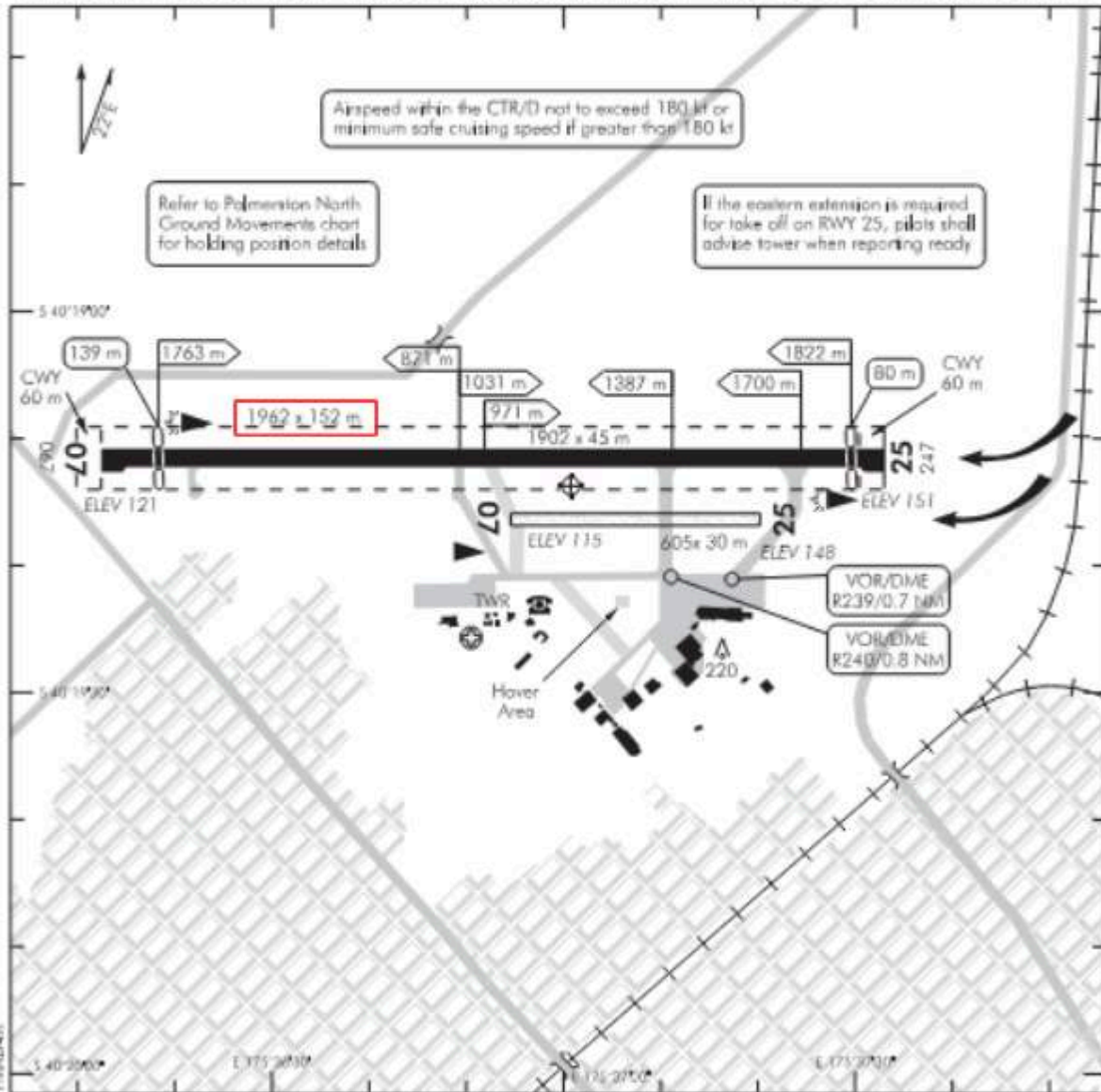
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# PALMERSTON NORTH

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## AERODROME (1)

PALMERSTON TOWER: 120.6 PALMERSTON GROUND: 121.7 ATIS: 129.7 UNATTENDED: 120.6



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# Long-Term Plan submission form



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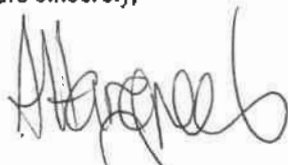
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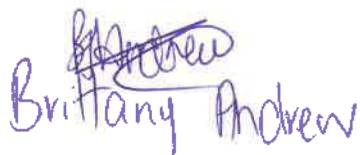
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# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Hearing

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5 May 2024

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Dear Elected Members

**2024-34 LONG TERM PLAN SUBMISSION: KIKIWHENUA**

This submission is in relation to the growth plans for Housing and Development as indicated in both the PNCC Long Term Plan (LTP) and PNCC and Horizons Future Development Strategy (FDS). These plans indicate a requirement across Palmerston North of 400 new homes per year for the next 10 years and beyond.

The council have indicated a strong commitment to provide for residential development to the west of the city. This commitment was backed up by the rezoning of approx. 22 hectares of land in 2019 to residential. This land is known as Kikiwhenua.

Further support of the development of Kikiwhenua was provided in the councils 2021 document, Palmy 2021 – 2031 Te Mahere Whakatipu Tāone – City Growth Plan, which specifically mentions the development of Kikiwhenua. It is also understood that budgets were allocated for the provision of infrastructure (water supply and sewer) to support the development within the 2021-2031 LTP. It does not appear that this funding has been utilised as planned for the provision of infrastructure to enable development of the residential subdivision. The 2021-2031 LTP included budget lines of \$250,000 in 2021/22 and \$460,000 in 2022/23 for the supply of water. And \$368,000 for the installation of a wastewater system as the first stage of the wider Kakatangiaata.

The current proposed LTP and the FDS show the number of homes expected specifically within the Kikiwhenua development of 92 lots within the 2025/2026 years and a further 188 lots by 2029.

Figure x: Future Residential Development Timing Summary (homes)

	Short term (within the next 3 years)			Medium term (between 3 and 10 years)							Long term (between 10 and 30 years)																
	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35	2035/36	2036/37	2037/38	2038/39	2039/40	2040/41	2041/42	2042/43	2043/44	2044/45	2045/46	2046/47	2047/48	2048/49	2049/50		
Existing Urban Environment	592			1,078							2,351																
Hokowhitu Lagoon Residential Area	110																										
Whakarongo Residential Area	88			411																							
Naper Road Residential Extension Area		11	34																								
Māzeng Residential Area		60	100																								
Rcaburgh Crescent Residential Area		2	80																								
Kakatangiaata Urban Growth Areas (Excl Stage 1)							501																				
Kikiwhenua (Stage 1 of Kakatangiaata)		92	188																								
Kakatangiaata (Beyond the next 30 years a further 4,243 homes)																											
Ashhurst Urban Growth Areas							229																				
Aokautere Residential Area				300							700																



This appears to be in conflict with the funding proposed to provide the required infrastructure to service the development, even if staged. This is evident in the proposed budget for the supply of drinking water to the development where a budget of only \$550,000 is included in the 2024/25 year and then a further \$513,000 in the 2025/26 financial year. This by the Council's own estimates is insufficient for the proposed stage one, of only 30 lots.

Wastewater budget projections do not see any funding being provided until 2025/26 with a budget of \$308,000. The previous LTP had a budget of \$344,000 in 2024/25 and a further \$337,000 in 2025/26 in addition to the previously mentioned \$368,000 in 2021/22.

The current budgeted expenditure is timed for after the expected first 92 sections have been developed. Further funding is budgeted for 2026/27 of \$3,158,000, 2027/28 of \$2,160,000 and 2028/29 of \$2,214,000. It is understood that timing of expenditure can be moved, as advised by senior Council Officers.

Both the timing and quantum of budgeted infrastructure spending does not appear to match the proposed development expectations for the Kikiwhenua development to achieve the city's growth expectations.

As one of the owners of the land we have been asked to fund the water infrastructure under an interest free loan arrangement to a total of \$1,300,000 with expected repayment from Council in the 2025/26 financial year. This amount varies from the funding allocated in the LTP which is a total of \$1,063,000 as shown above.

Given Council's strong commitment to develop Kakatangiata as the next major residential growth area for the city, Kikiwhenua is the initial component of this, and the development will be watched with interest by the current landowners, within the proposed Kakatangiata development zone, as to how easy it will be to be able to undertake a sizable development.

Council's current 2024 Development Contribution Policy document, which is also currently out for consultation, includes under the Transport section the following:

New Programme 1681 Kikiwhenua (\$21.7m): this programme includes:

- Land purchase of Te Wanaka Road to facilitate additional road reserve to meet a connector road standard.
- Intersection development of Te Wanaka and Pioneer Highway.
- Land purchase for new collector route from Te Wanaka to Grand Oaks.
- New bridge to facilitate access across the Mangaone stream for the connection of Te Wanaka and Grand Oaks.

There do not appear to be corresponding budget lines within the LTP that match this proposed expenditure, or other infrastructure budgets that would support this work being completed. Clarification around this would be appreciated.

Currently the Kikiwhenua development is stalled due to a number of factors including:

- Three years of delays in the issuance of a Resource Consent for an initial 30 lot subdivision that can be serviced off the current wastewater infrastructure. Fresh water supply as indicated has not been addressed.
- Urban design considerations with numerous iterations to meet urban design requirements of an external Urban Design Consultancy employed by Council, at a significant cost, that appear to be over and above the general requirements of the operative District Plan and relevant structure plan.
- The requirements of the Council's regulatory planning team are to provide a full civil engineering design for the proposed 300 lot subdivision, not just the initial 30 lots that the resource consent has been applied for. This comes at significant cost and time especially when trying to meet overzealous urban design requirements, and no real commitment that a resource consent that is workable will actually be approved.
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- Traffic safety issues related to the exit and entrance from the state highway on to Te Wanaka Road, the feeder road to the development.
- Required pedestrian, cyclist and mobility user linkages across the state highway

Through the delay in the getting the subdivision out of the ground Council are foregoing significant short term and future perpetual income.

Under the proposed updated Development Contributions (DC's) policy that is also currently out for consultation. The proposed Kikiwhenua development would see DC's at an estimated \$20,000 per lot. Which on Councils projections would provide \$1,840,000 of DC's on the first 92 lots within the first two years and an additional \$3,760,000 for the remaining 188 lots by 2029. Current plans prepared for the site indicate an additional 20 lots could be achieved making an additional \$400,000 of DC's.

The additional rates that would be able to be collected once lots are available and then built on will provide ongoing future income. Based on the proposed hybrid rating system for an average 500 square metre section. With a ratable value of \$400,000, based on a comparable section in the recently completed Council developed Tamakuku subdivision. This would see \$2,500 per lot, per annum, added to the Councils rates. An additional \$750,000 per annum for the proposed 300 lots. This would be prior to building any homes which would see a further increase in the annual rates especially with the hybrid rating system taking into account land value and improvements value.

The further delays in not having funding allocated in the LTP to both the appropriate timeframes, but more importantly to the provision of the required infrastructure could see the Kikiwhenua and other developments not progressing.

The Council have made commitments to support the development of a certain level of housing across both the 2021-2031 and the 2024-2034 LTP timeframes, but also in the Development Future Strategy.

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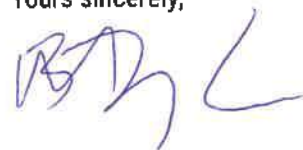
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Yours sincerely,



Brad Taylor

RACE General Manager of Racing

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Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city As per attached submission

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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	<b>Wednesday 15 May:</b> <b>Thursday 16 May:</b> <b>Friday 17 May:</b> 1.30pm to 5pm
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
Which option do you prefer?	2. Capital value (CV)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	<p>This is the fairest system. Rates are a property tax . When taxes are paid one pays tax based on the total salary and not just part of it. So it should be with property tax, (i.e. rates). One should be rated on the total worth of the property, not just a very small part of the value of the property. Taxes charged should also reflect the taxpayer's ability to pay with the more wealthy paying a higher overall tax rate. With CV rating those (wealthier) residents living in large valuable properties on slightly smaller sections would pay a greater, more fairer share of the rates than they do now, compared with those in older houses on larger sections under the present LV rating system.</p>



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

I don't think that rating on only 30% of the capital value (plus presumable 100% of the land value) misses the point. The Manawatu Standard of 25 November 2021 reported Quotable Value as showing the total value of the city properties was \$32.8 billion whereas the land value was \$18.7 million. (Subtracting the LV from the CV shows the value of city improvements is \$32.78 billion and close to the CV). The ratio of either CV or IV to LV is near 1,750 times. Why then would the Council rate only 30% of the CV and 70% of the LV. This leaves 70% of the CV untouched. That is, \$21.8 billion of improvements would be ignored. Obviously, the Council would need to drastically lower the rating factor (currently about .004) to compensate for rating much higher values. At present in our area properties worth well over \$1 million on 500 to 600 sq m sections pay significantly less rates than we do because our old section is 920 sq m and the house being old is downvalued although it's been totally renovated. This is unfair as the Council is well aware. CV rating would spread the rate burden more fairly across the city. If the Council is fixed on only a proportion of the CV to set the rates then a 50/50 split would be preferable to a 30/70 split. But 100% CV rating is fairer.

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

LV rating is akin to Inland Revenue setting a ceiling of \$100,000 for income tax so that every taxpayer pays tax on whatever their salary is up to the maximum of \$100,000. This would be good luck for someone on a \$400,000 salary with most of their salary untaxed but not so good for the cleaner who'd be taxed on their entire income.

## | Community facilities questions

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

No

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

Support as proposed

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

I seems that the Multicultural Centre is not big enough so it's reasonable to find more satisfactory premises. However, the quid pro quo should be that it caters for all cultures, including Pacific cultures.

**Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building**

Support with changes/comments

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

I would expect that some of what happens at Bill Brown Park could be catered for in the enhanced Multicultural Centre. However, when sports are held at Bill Brown Park then appropriate facilities need to be provided such as changing rooms, showers, etc.

**Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building**

Support as proposed

**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project**

Highbury doesn't seem to have a lot going for it so a library serving as a community hub is a good idea, particularly if it encourages youngsters to read. And at \$3M it's not a huge cost to the ratepayers. And Highbury has a police station. So why not a library.

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

Do not support

**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project**

At \$27M this is extravagant. Particularly as there is a lot of rather mundane projects to carry out such as fixing the roads and footpaths, some of the street lighting, and of course, the big ones - the earthquake strengthening and Nature Calls projects. There's also unfinished jobs to

complete that were started several years ago such as the lighting along the riverside walking track below the Esplanade between the Fitzherbert Bridge and the new walking bridge. The cables have been in for a couple of years and then left to corrode from water ingress. Also, from Awapuni it's only 10 minutes or so to drive or cycle to the main City Library. This project is a "nice to have" but not essential. The Council needs to heed the Audit NZ warning.

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**Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park**

Do not support

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

Also a "nice to have". There is a marae in Maxwells Line and a small one in the Square. To reach Anzac Park would probably require driving there for most people. In the Draft Long Term Plan it states that the Marae would be used for cultural and civic events. However, there's a number of venues for events such as the Multicultural Centre, the Convention Centre, the Community Leisure Centre in Fergusson St and the Awapuni, Milson, Rangiora Ave and Kelvin Grove community centres. Also the Senior Citizens' Hall, Te Manawa, Central Energy Trust Arena, various churches and the Central Library. And \$19M is rather a high amount, given the other essential projects the Council needs to carry out.

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**Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks**

Support with changes/comments

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**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project**

I know that the Central Energy Trust Arena hosts a lot of events, such as the stock cars every Saturday night during summer. However \$36M seems a lot to spend, given the essential projects that need to be done.

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

The total spending of the Council is forecast to double in four years, according to the graph on p51 of the Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-34. This will require the Council to increase both rates and borrowing over the next few years, and of course, loans need to be paid back, eventually. In addition to the rates, a \$1000 levy each year for all ratepayers to keep the Nature Calls debt off the Council's books would be unaffordable by many ratepayers, particularly those on fixed incomes.

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## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

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**Which option do you prefer?**

2. Only do the required seismic upgrades of these facilities in their current locations

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**Please tell us why you prefer this option**

The expense of the Long Term Plan only keeps increasing. Seismic upgrades are obviously necessary for safety reasons. Carry out the minimum work necessary, as far as possible minimising expenditure to reduce rate increases and future debt from borrowing, which eventually needs to be paid off. The necessary seismic work is in addition to the total of over the necessary \$800M for water projects, although some of the water costs will be covered from external grants.

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

Option one includes two "nice to have" projects that I've already discussed. There is really no room for the "nice to have" owing to the large expenses of the seismic upgrades and the water projects. However, unfinished projects need to be completed and of course the ongoing maintenance of footpaths, roads and council-owned buildings.

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## Development contributions questions

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**We're proposing to increase the contributions for residential**

No

development and decrease the non-residential fee to more equitably distribute the cost of growth. Do you agree with this change?

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?

No

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

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

No

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 agree that contributions for residential development should be increased so that ratepayers are not subsidising developers, but don't agree that non-residential fees should be reduced. Presumably, the non-residential developments include motels and hotels as well as commercial and industrial, and developers of these shouldn't be subsidised by ratepayers. Also, the Long Term Plan mentions non-residential developments that are not connected to the water infrastructure having reduced development fees. What are these apart from storage facilities with only road access (although roads need to be maintained)? All workplaces need a water supply and provision for waste etc. This is unclear.

## General comment areas

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

There needs to be an element of 'user pays' regarding fresh water consumption and waste water production. Volumes of waste water, produced by a household are usually in proportion to fresh water inputs. There are also leaks and wastage. Monitoring fresh water intake to a household, and hence waste water outputs, by fitting water meters to each household would also help to identify leaks and large users of water. A number of towns and cities in NZ have installed water meters. On the Kapiti Coast this has resulted in reduced uptake - as well as reducing water wastage. Given the large expense of upgrading our waste water disposal, large users of water should pay more for water than low users rather than all ratepayers paying the same as at present. Probably the most effective method of wastewater disposal is to treat the waste to a high degree and put it into the river, from where it will eventually end up in the sea. Piping it to the coast and maintaining the pipe is extremely expensive and there is always the possibility of rupture from earthquakes or from earthmovers. On land disposal sounds great but productive land is expensive, and there is not a great deal of freely draining land to the west and north and close to Palmerston North on which to dispose waste water. Few of the soils on the Kairanga Plains are freely draining, and suitable for effluent disposal.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing

Access to healthy and affordable housing is an excellent plan, but allowing the building of rows of black-clad and black-roofed homes, close together and without any lawn or garden but surrounded by concrete or tar seal yards is not healthy. With the absence of any grass, trees, or shrubs, all of which cool the surrounds, and with the promise from climatologists of future hot summer weather, these homes will be very hot and unhealthy, particularly for older people, and with nowhere for children to play outside except out on the street. There will also be a great demand on electricity for air conditioning to reduce inside temperatures.

Medium density housing may produce many more houses in Palmerston North but with the increased heights and lessened spacing between homes, and with disadvantaged neighbours who cannot object to having their homes shaded, sounds like a disaster waiting to happen. And what about fire safety? If one of the houses in a closely-spaced row catches fire, will there be enough room for fire trucks to access the area? It doesn't appear that a lot of thought has gone into this.

Regarding the plan to build 50 or more homes on the Huia St Reserve (p24 of the planning document) on the busy corner of two busy streets and next door to the Palmerston North Girls' High School sounds crazy. With this density of housing will there be room for provision of garaging of cars and bicycles? There is very little room on the street for safe parking. The other problem with closely-spaced housing is that all stormwater ends up in the street because there are no lawns or gardens surrounding the houses for rainfall infiltration. In the older suburbs the stormwater pipes will need to be replaced with larger pipes when many more homes are added. as a result of infill.

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city**

Does the Palmerston North City Council have a "big city ambition" (p9 of the planning document)? Auckland has grown and grown to the extent that it's broken in many aspects because the city is outgrowing its infrastructure. Water and transport/commuting problems come to mind. Established homes downslope of higher density infilled areas have been flooded by stormwater from infilled areas upslope with less stormwater infiltration. Please don't let Palmerston North go the same way as Auckland. Maintain its small city benefits one of which is having a bit of area outside the home.

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

Palmerston North's rubbish and recycling system is great so long as residents don't put rubbish in the recycling bin. The plan to increase user pays for rubbish through cost of 60L bags is a good one. It might even help reduce the amount of waste.

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**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

Keep the rate increases to a minimum by scaling back some of the 'nice to have' projects. Take heed of Audit NZ's warning.

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

Newspaper

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**Supporting information**

# Demand drives land values up

**Housing**  
**Janine Rankin**

*Manawatu Standard*  
25.11.21.

Residential land values have gone up 95 per cent in Palmerston North, but do not panic, that does not mean city council rates will double.

Quotable Value has just released the latest rating valuations for city properties, which show the total value for the city is \$32.8 billion, with underlying rateable land value of \$18.7m.

Local QV senior consultant Simon Willocks said the value increases had occurred across the entire residential market since the last valuations in 2018, driven by a shortage of listings, record low borrowing costs and people's fear of missing out on getting into the housing market.

The valuations, as at September 1, have seen an average 75 per cent lift in home values - that is the value of the land and buildings - to \$776,000, with average land values up by 95 per cent to an average \$490,000.

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The areas of the city where land values had gone up most were the villages of Bunnythorpe and Longburn, up nearly 140 per cent, and with Ashhurst and the Westbrook/Highbury/Takaro areas just above and below the 100 per cent mark.

Commercial and industrial properties had seen a more modest rate of increase.

Commercial properties were up 26 per cent, with land value increases of 40 per cent. Industrial property values were up 44.7 per cent, with the land values up 60 per cent.

City council finance strategy manager Steve Paterson said he was yet to analyse what the new valuations would do to

rates. The city council rates are set depending on relative land values.

"It is important to realise that changes to values does not increase or decrease the total rates revenue for the council," he said.

"Instead, rates will be spread amongst ratepayers in slightly different proportions than before."

Because residential land values had gone ahead faster than those for other types of land, residential properties were likely to pay a larger share of total rates than at present.

The council would review the impacts of the revaluations on rates bills, and had the ability to alter the system if it considered some changes would impact unfairly on certain groups of ratepayers.

The new rating values have gone up on the city council's website, and will be posted to property owners within the next few days.

People who thought their new valuations did not reflect the value of their property fairly were able to object between now and January 29.



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# City plan might not be realistic

## Palmerston North

Janine Rankin

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the size of the programme ramped up.

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The council has included a couple of pages in its consultation document explaining those two risks.

Mayor Grant Smith said he understood councillors did not like putting up the rates, and ratepayers would not like it either.

But he said the council had done its best to come to a starting point for consultation that included a rates rise among the lower quarter for all councils around the country.

He said it would take a 6.7% rates rise to simply stand still, paying interest costs, repaying debt, paying utility and insurance bills.

"We have worked very hard over the past five months to review everything we do."

He said it was important the city continued to invest in its roads, housing and water services, and carrying on with Nature Calls and many of the infrastructure projects was something it was legally bound to do.

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The council has arranged a series of drop-in sessions, a "Planning Palmy Expo" and online chats ahead of the deadline for submissions on May 9.



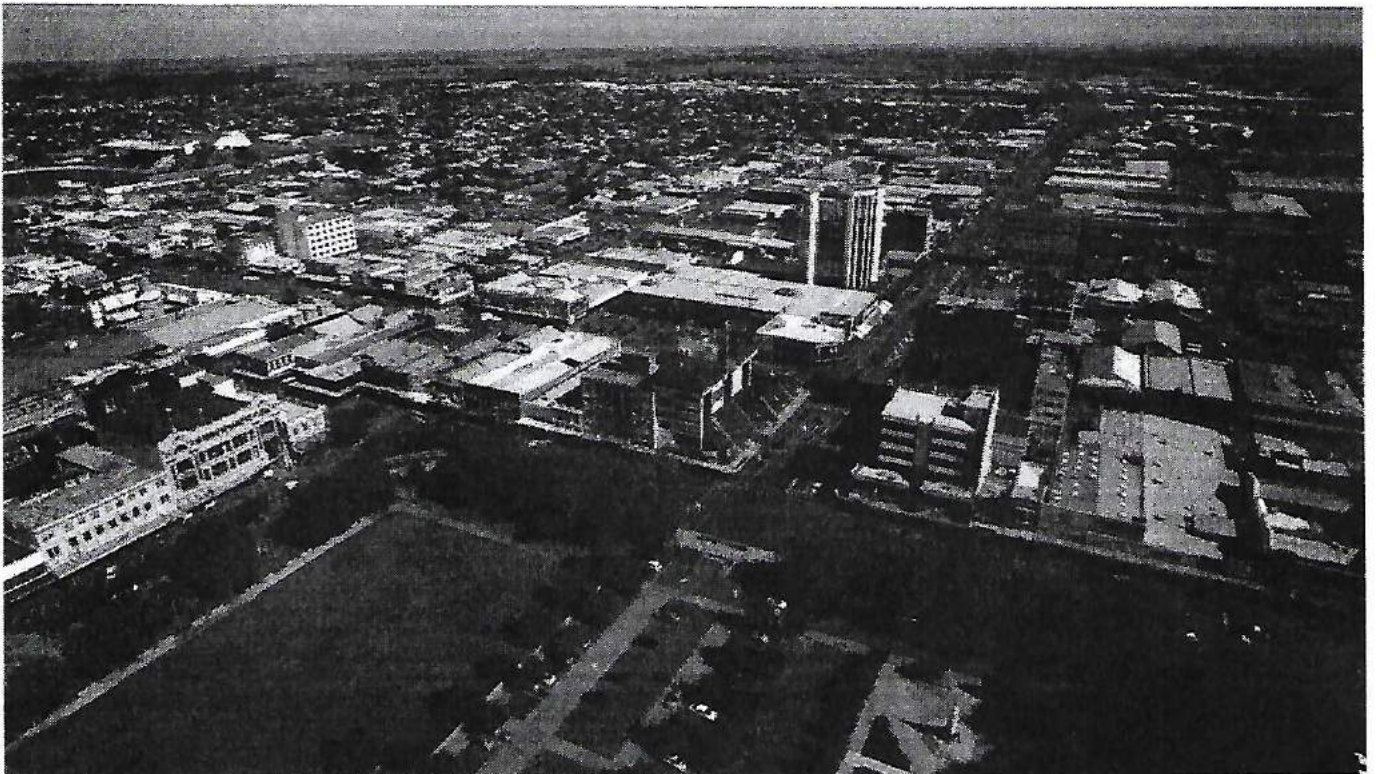
# Audit warns Palmerston North plan might not be realistic



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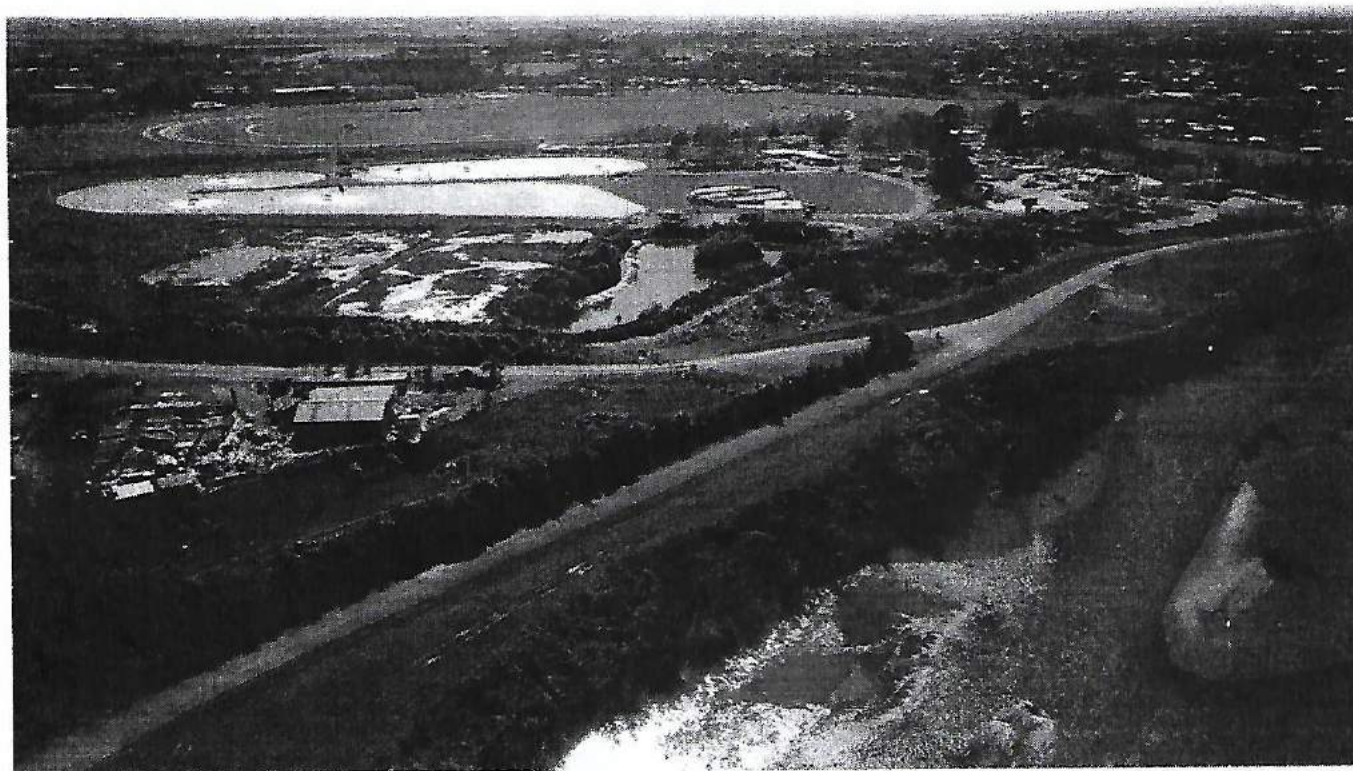


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The paperwork has been filed for a massive upgrade of Palmerston North's wastewater treatment plant.  
DAVID UNWIN / MANAWATŪ STANDARD

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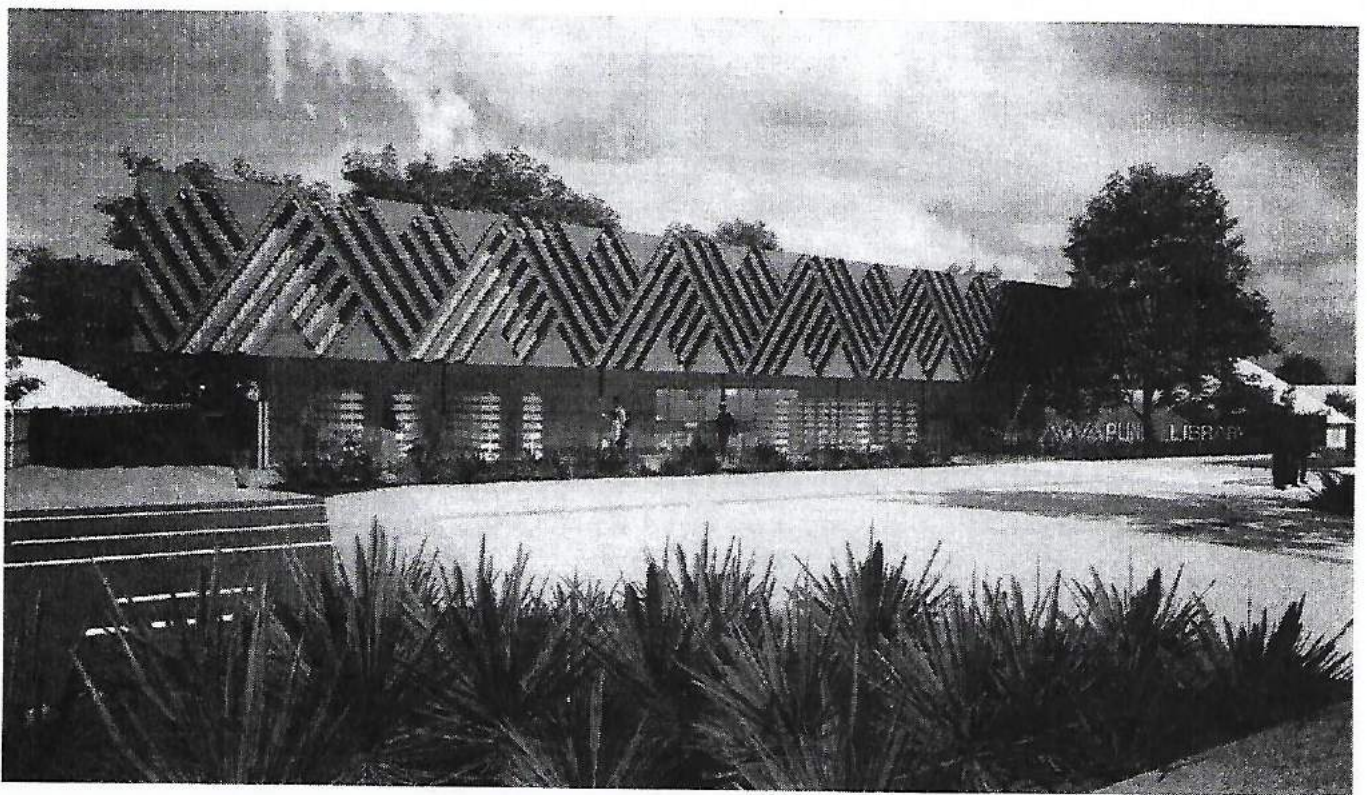


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An impression of what the new Awapuni Library and community centre might look like on the St Mark's Church site on College St.

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# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

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Last name	Hanson
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## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
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Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
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Please tell us why you prefer this option	Properties side by side, of similar land value, and receiving the same services etc should be charged the same rates. Owners with higher valued homes ... bigger, better, newer etc ... should not be penalised because of this.
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Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	Sadly I feel the capital value percentage of the hybrid option will gradually increase.
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Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	As councillors you must look at the 'need to' as opposed to the 'want to' developments that have been put forward. Some things are of no vital need.
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## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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**Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?**

The necessities obviously need to be addressed in the short term. Projects such as a civic Marae at Anzac Park, while appealing, is not a necessity and could be deferred at this time. While the library is a well used facility, is it necessary to build a replacement while seismic is being done. Can it be separated and utilise some of the empty buildings in town ... the children's section in one building, fiction somewhere else etc etc. The community would adapt.

## General comment areas

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

To keep our city vibrant and alive a free flowing traffic system is a must. Those that cannot, or do not want to use public transport must be able to freely access the CBD, with adequate and appropriate parking. The Cuba Street parking near Focal Point Cinema is not a safe and appropriate layout. Angle parking is a much safer option, both for visibility and the amount of road needed to complete a reversing manoeuvre.

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

Medium and high density housing is probably the way of the future, but it's a necessity to have, handy to the homes, an area or communal 'backyard' where parents can take young children to play and develop.

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

I think it's important to keep the gutters free of leaves, particularly after the Autumn fall and heading into the wet season. This will minimise flooding of the streets.

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

As New Zealanders we are given very limited information on what our country has been signed up to on the world stage. This trickles down to our councils as well, and I can only hope you look past the flowery language and the 'wonderful' proposals, and are not enabling controls that will be detrimental to us as New Zealanders in the long term.

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

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## Hearing

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

## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you? Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North rural area

Which option do you prefer? 3. Land value (LV) – current system

Please tell us why you prefer this option

We think the present level of discount for rural properties, should be kept the same as keeping with Option 3 Land Value (LV) system. Already PNCC has proposed a rate increase for us of 38.1298% for 2024/2025. Rural homes don't nearly benefit from the city services, we should be commended for servicing our own water and wastewater, and not adding to the burden that the city homes do to PNCC water/wastewater utilities and services. That is why rural folks need the slight discounts as they maintain most of their own services, and get little in return.

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

Option 1. Hybrid option would increase our rates by a 64.89% increase  
 Option 2. Capital Value (CV) would increase our rate by a 127.75% increase  
 Both are outrageous proposals

Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review? Keep with the current Land Value LV for properties between 0.2 and 5 hectares.

## Community facilities questions

<b>Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?</b>	No
<b>Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project</b>	Council needs to reduce it's debt - and to do so has to cut some plans to LTP.  The council's debt is going to rise from 169 per cent of its income (about \$310 million) by the end of 2024-25 to 247 per cent of its income (about \$627m) by 2029-30.
<b>Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project</b>	PNCC is building a huge debt for it's rate payers.
<b>Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project</b>	We enjoyed going to Te Pātikitiki Library when my kids were a bit younger- as the newest library I don't think it would be money well spent. It is a capable library as is.
<b>Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project</b>	\$29.1m 1500sq m new Awapuni Community Library Hub is beyond the Councils means. There is a bus service that the ratepayers already fund, and a mobile library that goes to Awapuni, but only Chippendale Reserve- maybe the mobile library bus that carries 7000 items that are turned over regularly could add another stop to where the hub is proposed instead.
<b>Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project</b>	I would love to support this idea, but not now when the Council is proposing so much more debt that ultimately effects ratepayers so highly. I hope Rangitāne and the Council work together to get funding for such a great co-governance project.
<b>Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project</b>	PNCC has too much debt to be proposing such "nice to haves".
<b>Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?</b>	All of the following could be scrapped so the ratepayers can keep paying their rates as option Land Value rating. \$55m shared walking and cycling pathway from Palmerston North to Ashhurst and Palmerston North to Feilding \$31m for cycleways in the city \$22m Streets For People upgrades (think Square East between the Coffee Club and The Plaza) \$5.7m Cuba St upgrade stage 3 \$29.1m 1500sq m new Awapuni Community Library Hub \$88m city-wide transport low-cost and low-risk upgrades and Road to



Zero (I proposed reducing this from \$88m to \$50m).

## 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

Please tell us why you prefer this option

I couldn't understand this question, but looking into it Only do the required seismic upgrades of these facilities in their current location, and still seek 90% external funding

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

Option 1. project would add \$52M to Council's debt

## 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?

Yes

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?

No

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?

No

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

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

Regarding the last question asking about charging a fee for non-residential development that has no connection to the water or wastewater. Ofcourse the Council should not charge a fee to whomever is managing their own water, or a developer that is creating a property that will manage their own. That would be very unfair if the council did.

## General comment areas

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

Rural properties that manage their own wastewater should not be subjected to any levies that target the PNCC Nature Calls plans.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city

For the area called Kākātangiata I would love to see the remnant Kahikatea Forest protected that on google maps the pinpoint is <https://maps.app.goo.gl/ny74cx4PzC:xzqWjG8>

Please share any feedback about rubbish and recycling services

I always think the council should sort the different types of plastics and have them stored or even buried in a individual zone- for when later even in 50 or a 100 years and there is a way to recycle them then- then it can be gathered up and not all in one landfill like the current model is.

Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the

It's not going to be a desirable place to move to if the proposed rates

next 10 years

hikes happen.

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

Family or friends

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Zains
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## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	<b>Wednesday 15 May:</b> <b>Thursday 16 May:</b> 9am to 12.30pm <b>Friday 17 May:</b>
How would you prefer to give your feedback?	In person

## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Resident but not a ratepayer (eg, rent or live with family or friends)
Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
Please tell us why you prefer this option	I think it's good as it is. No changes are required, and the rent I pay at the moment is enough for me!
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	If the land value goes up, then the prices from the houses go up, and I with other people are paying enough, and if they went up then everyone is going to get stressed out and have more homeless people! And that's not fair on anyone!

## Community facilities questions



Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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 is no need for this changes, save the money and keep ratepayers as they are! Otherwise people would have to increase their taxes, and that will not be good for especially the lower financial side!
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Prefer not to say
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project	It is good as it is, there is no need to spend anymore money on things like that. Leave us it is, it's already a nice library!
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	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project	We already have enough parks, and so to avoid any upgrades that could cost thousands of money, I don't think we need this park! We already have the Memorial Park that represents Anzac Day at the same time, and that's good enough for us people. There is no to upgrade and use the money for it.
Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project	Most of us and I prefer to have our Arena 5. Don't remove it please. And so no updating places that don't need upgrading, to save money instead of using more to "upgrade". It's not essential spending any more money on it- it already has toilets aswell. So no please, just leave it as it is.
Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?	Also the "poles" that are on the roads, and the "blocks" in the city centre, where they are put, instead of parking spaces for vehicles. They are a nuisance! They need to go! We don't need them!

## 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
Please tell us why you prefer this option	Honestly, some places are fine as they are currently. Like the City Library - that's already had new changes to it since 5yrs ago? And it's perfect, no complaints about it. The Regent Theatre, there is nothing wrong with it! It's big, fancy, absolutely it's amazing! Te Manawa aswell. Those places I've been to, and honestly there's no changes required from what I see. The way you have done them is perfect, I don't see why you have to do more work on them!

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

We don't need this other option, as you said "Seismic improvements could be delayed if the planning and funding model work takes longer than expected. I mean what is wrong with Central Library roof, it's fine. And assuming it's going to be 3 years from planning to having a development deal in place. This option will have you in dept in 'patch repairs' to some areas of these buildings that need work in the short term (for example, the Central Library roof). You could struggle with the Financial impact of \$308,000 over 3 years to conduct further investigation and funding analysis!! That's just insane and not necessary!

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No

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

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

No! Because why would the council increase the residential costs when the city needs more housing for people to buy then or rent, I'm renting, and my renting will go up then! I pay \$500 a week, so if it goes up in cost, it's going to be a struggle to pay it, and I'm sure for other solo parents it will be a struggle aswell!

No I say! What happens if council can't find external funding for this project? Who will fund it? Will the council get the ratepayers to pay for it?

No I say! What is a development contribution fee?

YES, to the final question! They shouldn't charge a fee for non-residential development, that has NO connection to water and wastewater network!

## General comment areas

Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

So you wanted to be "able to move people and goods around efficiently and safely." Well this is proving more dangerous than before you planned and done it. For example, Featherston St is a mess right now because of the cycle lane that you put in, and taking out the parking spaces, and doing this, the St is a hazard now!! The road structure is terrible, there are going to be more crashing around, than it was before.

A truck can't always go through the st safely because of how narrow the street it is now!

Emergency vehicles - how are they supposed to get along quickly if there was a bus stop on the way?? and other vehicles coming on the other side! And something bad is going to happen then!! A bus stop in the middle of the road, that's just insane!

I can see so many deaths or an accidents, or a massive crash from other vehicles as they try to get their way around!

I mean common, I saw this last year outside of Just Zilch. A car was coming out of the parking, and truck came behind, who collided with the car! And the front screen of the car in the window of the driver was SMASHED!! Thankfully the passengers were not hurt, but in a state of shock, particularly a 10yr old boy who was the passenger next to his dad! Who I managed to calm down eventually. But if the line was bigger, the truck could have turned away a bit, diverted, and that crash wouldn't have happened!

The safety of school kids, if they get hurt, or killed who takes the responsibility for the deaths of school kids or any pedestrians. I would say it's the council!!

And I propose to cancel:

- \* \$55m shared walking, and cycling pathways from Palmerston North to Ashhurst and to Palmy and Fielding.
- \* 31m for Cycleways in the city
- \* \$22m Streets For People upgrades ( like the square East between The Coffee Club and The Plaza)
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**Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing**

Please just don't put the houses close to each other, anymore! such as in Featherston St, and along Linton St! People need some SPACE, they may want to enjoy having a garden, and a place kids can run around in. Sometimes they may have to stay home if their parent/s are sick and can't get out of the house, because for any reason, and so the kids can just get out from their house without leaving the property. And I know that most people like to have their own house, not to be surrounded by others on top (second and third story units) or right by eachother (as I've seen them in Featherston St) but also as units that are a two stories. Also, while some are anxious of having their house right next to another. Imagine if loud noise happened, often. The next door neighbour could call the cops on them for being "too loud", but they don't know what's behind this. And it could cause the person who had the police called on them, to be anxious for the police to be called on them again. I know this as it happened to someone. They were very stressed out because of health wise, plus other factors.

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

I think it's great idea for a green waste recycling- meaning anything that is a weed or garden work. But at what cost?? I've got a garden waste bag through a company called crew bin (as it was called- now it's Go Green Manawatu Ltd) and it's great for throwing out left over fruit, any veggies scraps, and weeds that I pulled out. And helping the company grow their business because they are a good company and I'm trying to help them, achieve and help as much people as they can. I pay \$20 a month atm, which is a good price and I can afford it. What will city council's rate will be if I had to go through with them?

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**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

We don't want our rates increasing because you guys - the city council have to do some more upgrades! If you didn't do anything that ACTUALLY needs attention, which most of the things - the roads, places that you say needs change of some sort, then the rates don't need to increase, because there will be more dept on NZ or shall we say for Palmerston North! So I say, the proposed rates won't need to happen! There we go!

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

Also, please DON'T cut trees from a public place! They are helping us ALL to breathe oxygen!! If you cut them to, let's say, looking after a roof

that could have an effect on it during a very strong wind, that's would be a neat idea. Or if they're broken down or could break down in a hurricane that we had a few years ago.

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

Social media

City Councillor

# 995

## Long-Term Plan submission form



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### Your contact details

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### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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### Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Resident but not a ratepayer (eg, rent or live with family or friends) Business owner who rents my business location in Palmerston North
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Which option do you prefer?	2. Capital value (CV)
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Please tell us why you prefer this option	My rates will decrease significantly because my house is old ex state house, has land, but small house. My business rates will also decrease according to the calculator.
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Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	I cannot afford to pay more than I am. I dont use a lot of the services that the rates are going towards, like rubbish I have a wheelie bin, I also have a green waste bin, I do recycle though and appreciate that we can. I dont use the libraries and hardly even venture out at night anymore.
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Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	I just hope the low income earners have their say, because the more wealthy people certainly will, I appreciate that you have done everything you can to get people involved with this plan.
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### Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which	No
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regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?

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

Support as proposed

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

Im assuming that multicultural also includes us European Kiwis

**Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building**

Prefer not to say

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

Arent they multicultural? Theres too much divide between different ethnicities, we are supposed to be one people

**Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks**

Support as proposed

**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project**

It would be good to expand on the whole uplift of arena not leave it looking half finished.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

**Which option do you prefer?**

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

**Please tell us why you prefer this option**

Some of the landmark facilities need to be preserved, but something needs to be done to make the council building look decent. Theres no way I would want a blanket with the picture of it on

## Development contributions questions

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Yes

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Yes

**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

## General comment areas

**Please share any feedback about our proposed transport**

I agree with getting the ring road project underway we need to get the

**projects**

large trucks off of our streets. You also need to do something with the parking situation at Monrad park, which currently allows for parking on both sides of the street, and is also a bus route. You cannot get a bus through there with cars parked down both sides and cars trying to get through from the other direction. Its a massive pain for residents in that area.

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

Social media

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# Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on	8 May 2024, 2:59PM
Receipt number	917
Related form version	5

## Your contact details

First name	Sarah
Last name	Thorn
Organisation you represent	Kynoch Construction
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Business owner who pays commercial/industrial rates in Palmerston North A developer of residential properties Landlord of a business/commercial property in Palmerston North who lives here
Which option do you prefer?	1. Preferred option: Hybrid (a mixture of land and capital value)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	Fair option

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Prefer not to say



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

Prefer not to say

## 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

## 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?

Yes

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

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 feedback about our proposed plans for housing

The urban design factor needs to be revised. This is a constantly moving goal post. Seems very open to personal interpretation.

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

City Councillor

Supporting information

**I would like to welcome you all here to discuss a few of the concerns that we have regarding the resource consent process, and hopefully get your team to understand what it feels like undertaking this process from the other side of the fence.**

**There's a prevailing sentiment that the current power dynamics at play in this process are not serving the community's best interests, but rather, they seem to be driven by certain individuals wielding undue influence.**

First and foremost, I must emphasize the critical importance of efficiency in the speed of processing consents and providing timely replies. From an outsider's perspective, the contradictory nature of some iterations encountered can lead to confusion and unnecessary delays, hindering progress and causing frustration for all parties involved. The subjective nature of urban design seems to throw up some questionable RFIs which only become more contentious when they are completely contradicted by subsequent iterations of plans.

My next point of contention is whether the trigger points of the resource consent is factored into the proposed developments level of detail and compliance required and is this proportionate. We have had instances where we are 5m<sup>2</sup> under for a section where the regulative challenge seems excessive and disproportionate. Going through what often is a year long process to justify something which hasn't changed largely from the original design is wasteful.

Another area of concern that I wish to highlight is the disparity in requirements for minor dwellings. While some may not necessitate a resource consent, the moment they become a separate section, all conditions must be met, regardless of the level of dependency. This does pose challenges for developers and deter potential projects, exacerbating the housing shortage in our community, where there is widespread demand for this type of building.

Moreover, it is imperative for us to acknowledge the role that these processes play in exacerbating the housing shortage when we are turning away clients due to the lengthy and costly resource consent process. The financial burden of employing consultants and financing projects over an extended period can be prohibitive, deterring investment and exacerbating housing affordability issues.

I also believe that this has a cultural impact with the only ones able to afford any type of development being the ones that already have a leg up in life. The district plan seems to only cater to a certain type of housing demographic or expected outcome.

**I hope that we can foster a great discussion today and something is put in place where these things are addressed and not just talked about.**

We would like to collectively work towards streamlining these processes and ensuring that responses are consistently clear and concise. Striking a balance between upholding regulatory standards and facilitating responsible development is paramount.

# Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on	8 May 2024, 3:04PM
Receipt number	918
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## Your contact details

First name	Lisa
Last name	Smith
Organisation you represent	Palmerston North Marist Football Club
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Other: Part of the Marist Sports Club
Which option do you prefer?	4. Prefer not to say

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	Yes
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Prefer not to say
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

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Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Prefer not to say

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Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Support as proposed

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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project

There is significant pressure on the current Arena facilities, from many sporting codes and the community, and the proposed redevelopment will help to elevate these significantly.

We have a successful youth Football & Futsal Academy that is growing but we are restrained by the facilities we are able to access. Currently we are unable to get additional turf time to expand our Football Academy and our Futsal Academy is run out of school gyms due to an inability to access any courts at the Arena consistently.

The PN Marist Football Club have undertaken several new initiatives for football and futsal in the region, including SuperLeague Futsal, U17 National League Team, U13 & U17 Capital Development League teams as well as hosting the largest Youth Futsal Tournament in New Zealand and starting a Regional Youth League.

The club is committed to growing, and elevating, football and futsal in the region and the proposed Arena redevelopment is crucial to our ability to achieve these objectives.

As a committee, we would like to have some input and consultation into the finer details of the redevelopment design and will contact John Lynch about this.

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

We are sending through an email submission in regard to the proposed Football Turf at Massey.

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## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

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Which option do you prefer?

Prefer not to say

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## Development contributions questions

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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

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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

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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

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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?

Don't know / no opinion

## | General comment areas

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

We will be emailing a submission on the proposed Football Turf at Massey.

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

Other: John Lynch

# Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on	8 May 2024, 3:06PM
Receipt number	920
Related form version	5

## Your contact details

First name Sheryn

Last name Prince

Email

Phone

## Hearing

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

## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you? Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North rural area

Which option do you prefer? 3. Land value (LV) – current system

Please tell us why you prefer this option

The current system is the most equitable method to ensure that moving forward, all individuals pay their accurate share of rates. Assessing land value is a simpler factor to quantify and can be more precisely determined through the application of a statistical formula, similar to the current practice.

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

The existing Rateable Values (RVs) do not accurately reflect the true value of our current properties and fail to represent the current market value. In order for Options 1 and 2 to be equitable, registered valuations would need to be conducted on properties every three years to consider any enhancements made by owners that are currently not factored into the current RVs. Depreciation and lack of maintenance of older homes also needs to be taken into consideration. Options 1 and 2 may also disadvantage newer homes, potentially discouraging individuals from developing or constructing new properties. For instance, there is a property located in Hokowhitu with a house value of \$55,000, which is insufficient even for constructing a shed. The house, built in the 1940s, has undergone cosmetic improvements over the years, although these

upgrades have not been officially recorded in council files. If Options 1 or 2 are implemented, the owner of this property would benefit by not having to contribute their fair share of rates. Presently, they are paying their fair share due to their higher land value, resulting in a more equitable distribution of rates payment.

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

As the saying goes - if it ain't broke, don't fix it!

## Community facilities questions

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

No

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

We need to focus on our core infrastructure not our nice to haves.

Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building

Do not support

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

We need to focus on our core infrastructure not our nice to haves.

Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building

Do not support

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

We need to focus on our core infrastructure not our nice to haves.

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

Do not support

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project

We need to focus on our core infrastructure not our nice to haves.

Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Do not support

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

We need to focus on our core infrastructure not our nice to haves.

Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Prefer not to say

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project

I personally haven't looked into the detailing of this enough.

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

Same as above, we have major infrastructure problems that need to be addressed and attended to first.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities



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Which option do you prefer?

2. Only do the required seismic upgrades of these facilities in their current locations

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Please tell us why you prefer this option

I have reservations about the necessity of seismic upgrades and believe that a significant amount of money is being wasted. These buildings have stood for numerous years and are likely to remain stable. I suggest completing only the essential minimum requirements and proceeding to other priorities.

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

As I mentioned above, the significant spending of money.

## Development contributions questions

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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?

No

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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

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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

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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?

Yes

## General comment areas

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

Social media

# Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on	8 May 2024, 3:18PM
Receipt number	922
Related form version	5

## Your contact details

First name	Sarah
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Last name	Cowan
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Email

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## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Prefer not to say
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Which option do you prefer?	1. Preferred option: Hybrid (a mixture of land and capital value)
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## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support as proposed
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Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed
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Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed
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Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Support with changes/comments
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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any	Downsize plans to reduce spend on this
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feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project

Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Do not support

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

This is not a pressing need for the community and will only benefit a small number of people compared to other proposed investments in community facilities.  
I think there is risk of conflict if this amount of money is invested in this project when people are under financial pressure.

Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Support as proposed

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project

This is an urgent need to support multiple sporting codes in the community.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

Which option do you prefer?

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

## 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?

No

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?

Yes

## General comment areas

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

Family or friends

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## Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on	8 May 2024, 3:18PM
Receipt number	921
Related form version	5

### Your contact details

First name	L
Last name	C
Email	
Phone	

### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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### Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Other: Employed in Palmy, currently living in wider Manawatū
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### Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support as proposed
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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project	A lease in the CBD is a great option. The multicultural community contribute much to the vibrancy of our city and deserve a dedicated space to gather, connect and learn.
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Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed
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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project	The Pasifika Community have 'made do' for far too long and need a space that meets their needs, both now and in the future. A larger facility will enable more of the community to connect with the important social and wellbeing initiatives that the community successfully deliver from the Pasifika Centre. This is a modest request in the grand scheme of the city with major benefits.
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<b>Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Prefer not to say
<b>Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library</b>	Prefer not to say
<b>Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project</b>	I support Rangitāne's ambitions for this site of cultural significance.
<b>Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project</b>	All community spaces are overdue for investment and futureproofing, for growing demands of different types of users.
<b>Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?</b>	<p>I strongly believe communities thrive when provided the resources they need to connect, support each other and strive for individual and collective goals.</p> <p>Over the years, community facilities, especially libraries, have been on the front line in supporting our communities. In cost of living crises, it is libraries who support our most vulnerable, offering them a place to be themselves, and connecting people with services and organizations who can help.</p> <p>Libraries are an equitable and inclusive civic space for all, no matter your age, education, challenges, or how much money you have. They are for the community, by the community.</p> <p>In times of competing priorities, I urge you to make meaningful investment in community spaces. It is long overdue.</p> <p>Future generations will be thankful for those courageous enough to prioritize the spaces that make our city an exciting and enjoyable place to LIVE, not just exist. Show the communities advocating for their needs that they are heard, and that people are just as important as pipes and roads. If you want a creative, innovative, connected community, invest in libraries and community facilities!</p>

## General comment areas

<b>Please share any feedback you have about our vision, goals and plans</b>	I like that PNCC works alongside Mana Whenua in a meaningful way. I hope that PNCC continues to vocally honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi, use Te Reo Māori proudly, and advocate for such across all mahi.
<b>Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects</b>	Would like to see a safe, completed walking/cycleway between Palmerston North and Feilding.
<b>Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for water and how we will fund Nature Calls</b>	My rates in Manawatū District are much higher than PN rates, largely as we've already had to invest in water. Unfortunately all councils have to work through this, but it's not a reason to pull back on other vital areas of PNCC business in my view. Communities still need investment in other areas to thrive. All generations need to contribute towards assets, including future users - just a fact of life unfortunately.

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

Very keen to see provision of soft plastic recycling in the Manawatū! It can be done in almost every other region through partnerships. Can Palmerston North please do the same!

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# Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on	8 May 2024, 3:04PM
Receipt number	919
Related form version	5

## Your contact details

First name	John
Last name	Farquhar
Organisation you represent	Heritage Estates (2000) Limited
Email	
Phone	

## 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	<b>Wednesday 15 May:</b> <b>Thursday 16 May:</b> <b>Friday 17 May:</b> 9am to 12.30pm
How would you prefer to give your feedback?	In person

## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	<input type="checkbox"/> Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area <input type="checkbox"/> Business owner who pays commercial/industrial rates in Palmerston North <input type="checkbox"/> A developer of residential properties <input type="checkbox"/> A developer of commercial properties <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord of a home in Palmerston North who lives here <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord of a business/commercial property in Palmerston North who lives here
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Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
Please tell us why you prefer this option	See attached
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	See attached

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support with changes/comments
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project	Subject to affordability if material impact then postpone or cancel based on current knowledge - the project should be postponed.
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Prefer not to say
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support with changes/comments
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project	Subject to affordability if material impact then postpone or cancel based on current knowledge - the project should be postponed.
Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Support with changes/comments
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project	Subject to affordability if material impact then postpone or cancel based on current knowledge - the project should be postponed.
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 with changes/comments
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project	Subject to affordability if material impact then postpone or cancel based on current knowledge - the project should be postponed.
Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?	All this type of PNCC spending should be determined by affordability and fiscal responsibility. Therefore the level of City Debt on the Ratepayer should be front and center of all PNCC Spending decisions.

## 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
Please tell us why you prefer this option	Buildings are presently being used. The likelihood of a serious seismic event is very low. City cannot afford unnecessary spending.



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

Spend no more than legally required.

## 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?

No

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

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?

No

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

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

- 1) The primary and most important need is more housing. This should not be harder or more expensive than it already is.
- 2) Unnecessary and over the top infrastructure resulting from excessive master planning trying to create utopian environments always results in increased DC's
- 3) DC's on non-residential should decrease anyway. The PN Levels currently have discouraged significant businesses setting up in Manawatu.
- 4) This region is up against other zones in the North Island that charge either little or no DC's to encourage business.

## General comment areas

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

Special Rating Levels of \$1000 per year for 30 years is \$30,000 (adjusted for inflation) per ratepayer. This on top of the proposed normal rate increases makes for extraordinary levels. No need to conflate the problem by introducing a new rating system which will negatively impact 50% of the ratepayers.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing

Intensive overbearing master planning is throttling residential development. Changes are required to the district plan to fix this problem.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city

By reducing or eliminating the requirement for master planning to determine whether an application proceeds or not.

Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years

Don't allow the rates to rise to a level that the average person considers exorbitant - bad for society and obviously politically unwise.

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

Debt levels and limits need to be consulted on.  
1) Raising the debt limit from 185% to 250% should be consulted on with full explanation to the public  
2) No doubt the \$600 million debt will end up being the responsibility of the PN Ratepayers. Currently PN Household debt is \$8893 per house. If the proposed spending proceeds -the wastewater debt will be added.

The household debt will rise to \$34,939 per household. A 300% increase is to much.

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

Council website

Rates letter or email

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**Supporting information**

8 May 2024

Heritage Estates (2000) Limited

PO Box 813

PALMERSTON NORTH

**Submission to the PNCC Draft long-term plan 2024-34.**

Reasons land-based rating should continue and capital value rating in any form should not be used.

- 1- There is no need to make any alterations to a system that has shown consistent success over a prolonged period.
- 2- Previous attempts to promote capital value rating have proven unsuccessful due to its apparent drawbacks outweighing any tangible advantages.
- 3- There is no basis for the Council's push for change, as nothing of note has occurred in 2024.
- 4- Making changes simply for the sake of change is not a valid justification.
- 5- There is no valid justification for the hybrid system, either. What proof is there that it is better than a land-based system to even justify consideration. Employing a two-sided approach is not a valid strategy, as it encompasses the negatives of all systems.
- 6- PN predominantly constitutes an urban setting, in contrast to the rural landscape where the majority of rate-paying properties consist of undeveloped land and utilize minimal local authority services. In situations like these, the assessment of capital value may hold validity.
- 7- Altering the system only results in redistributing the exact same quantum of rates.
- 8- This implies a precise division of 50% as winners and the remaining 50% as non-winners, rather than a marginal difference of 49% and 51%.
- 9- There is insufficient evidence to support the notion that capital value-based rating is inherently more equitable than land-based rating in the context of Palmerston North.
- 10- The burden of capital value is disproportionately higher for rate payers with smaller sites, resulting in a lower valuation of the land component. In every situation, the improvement to land value ratio is significantly higher. These properties are primarily inhabited by first-

time homebuyers or individuals who are willing to accept smaller plots due to financial constraints or location. Consequently, this leads to a lower land value in comparison to the improvements made.

- 11- The capital value rating will have a negative impact on younger suburbs, which are primarily inhabited by first home buyers. In what way can this be fair?
- 12- In a capital value system the proportion of individuals who experience substantial advantages from lower rates because of owning extensive land holdings is negligible compared to those who bear higher rates on smaller plots. The ratepayers in question are likely to face greater financial challenges.
- 13- If the statement regarding businesses paying lower rates under capital value rating is valid, it can be considered unnecessary and illogical.
- 14- The decrease in rates for businesses is generally insignificant, and it should be noted that rates are a taxable expense for nearly all businesses. Consequently, the advantage becomes highly diluted. As a result, the local community has a diminished quantity of cash available. The savings ultimately lead to an increase in income for tax purposes. The tax portion of the rates reduction is deducted from the local economy and transferred to the Central Government.
- 15- The notion that capital value rating permits PNCC to evaluate utilities for under road services also disregards the fact that these new rates will be passed on to rate payers with an additional margin. This can be seen as yet another fee, cleverly disguised as power or gas charges, among others. It is of utmost importance to perceive this as exactly what it is - a continuation of the rise of rates. In the event of necessity, alternative approaches can be utilized to achieve this objective. It is not a valid justification for altering the rating system, particularly when considering a budget of only \$1-1.5 million annually.
- 16- It is recognised that Capital Value rating acts as a barrier to development, and I concur with this viewpoint. Our focus should be on maximizing development opportunities in Palmerston North, with special emphasis on the City centre. When was the last time an office building was built in central Palmerston North? The new buildings commissioned by the local government entities, PNCC or Horizons, do not have any impact on rates, as they are not subject to payment and are instead financed by the ratepayer.
- 17- If capital value is implemented, it would be beneficial for PNCC to assess the differences in rate fluctuations for the Plaza as an example when notifying a changed system so that the public can understand the effects of the proposed change. I assess that the capital value rating system would determine higher rates assessment for the Plaza, with the altered opex paid by the tenants. Once again, the substantial increase will be transferred to consumers, with the majority being Palmerston North ratepayers.
- 18- The ratepayer is highly aware of any increases in rates. Property enhancements that may lead to significant rate hikes under a capital value rating system will be handled cautiously, potentially resulting in the scaling back or cancellation of certain projects.

19- The implementation of capital value rating, even in a hybrid format, will lead to significant rates increases for properties with substantial improvements. If PNCC were to consider adopting Capital value or hybrid rating as proposed, the absence of a remission scheme to address these outliers would be highly inequitable, and the adoption by 24/25 would be both hasty and unjust.

20- Despite the PNCC's request for submissions and publication of this plan, a significant number of uninformed ratepayers will likely be caught off guard, ill-prepared, and angered by the increased rate demands. The scheme's beneficiaries will be content and unlikely to raise objections, however, that does not confirm the legitimacy of a poor concept.

JR Farquhar

Heritage Estates (2000) Limited

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name Sam

Last name Illing

Email

Phone

## 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:**  
**Thursday 16 May:** 5.30pm to 7.30pm  
**Friday 17 May:** 9am to 12.30pm

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 rural area

Which option do you prefer? 3. Land value (LV) – current system

Please tell us why you prefer this option

Land value appears to be a fairer system. It doesn't penalise people who develop their property and make improvements. It is likely simpler and less subjective to calculate. The analogy I would use is that car registration fees are the equivalent to rates, but they are a flat fee based on the vehicle's expected wear and tear on the road. We don't increase rates on a car because the owner has modified it to improve it and thereby increased its value.

Please tell us what you don't like about the other options My concern with including a CV based calculation is that it discourages

development and growth. I expect there are people who will decide against renovations that may add a bedroom to their house because they don't want their rates to increase. When Palmerston North already has a housing crisis with many homeless and overcrowded homes, changing to CV is likely to encourage new builds to have fewer rooms and reduce renovations to 'beat the system'. Whether that is truly how the calculation is done, that is the perception I've heard. I've even heard someone who lives in a council that uses CV say they didn't want to paint their house because they don't want their rates to go up. Staying with land value (and not even calculating CV) would avoid this.

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

I oppose the suggested increase in rates fee's for rural properties (it was mentioned at the PNCC Rates Expo). Rural properties get far fewer amenities. They don't get footpaths, easy access to parks, street sweeping, rubbish collections, and rural families are much less likely to use public services such as parks, playgrounds and libraries. Before any rural fee is increased, I would like to see evidence of service utilisation and the cost burden on the council of rural properties compared to urban properties. For example, library cards could be audited to see what percentage of library users are rural vs urban, and then compare that to the population. Likewise survey users at parks, playgrounds, and other council supported events and facilities. If it turns out that the services are used by the rural property owners the same as urban, then it may be fair to increase the costs born by rural properties.

## Community facilities questions

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

No

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

Support as proposed

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

The cost of this is not massively burdensome to ratepayers and is likely beneficial.

**Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building**

Do not support

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

3.9 million (with the chance of going overbudget) is a lot for us ratepayers to have to pay.

**Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building**

Support with changes/comments

**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project**

3.6 million (with the chance of going overbudget) is a lot for us ratepayers to have to pay. If refurbishments are needed to maintain the property from degrading (which is what I was told at the rates expo) then I would support that.

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

Do not support

**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project**

27 million dollars (likely more) is an incredible amount for each income earning rate payer to have to cover. I cannot find the number of properties that pay rates on the PNCC website, but if we have approximately 88,000 residents, then if around half are likely children, unemployed, and students or retired, there are likely around 44,000 working ratepayers. That means that each working ratepayer is being asked to pay around \$600 for a library that isn't even

in the city centre and is unlikely to be used by all ratepayers.

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**Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park**

Do not support

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

I would support the council covering the cost of the road up to the site. The additional \$10,000,000 being funded to the project is too expensive, especially given the other projects the council is proposing. We need to be cutting costs and discretionary spending.

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**Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks**

Do not support

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**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project**

I would only support this if the costs were ring-fenced to the Arena, and the income from leasing the Arena covered the costs, including any interest for borrowing.

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

It seems the council has a vendetta against car parks. At every development of a community area the council appears to remove carparks which makes the area less usable. Around the square car parks were removed. Along Cuba and George Street more carparks were removed.

The council says they want people to use community facilities, but make access to those facilities worse. The number of carparks within walking distance of the central library appears less now than 5 years ago, despite our city growing.

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## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

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**Which option do you prefer?**

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

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**Do you have any other comments?**

Please do whatever is possible to keep costs down.

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## Development contributions questions

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**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

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**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

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**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?**

No

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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?**

Yes

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## General comment areas



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

There is no mention of minimising costs and keeping rates as low as practical. That should be a key aspect of the goals.

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects**

A key requirement for every transport project should be to maintain or increase the number of carparks usable by residents and the public.

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

Has the possibility of selling bonds and making these available to residents been considered? Would it be cost-effective? Could rate-payers buy bonds in the project and the interest they would earn from the bonds be used to offset their rates in the future?

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

Simplify the process of subdivision of properties, including lifestyle properties.

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**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

This is a massive increase. The council should not be considering major projects such as the Awapuni library or a new Marae while also looking at a near doubling of rates over 10 years.  
We need cost cutting austerity measures, not vanity building projects.

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

Council website  
Rates letter or email  
Social media  
Family or friends

# 1003

## Long-Term Plan submission form



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### Your contact details

First name	Steve
Last name	Stannard
Email	
Phone	

### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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### Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	<p>Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area</p> <p>Business owner who pays commercial/industrial rates in Palmerston North</p> <p>Landlord of a home in Palmerston North who lives here</p> <p>Landlord of a business/commercial property in Palmerston North who lives here</p>
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Which option do you prefer?	2. Capital value (CV)
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Please tell us why you prefer this option	It is fairer to those who still have the original larger sections, yet smaller and less modern houses.
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Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	A land value option encourages larger houses (more toilets) on small blocks, and thus the waste-water and storm water issues associated with more concrete and less absorbable land (green space). Council services are generally related to the number of people on a property, not how many square metres the property is.
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### Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which	No
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regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?

**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**

Is this a user-pays model? In other words, if the council spends ratepayer money on this is there a possibility of a return such that it is cost-neutral? On the other hand, perhaps there is not enough space in town that multicultural communities can lease? Or are they simply requiring a subsidised lease?

**Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building**

Prefer not to say

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

I just do not know enough about the rationale for this to make an educated comment.

**Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building**

Prefer not to say

**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project**

I just do not know enough about the rationale for this to make an educated comment.

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

Do not support

**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project**

This is a massive cost that will become partly redundant once the main library is strengthened. Also, I'm not sure why we need another library at nearby Highbury as well as this one at Awapuni?

**Te Motu o Poufoa Anzac Park**

Do not support

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

This is a massive cost for little net return. We do not need another cafe, shop, or more accommodation when those existing business in town are struggling. Especially if these are going to be council-run. I am also confused as to why it has the name ANZAC but no with Australian context! This is really one of those "nice to have" facilities that we simply cannot afford.

**Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks**

Support with changes/comments

**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project**

I support this. But I would like to see more information as to the total amount of rate-payer money going into the Arena compared to what the "real" return to the community is.

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

We really need to be certain that the money spent on these has some sort of financial return. Ratepayers are simply not in the position to keep paying for "nice to haves". Money needs to be spent with an eye on what the return on that investment is.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

**Which option do you prefer?**

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

**Please tell us why you prefer this option**

I am not well enough educated as to the pros and cons of the first two

options so will defer to the experts here.

## Development contributions questions

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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

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

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

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

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 generally in favour. However, I'm not sure about not charging a fee for non-residential on the basis that it does not connect to water or waste water. If there is run-off for that site then the (storm) water needs dealing with.

## General comment areas

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Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

Very supportive of a regional freight ring road and the cycle ways. We really need to be able to remove much of the vehicle traffic from the city centre to make it more people friendly. In that context I agree with slowing the vehicles down in the city centre only. Once we remove excess vehicle traffic from the middle of town business will thrive there.

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

Someone needs to realise that the ratepayers simply cannot afford this as proposed.

Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years

The council needs to realise that the proposed rates rises are untenable for many ratepayers. Furthermore, it is possible that the rates burden will fall on a (relatively) smaller pool of people over time.

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

I cannot over-emphasise how the proposed rates increases will detrimentally affect the well-being of many current Palmerston North City ratepayers. Thus, we cannot afford to spend ratepayer money on items that are not essential.

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

Council website



PNCC Rec'd - 9 MAY 2024

# Council's Long-Term Plan Submission Form

Have your  
say by  
**4pm, 9 May**

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](http://pncc.govt.nz/LTP)
- sharing feedback on our social media channels
- emailing us at [submission@pncc.govt.nz](mailto: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: *Chris*

Last name: *Saunders*

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:

Phone:

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

**7(2)(a) Privacy**



## 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.

	9am to 12.30pm	1.30pm to 5pm	5.30pm to 7.30pm
Wednesday 15 May	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday 16 May	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friday 17 May	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please select here if you are flexible on days on times <input type="checkbox"/>			

How would you prefer to give your feedback?

In person

Via an online video link

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/itp](http://pncc.govt.nz/itp). 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

View your proposed rates at [pncc.govt.nz/ratesreview](http://pncc.govt.nz/ratesreview)

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

*Because it is fairer.*

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





# 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

**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

**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

**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

**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

*Not sure about the need.*

**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

*not a priority if short of money.*





# 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

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

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Do you have any other comments?

I hope that the government will revise the earthquake building standards so they are not so onerous and the buildings won't need so much money spent on them.

# 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





# 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**

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

*The proposals for transport projects look good.*

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

*The proposed plans seem the only logical way to go.*



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

*Don't build on fertile areas*

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](http://pncc.govt.nz/FDS)

*as above*

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](http://pncc.govt.nz/wasteplan)

*approve of plans for reducing waste.*



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# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name Ella

Last name

Email

Phone

## Hearing

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

## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you? Other: Ratepayer who is building a home in the Palmerston North rural area

Which option do you prefer? 3. Land value (LV) – current system

Please tell us why you prefer this option This impacts the least on the rural community - there is already a significant increase to rates due to the reduction in the discount provided to rural landowners, then additional to that the rates increase. A change to the system would provide a fourth increase, on top of the increased cost of living which affects us just as much as town sections, if not more in some areas for one example petrol.

Please tell us what you don't like about the other options The impact upon comparable properties in my street vary from  
- For a Hybrid Option: 65-53% increase  
- For a CV Option: 141-98% increase  
This is completely unfair and unreasonable especially in the short time frames specified.

Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review? You have stated that for rural properties "we think the present level of discount is unreasonably large, so are proposing to lower it." Yet you have given no evidence for the general public on what information has informed this decision. On asking for this information to PNCC staff I was directed to the Council debate on 18 Dec - this debate on the preferred option (Hybrid, CV) provided absolutely no information on how this was

reached. I also read the Rating System Review referred to in this debate and the only comment that reflected any sort of information was "these properties are often as close to, or in many cases closer to, key city facilities than those in the urban serviced area." This is not sufficient detail. Neither is the comment on the LTP website "though some services these properties receive, like roading and road drainage, actually cost more per household to deliver." Since you have acknowledged in your letter seeking feedback that rural "ratepayers will have a larger rate increase than most other property owners" at bare minimum you should be providing the information used to make this decision to allow those ratepayers affected to understand where this has come from. Especially since this is not an aspect that is being 'proposed' but is inherent within all of the proposed changes. The use of an online tool to understand the impact is not a fair engagement tool for the rural community; many of whom are older and less technologically capable. Furthermore if what you are seeking is a "fairer" system, I ask the councilors to consider this; even if you view the current system as unfair (and has been so for many years) what collateral damage will you create to pockets of the community, in particular without proper information provision and consultation. Forcing so many additional costs all at once (namely the reducing in rural discount, rating increase and a change to the CV or Hybrid system) is akin to attempting to halt a speeding runaway train by piling up boulders in it's path. If a truly fair rating system is what's desired then the change must be given in small degrees; put on the brake slowly rather than dooming the rural community to a sudden crash. If a hybrid system or CV system is chosen then the council must reconsider the discount levels so as not to unfairly penalize rural ratepayers - as indicated in the 18 Dec Rating review; not enough work has been done to determine fair levels if any component of CV ratings is adopted.

## Community facilities questions

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

No

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

Support with changes/comments

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

- This should only be continued if the Manawatū Multicultural Council can cover the full lease; "helping" to cover the costs is sufficient for a space that only benefits a portion of the Palmerston North Community  
- Council completed a community places research report in 2022 which confirms we have a good range of facilities across the community.

**Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building**

Support with changes/comments

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

The plan should be scaled back - there is a kitchen already in situ which could be improved if needed. A further kitchen for "community use" is not a necessity; nor are workspaces - they should be removed from the plan.  
- Council completed a community places research report in 2022 which confirms we have a good range of facilities across the community.  
- \$3.6M is an unreasonably large cost to add some meeting rooms and a kitchen.

**Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building**

Do not support

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

- Council completed a community places research report in 2022 which confirms we have a good range of facilities across the community.  
- \$3.6M is an unreasonably large cost to add some meeting rooms and a kitchen

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

Do not support

**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project**

- Council completed a community places research report in 2022 which confirms we have a good range of facilities across the community.  
- the library feasibility study indicated that the eastern suburbs on the other side of the river, are not served at all. if anything is to be spent on new libraries it should be conservative investments in an area with no service (e.g. summerhill library), not a significant upgrade  
- the current facilities should be replaced with a similar one, or a moderately increased one, not one 15 times bigger. Councilor Naylor is completely correct in her comment that "a library 15 times bigger than the current one and with such a price tag, was completely out of step with the cost-of-living crisis and ratepayers' ability to pay."  
- \$29.1 Million is an unreasonably large cost to benefit only one section of the city. And 'temporarily act' as a city centre library especially since the indications have been that the City Centre Library will remain open in some capacity.  
- The land purchase for 2 million prior to consultation on this project was completely inappropriate, and as councilor Wood commented has undermined genuine consultation

**Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park**

Do not support

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

The council cost, and therefore cost passed on to ratepayers, is too high.

**Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks**

Do not support

**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project**

The cost is too great - renovation and seismic upgrades should be undertaken instead

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

Overall the costs are too great - the council needs to adhere to Councilor Naylor and Wood's assertions that the capital spending is far too high and that councilors need to do more work to reduce them across the board. They do not represent good value for money, especially to the average non-business ratepayer who will not benefit at all for the 'increased economy boosts' that are presented in communications.

## **City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities**

**Which option do you prefer?**

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

**Please tell us why you prefer this option**

The public would have more information to make a decision - the options to repair or upgrade facilities need to be better detailed and consulted on to understand the cost impact to ratepayers, especially if improvements are to be sought for a higher cost. Ratepayers must be allowed to compare the cost-benefit analysis in more detail.

**Do you have any other comments?**

The reduction of the costs to ratepayers should be the foremost issue - not improving services. The increase in rates proposed is too significant and cuts need to be made wherever possible. If co-funding cannot be secured improvements should not be pursued.

## Development contributions questions

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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?

No

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

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?

Yes

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

- Businesses in general have a greater ability to pay than residents, considering the cost of living increases and other increases to rates this is an inappropriate time to tip the balance in favor of businesses.
- the Nature calls project is far too expensive for ratepayers; any way to reduce this cost should be prioritized
- If a business is not using water or wastewater services they should not be charged for them

## General comment areas

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

There is too much content within the individual plans to be read and commented on within the 1 month submission window - council should be consulting on these for longer, individually so the community is not overwhelmed with the sheer amount of information.

Goal 1: An innovative and growing city - too much money is being budgeted to improve 'local economy' when the vast majority of ratepayers, who are funding this, are not business owners and therefore do not benefit from the investments at all. Why is the council wanting to improve visitor experience when so much needs to be spent on the essentials (e.g. roads and wastewater) for its residents: who are the ones who live here and pay the rates?! Low and middle income families want to be able to put food on the table without worrying, not paying more rates to fund an exciting place for visitors and improved business outcomes.

Goal 2: A creative and exciting city - there is far too much money being proposed to be spent on increasing/improving services here. In this current climate the council should be focusing on essential maintenance in this area only - not funneling vast amounts of money into upgrades: people won't be going to events or community centres if they can't even afford to put food on the table and any councilor who thinks this is scaremongering is out of touch with the realities of the low-middle income population.

Over all less should be spent on the nice-to-haves within goals 1 and 2 - to deliver the basic necessities of goals 3 and 4 which actually benefit the average rate payer, at a more achievable cost to the average ratepayer.

Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

Since Fulton Hogan recieved the contract for Palmerston North roading the roads have gotten progressively worse - a full investigation into their poor provision of services should be undertaken, and they should be

held to account. Less money should be spent on things that are nice to have (e.g. community centres) to deliver the improved outcomes that benefit everyone and that everyone has been complaining about for many years.

Introduction of safer cycleways is a positive aspect and this can be done well (e.g. pioneer highway) however if a careful balance of stakeholder needs is not considered, such as putting bus stops in the single lane Fergusson street intersection which would stop emergency vehicle access, these can do more harm than good, council needs to consult better and plan better for intersection improvements.

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

A public private partnership is a concern for the potential impact of businesses seeking profit from this scheme. Further information needs to be provided to the public detailing the options for balancing the investment required with improved environmental outcomes (over and above what is legally required).

It is unclear on the LTP website and in media whether rural ratepayers not connected to the wastewater system will be charged the up to \$1000 levy required to fund this - this should not under any circumstances be an option; rural residents have to invest heavily in self-container water systems and expecting them to help fund the treatment plant they are not contributing to is illogical and unjust.

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

Additional money should not be invested in additional social housing units. The focus should be on essential upgrades only until the pilot initiatives for homelessness have been completed so this money can be invested more wisely, taking into account the outcomes of the pilot programmes. This would ensure that the social housing actually benefits those most in need of housing.

Council should be prioritizing new housing taking the place of inadequate, run down houses rather than filling up our green spaces. Green spaces such as reserves are important to the character of our city and once gone nearly impossible to recover. On the flip side the reduction of poor quality housing with the replacement of fit-for purpose, medium density housing offers benefits for more people.

A medium density zone in our urban area is a good idea - detailed information should be given on the impact on services and distance to amenities in the further consultation.

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city**

1 month was not an adequate timeframe to read all of this documentation along with the other LTP documentation so I've not been able to read this information.

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

Greenwaste should be included.

If you want to make a real difference to dumping of rubbish and eliminate a single use plastic source that you are perpetuating (despite all of the comments in the LTP about sustainability etc) a wheelie bin for rubbish should be considered at bare minimum as an opt in or out scenario. More funding should be given to ENM to support their recycling of materials the council can no longer accept.

Soft plastics are recyclable in many major cities and our city is notably absent from the list - this is simply not good enough.

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**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

Overall the amount of rates on new capital in particular is astronomically high; Cr Naylor is correct that it is inappropriate in the current economic climate and out of step with what the average ratepayer can afford to pay. The mayors accusations in the media that this is scaremongering are not only false but frivolous and show a lack of respect and connectedness with the individuals he is elected to represent.

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

In future more effort needs to be put into engaging the community on these issues - I've lost count of the number of people who don't even know the LTP is out for consultation and the amount who know it is but find the amount of information and/or options for feedback too difficult to



submit on

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

Social media

City Councillor

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Graeme
Last name	Ross
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Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
Which option do you prefer?	1. Preferred option: Hybrid (a mixture of land and capital value)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	Seems like a good & fair balance between the other options
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	If the CV option is used it will great impact on the affordability of the rates especially for new home owners (ie new home owners with large mortgages) & fixed income home owners (especially pensioners). Many older people have moved into smaller new energy efficient homes only to potentially see large rate increases because of their higher CV

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support with changes/comments
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any	I suggest you investigate a more cost effective option

feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project

Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building

Support with changes/comments

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

I suggest you investigate a more cost effective option

Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building

Support as proposed

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

Key building & facility in the centre of town. Upgrade the central Library & not the suburban ones. People can catch one of the flash new buses into town if they wish to use a Library.

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

Do not support

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project

Read above

Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Do not support

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

Maraes already exist across the city. Maybe look at upgrading existing.

Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Support with changes/comments

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project

Find a cost effective way to upgrade the existing Arena.

## 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

Please tell us why you prefer this option

Prioritise the projects over the 10 years & complete the seismic upgrades as required

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

If the bureaucrats had their way most buildings over 10 years old would be classes as a seismic risk. Lets have 'some common' senses here

## 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?

Yes

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

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**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

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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?**

Yes

## General comment areas

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

The Long Term Plan needs to be realistic & affordable. I find it irresponsible that the elected representatives (Mayor & Councillors) propose a LTP that greatly increases the cost to ratepayers. We are living in a 'cost of living crisis' & to be proposing many 'nice to haves' instead on concentrating on the basics is an insult to the Ratepayers of Palmerston North.

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects**

Maintenance of existing roads & footpaths must come first. I see large \$\$ spent on 'pet projects' like the so called upgrade in the Square between Main St & the Plaza. This is a disaster. The cars backup on the Main St roundabout because the seperate left turn lane was removed at Church St. The wider footpath & poorly maintained gardens are now where homeless people & beggars congregate. Your Town Planners got this wrong & I will not even start on Featherston St.

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

Why isn't the PNCC applying pressure on Horizon DC (and the new central Government) to renew the existing Consent? What's changed so much for the city to have to spend \$640 odd million? \$1,000 levy per household & inflation adjusted? You must be joking!

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

Social Housing costs & development Should Not be funded by Ratepayers. This should be a Central Government cost funded by ALL taxpayers.

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**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

Unrealistic! I repeat what said earlier.  
I find it irresponsible that the elected representatives (Mayor & Councillors) propose a LTP that greatly increases the cost to ratepayers. We are living in a 'cost of living crisis' & to be proposing many 'nice to haves' instead on concentrating on the basics is an insult to the Ratepayers of Palmerston North.

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

I attended the second Palm Nth Residents meeting a few weeks QE school. The 'mood of the room' was not good with many unhappy people. But good on the Councillors that did attend & shame on the others who didn't including the Mayor.  
You are elected by the people so I suggest you start listening to them. We do live in a democracy & not some 'left wing' ideological world.

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

Booklet in my mailbox

Social media

Other: Public Meeting

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# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

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## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
Which option do you prefer?	2. Capital value (CV)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	Cheapest
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	They are more expensive.
Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	they look like our rates are going more than the cost of living

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Prefer not to say
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project	You need to keep the rates down.
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project	Another cost to the rates payed
Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project	This is a big cost to the rates.
Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project	The Counsellors seem to like spending ratepayers money
Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project	Cost.
Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?	Rates are going up so fast so a wife will have go to work to pay the rates.

## 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
Please tell us why you prefer this option	I hope it will keep the cost down
Please tell us what you don't like about the other option	It looks like 174 million to fix and will it fix.
Do you have any other comments?	No

## 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?	Yes
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

<b>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?</b>	No
<b>Do you agree that we shouldn't charge a fee for non-residential development that has no connection to the water or wastewater network?</b>	Don't know / no opinion
<b>Please tell us why you've selected these answers, and any other feedback you have about the proposed changes to our Development Contributions Policy.</b>	Council need to stop putting up rates up to pay for things we don't need.

## General comment areas

<b>Please share any feedback you have about our vision, goals and plans</b>	Your goals are to spend more money
<b>Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects</b>	you are Trying to slow people from move around town.Just look Featherston street Main and Ruahine Street lights Ruahine gets longer light time than Main street which means traffic jam in Main Street at 5pm.
<b>Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for water and how we will fund Nature Calls</b>	yes
<b>Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing</b>	No don't do
<b>Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city</b>	Let it grow more slowly.
<b>Please share any feedback about rubbish and recycling services</b>	We don't have much waste we compost our wast.
<b>Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years</b>	You are trying to make fixed income ratepayers suffer most Counsellors promise to not put up rates
<b>Please share any additional feedback you'd like us to consider</b>	Fix upper Main. Main street intersection Karina terrace etc.
<b>How did you find out about our long-term plan?</b>	Family or friends



# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

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## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
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Please tell us why you prefer this option	Capital Value
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Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	The other options do not take into account the fact that the land value may be high but the property on the land may be of a low value. Many people live in their properties for decades and have contributed to making the city what it is today. The fact that their land value has increased is irrelevant unless they wish to sell. Changing to another rating system would mean that those on a fixed income may be forced to sell their homes and move. This would have an effect on their health and happiness. Forced change as a result of PNCC policies should not occur.
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## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Do not support
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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project

Multicultural Centres should be in spaces that are used by the whole community. This allows for ongoing interaction with other members of the community. Separating people from others in the community rather than ensuring integration with others is not good for anyone in the long term. Obviously, various cultural groups will wish to maintain their cultures and would do so in PNCC facilities but they would do so in a manner that means sharing, compromise and understanding would be necessary for all.

Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building

Do not support

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

As above.

Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building

Support with changes/comments

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

In these tough financial times only necessary projects should be undertaken. There is a moral obligation to ensure that public property is maintained but expansion of these facilities is unnecessary in this financial climate. The PNCC should treat ratepayers money as if it were their own and not condemn future generations to the burden that extra unwarranted borrowing causes.

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

Do not support

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project

There is not a need for a hub. A library yes, but that is all. Civil Defence could, if it is properly negotiated use the marae in Maxwells line. Any upgrades to make it fit their requirements should be made at the PNCC's expense. These facilities could then be made use of by people using the marae. A hub is a nice to have facility that cannot be afforded at this time.

Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Do not support

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

Once again, this is an example of something that cannot be afforded at this point in time.

Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Support as proposed

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project

The Arena is a facility that is well used by a wide variety of the citizens of P.Nth. It also brings considerable income into the city when it hosts national events. P.Nth. also benefits from the publicity that occurs when events are hosted.

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

No.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

Which option do you prefer?

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

Please tell us why you prefer this option

Long term it will be the most cost effective option.

## Development contributions questions

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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

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

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

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

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

Paying for development spread over years means that the users of the future are contributing. The enormous cost of development means that current ratepayers should be required to subsidise future ratepayers. This was possible in the past but not nowadays.

## General comment areas

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Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing

It is important to ensure that housing proposals are carefully watched so that overcrowding of sites with the subsequent social problems that will arise does not occur.

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

Booklet in my mailbox

Rates letter or email

# 1008

## Long-Term Plan submission form



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### Your contact details

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### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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### Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
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Which option do you prefer?	2. Capital value (CV)
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Please tell us why you prefer this option	I live in a property with low CV but the land value is higher because of the section size. But with LV as the rating mechanism I am paying more than some people on properties with a much higher CV. I am not able to subdivide my particular section because of the shape of the section, and the position of the house on the section.
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Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	An LV only option penalises people in older houses who happen to have a larger section than many of the modern smaller ones.
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### Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Do not support
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**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project**

I think that the timing is wrong for this. When we could very soon be facing a huge levy for wastewater, we need to reduce spending on new facilities. Instead we should be looking for ways to use some existing facilities in more flexible ways.

**Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building**

Do not support

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

I think that the timing is wrong for this. When we could very soon be facing a huge levy for wastewater, we need to reduce spending on new facilities. Instead we should be looking for ways to use some existing facilities in more flexible ways.

**Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building**

Do not support

**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project**

I think that the timing is wrong for this. When we could very soon be facing a huge levy for wastewater, we need to reduce spending on new facilities. Instead we should be looking for ways to use some existing facilities in more flexible ways.

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

Do not support

**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project**

I think that the timing is wrong for this. When we could very soon be facing a huge levy for wastewater, we need to reduce spending on new facilities. Instead we should be looking for ways to use some existing facilities in more flexible ways.

**Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park**

Do not support

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

I think that the timing is wrong for this. When we could very soon be facing a huge levy for wastewater, we need to reduce spending on new facilities. Instead we should be looking for ways to use some existing facilities in more flexible ways.

**Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks**

Do not support

**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project**

I think that the timing is wrong for this. When we could very soon be facing a huge levy for wastewater, we need to reduce spending on new facilities. Instead we should be looking for ways to use some existing facilities in more flexible ways.

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

Some facilities might be under-used at present. We need to explore ways to share facilities in a variety of ways.

## **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

**Please tell us why you prefer this option**

People are struggling to afford rates at present, and it will become more difficult when the wastewater levy is applied. If projects can be done as part of seismic upgrades without incurring too much extra cost, then I would agree with that.

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

Cost.

## Development contributions questions

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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

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Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

I would like to see our city become more cycle-friendly, and see this as a key way we can reduce our use of fossil fuels. I already cycle along the river pathway, and hope this route can soon take us all the way to Ashhurst. I would also like to see a path to Feilding developed so people living there have an option to reduce their use of fossil fuels when commuting. I know some people have been involved in plans to develop a path from Bainesse to Foxton. We lag well behind some other parts of the country when it comes to cycle paths, yet we have plenty of flat areas that are conducive to easy cycling.

I would also like to see more work done to make separated cycle ways within the city itself. Presently I lack confidence to cycle on many city streets because of how busy the traffic is.

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

Stormwater drains might not be the 'sexiest' thing to be in favour of, but under-investment in these can lead to water shortages and flooding problems, as appears to be the case in Wellington presently. We need to keep up with maintenance of these.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing

There are many sites in the central city where sections are in disrepair and appear to be under-utilised. It would be good to see Council exploring how some of these very central pieces of land could be used for housing.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city

The plan is very focused on buildings and infrastructure. I hope that with a necessity to control costs, we do not lose some of the important work Council does to promote social cohesion in our community. There are things like concerts in the Square, library programmes for various sections of the community etc that help us all to be glad we live here. In times of rising costs, people have more need than ever for free or low cost activities.

Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years

I am on a fixed income. The huge and necessary increase in costs for wastewater is a huge concern to me.

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

Just a comment about the Lido. Is there any control over usage of the

indoor lane pool in the Council contract with CLM? Presently it is very difficult for ordinary members of the public to do lane swimming at the 'peak' after school and evening hours as swim classes and swimming club training seem to dominate use of this pool. This does not seem to be catering for ordinary ratepayers.

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

Council website

Booklet in my mailbox

Social media



1009

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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Related form version	5

## Your contact details

First name	BRENDAN
Last name	WATCHORN
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
Which option do you prefer?	2. Capital value (CV)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	I believe I have lower rates to pay, in this economic environment I feel is important
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	too expensive, may not be able to afford increases
Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	I feel tghat the council seem to be spending the rate payers money on things they would like rather than what we need, for example we need better roads and infrastructure, we don't need sculptures and deciduous tress

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Do not support

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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project	I feel at this point in time money is spent in better areas
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Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project	I feel at this point in time money is spent in better areas
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Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed
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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project	It is important to promote learning
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Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Do not support
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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project	we have a library
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Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park	Do not support
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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project	I feel at this point in time money is spent in better areas
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Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks	Do not support
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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project	I feel at this point in time money is spent in better areas
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## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

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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

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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?	No
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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
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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	Yes
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New Zealand already do this. Do you agree with this change?

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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? Yes

## | General comment areas

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

1010

# Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on	8 May 2024, 4:49PM
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Related form version	5

## Your contact details

First name	Patricia
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Last name	Else
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Email

Phone

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
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Which option do you prefer?	2. Capital value (CV)
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## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Do not support
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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project	As money is limited, suggest focus on existing community facilities which can be used for all cultures.
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Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support with changes/comments
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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project	Possibly scaled down
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<b>Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project</b>	Awapuni library is very well used and I feel that there is a need for a council owned community resource in this area.
<b>Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park</b>	Support with changes/comments
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project</b>	Like the idea but maybe more funding from other sources
<b>Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks</b>	Prefer not to say
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project</b>	Would like more information on the indoor facilities before commenting
<b>Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?</b>	Important that communities have places where they can come together and they should be for the benefit of all cultures/ ethnicities.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

<b>Which option do you prefer?</b>	1. Preferred option: Build on our existing planning and continue work to look at the buildings as a collective project and explore co-funding opportunities
<b>Please tell us why you prefer this option</b>	Provides an opportunity to move the city forward.
<b>Do you have any other comments?</b>	Should the civic/council building be strengthened before Te Manawa, given the number of people who work there? The Regent theatre is a beautiful building and needs to be preserved. The library is an important asset to the city and badly needs some attention to make it more fit for purpose.

## Development contributions questions

<b>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?</b>	Don't know / no opinion
<b>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?</b>	Don't know / no opinion
<b>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?</b>	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

## General comment areas

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

Accept that there is a need for additional housing and have no problem with subdivision when done appropriately. However, feel that 2 and 3 storey properties are out of place in suburban areas, particularly on smaller plots which are subdivided.

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**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

Need to be mindful over peoples ability to pay in the current economic climate. bearing in mind that rates increase each year - a large increase this year will be built on in years to come. Also, increased urban development will bring in additional ratepayers.

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

Feel that the street alterations around the square/CBD area should be shelved for now as these are not essential.

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

Social media  
Other: Library

1011

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Grant
Last name	Hadfield
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Landlord of a home in Palmerston North who doesn't live here
Which option do you prefer?	2. Capital value (CV)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	Many Councils rate on CV
Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	Moving to CV impacts rates on this property by \$2.70 a week increase, not insurmountable

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support with changes/comments
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project	Perhaps there could be some commonality with the Pasifika Centre



<b>Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Support with changes/comments
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project</b>	See above
<b>Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project</b>	This is an affordable upgrade
<b>Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project</b>	Not affordable \$46m for this and ANZAC Park should not be considered a priority ahead of wastewater treatment
<b>Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project</b>	Not affordable see above
<b>Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project</b>	Arena provides for events that create economic activity and attracts visitors to the region.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

<b>Which option do you prefer?</b>	1. Preferred option: Build on our existing planning and continue work to look at the buildings as a collective project and explore co-funding opportunities
<b>Please tell us why you prefer this option</b>	There are hefty price tags for these buildings and clearly \$17m on Council building may be perceived as controversial. Important to understand the different costs of meeting either 34% NBS or a higher rate before determining investment. A review of the EQPB regulations recently announced by the Minister as being brought forward may (or may not) determine outcomes. IMO the legislation is flawed if one analyses EQ fatalities since records begun - 2 major events but an annual average since 1815 of 2.4 fatalities per annum.

## Development contributions questions

<b>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?</b>	Yes
<b>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?</b>	No

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**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

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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?**

No

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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.**

Qualify the last answer - if Council services run past a property then a part charge should be levied.  
Whatever you decide on as a DC levy it will not cover the true cost of new infrastructure. Its a moot point as to whether or not existing ratepayers should heavily subsidise this.

## General comment areas

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects**

With a change of direction by Govt the ring road project that will connect PNCC and MDC is important. However the new look Featherston St is less than useful.

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

Has to be done. Wastewater targeted rate for the property is currently \$306, for our home in Feilding it is \$868. I would suggest the current charge is woefully inadequate for Council to meet regulatory requirements.

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

Hopefully in the future there will be regional co-operation and opportunities that reduce waste to landfill.

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

Council website

Other: Would be a bit remiss if I couldn't figure this out!!!

# 1012

## Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on	8 May 2024, 5:55PM
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Related form version	5

### Your contact details

First name	Ingrid
Last name	Ames
Email	
Phone	

### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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### Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
Which option do you prefer?	1. Preferred option: Hybrid (a mixture of land and capital value)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	I do prefer this option as it keeps rates close to the current value, however I object to the valuation figures used as my property is not currently worth the amount stated and is in fact approximately worth \$100,000 less. The valuation that you have is based on figures from past years and is not current.
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	The other options are not based on current market values but on values from when there was a property boom.

### Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Prefer not to say

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	Do not support
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	Do not support

## 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

## 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?	Yes
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
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
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

## General comment areas

Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years	I object to rates increases of \$1,000 per year, particularly in these economic times. As a home owner on a single income with 3 children to support there is very little spare income to have a life let alone try to find another \$1,000 for rates.
How did you find out about our long-term plan?	Family or friends

# 1013

## Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on	8 May 2024, 5:24PM
Receipt number	931
Related form version	5

### Your contact details

First name	Jean
Last name	Hera
Organisation you represent	Athena Women's Collective
Email	
Phone	

### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	<b>Wednesday 15 May:</b> 9am to 12.30pm, 1.30pm to 5pm <b>Thursday 16 May:</b> <b>Friday 17 May:</b>
How would you prefer to give your feedback?	In person

### General comment areas

How did you find out about our long-term plan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Council website <input type="checkbox"/> Booklet in my mailbox <input type="checkbox"/> Rates letter or email <input type="checkbox"/> Social media <input type="checkbox"/> City Councillor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: public meetings
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Supporting information

## **ATHENA WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE SUBMISSION**

### **PNCC Long Term Plan 2024-2034**

#### **Introduction**

The Athena Women's Collective is a group of tauwi women with a strong background in Palmerston North community involvement and community work, and an ongoing interest in civic matters. We are a group of elders who have past and current involvements in community development, health, education, the arts, climate action and the environment. We are active supporters of Te Tiriti o Waitangi as the founding covenant of Aotearoa NZ and the need for understanding and action to honour the treaty. We commend the partnership work with Rangitāne by Council and support Council's developing this commitment further.

We commend Council for the continued strong support for the Māori Wards. It was uplifting to see the strong leadership for this, and we also appreciated the city councillors who shifted to support this on listening to the discussion in support.

#### **Goals**

We are in general support the Council's goals and outcomes. It is also important to recognise their interconnections.

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

It is good to see innovation emphasise a resilient, low carbon economy so important for goal 4.

Whāinga 2: He tāone whakahiihi, tapatapahi ana Goal 2: A creative and exciting city

Good to see the inclusion of 'an arts community and cultural facilities that are supported and invested in'.

Whāinga 3: He hapori tūhonohono, he hapori haumarū Goal 3: A connected and safe community 'Community social service groups and facilities that are well supported and invested in' should be included as is evident with the arts community and cultural facilities in the previous goal.

We would argue that when we talk about a connected community the language is not 'their' and 'they' but 'our' and 'we'. It is important to recognise that we are all connected and if one suffers we all suffer. In a connected and safe community those most vulnerable need to be at the centre rather than the sidelines. Council hears much less from our lower income whānau and communities, although many of our community groups help to bring these voices to Council. We need opportunities for all to contribute to the design of our city. We would like to see the collective good more evident in the way this goal is written.

#### Whāinga 4: He tāone toitū, he tāone manawaroa Goal 4: A sustainable and resilient city

Similar to the argument above 'a natural environment focused community groups and facilities that are well supported and invested in' needs inclusion. We were pleased to see the recognition of the importance of a circular economy and commend Council for including this.

### **Water**

Water is a human right and needs to be available freely to all, safe and healthy. We also need to encourage the conservation of our water. Continuing to improve water ways for safety and environmental habitat reasons is very important. **We are strongly opposed to the privatisation of this important public infrastructure, including the PPP approach of partial privatisation.** We do not want to repeat the mistakes of the past where essential infrastructure was privatised, and then needed expensive buy backs.

### **Nature Calls (Wastewater)**

Wastewater infrastructure is so important to public health and environmental protection and we recognise that this is necessary but will be very expensive. **We are strongly opposed to the privatisation of this important public infrastructure, including the PPP approach of partial privatisation.** We want to see a vibrant healthy awa, streams and waterways as a priority.

### **Waste Management and Minimalisation**

We are supporters of extending waste collection to include food waste and green waste to keep this out of landfill. We support Council owned options rather than contracting this out. Community composting is important to support. The large wheely bins provided by private waste collectors contain a significant higher proportion of recyclable and organic and green waste material than Council rubbish bags. This is concerning as we want to work to reduce landfill. We believe it is better to extend Council provided options which work to reduce landfill.

### **Transport**

We are supporters of public and active transport options. We also want to advocate for an emphasis on the needs of those living with disabilities and their caregivers, for example parking needs. Parking is a challenging consideration for Council in terms of what is the best approach to encourage more public and active transport. Limiting car parks can also lead to cars being driven in circles in certain parts of the city while waiting for a park to become available which leads to extra emissions. This is an issue around city venues, for events and particularly involving dropping off and collecting children and the elderly.

### **Housing**

We strongly support Council's work on social housing. We definitely want this housing kept in PNCC ownership. Housing was identified as the biggest issue facing at risk communities in the last Social Well-being Forum which is a key community forum to advise PNCC from community perspectives. The Social Well-being Forum recommended developing more social housing and enabling more housing development with urgency. Adequate (healthy) housing is a basic human

right and needs to be a priority for local as well as national government. We support Council to make this a high priority.

As argued previously we have concerns about high density housing impacting on the community, particularly the elderly and those with disabilities who need to have parking available for support people coming in. The Pasifika community have raised the issue that housing needs to meet the needs of bigger families and including intergenerational extended family living. It is important for this to be recognised and included in developments. Competent careful housing planning is also very significant as we experience climate change impacts. Location, types of housing, green spaces and access need to be a key part of planning processes. The 2023 report prepared by Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment *Are we building harder, hotter cities? The vital importance of urban green spaces* outlines key concerns that need to be addressed by local government in housing planning and development. Having places nearby to exercise or socialise, or simply to escape the day-to-day clamour of city life, plays a vital role in promoting good mental and physical health. The present housing demand with infill housing creating smaller sections, will mean that houses with backyard trees for children to play on will soon be no longer part of the New Zealand way of life. Neighbouring parks providing green spaces, trees and rocks to climb, shade challenging and interesting adventure play equipment; trees/greenery and shade; open spaces, and street tree canopies will be strategies that will become even more important providing safe places to play, and mitigating the effects of climate change, providing shelter and shade, to reduce the impact of impact of increasing temperatures, and increasing UVR levels during summer.

## **Rates System**

We are supporters of a change from land-value based to capital-value based rates as a fairer system of rating. This will usually be better for those on low incomes. We acknowledge the hardship of many in our community and would like to see an enhanced compassionate approach to rebates, late penalties imposed and repayment schemes. This compassionate approach is important in general when people are in vulnerable circumstances, and even more important in the current climate of the need to increase rates even more due to government changes and increasing costs.

## **Climate Emergency and Biodiversity**

We need to do all we can to address the climate emergency and to protect the biodiversity of our native fauna and flora specifically. We support the need for a green lens on all upgrades for efficiency and sustainability. We think that PNCC is underspending on climate change mitigation and adaptation at 1.02% of rates income. We need to address the impacts of climate change by reducing carbon emissions, regenerating native biodiversity, increasing the health of the Manawatū River environment and expanding the Green Corridors Scheme. To truly be an ecocity we need to invest more in ecocity priorities. The concept of an Envirohub/Environment Centre is important and needs to be not only included but prioritised.

The 2023 report prepared by Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment *Are we building harder, hotter cities?* The vital importance of urban green spaces outlined other key concerns in the need for green spaces to mitigate climate change. Recent extreme weather events have provided valuable lessons for us to learn from. Ageing storm water systems have been overwhelmed, flooding houses and businesses and leaving their owners with costly clean-ups. Our city needs to find a way to address this in terms of storm water management and city safe spots



for anyone who needs to leave their home or find a safe space to go to. It is good to see the new concept of a library the Awapuni Community Library Hub being of high building standards to be a civil defence centre when needed.

We also need to have plenty of green spaces, building strategies and planting to assist with water drainage with heavy rain. Tree planting is an essential strategy. From recent experiences of cyclone impacts we are also aware of the importance of maintenance of bridges over streams and rivers and the river/stream/ditch beds so that there is adequate space for increased water levels.

### **Community and Community Facilities**

We support the Multicultural Centre, Pasifika Centre, Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park, Te Pātikitiki Library, and Awapuni Community Library Hub as outlined.

We support adding **the development of a fully functioning, inspirational Environment Centre** as part of the 10 year plan. As part of this we support the development of city-wide Food Resilience Policy that aims to mitigate food insecurity and address food waste.

If any funding trimmed from this we would suggest the Central Energy Trust Arena which although it is a great facility it has already had a lot of recent investment.

### **Supporting Community Development, Community Groups and Free to Use Community Initiatives**

We are strong supporters of the free community resources provided by PNCC. We want to emphasise the importance of supporting citizens who have lower incomes. Women and children are often those most affected as lower income families. We are strong supporters of all the free facilities and events PNCC provides. We support developing free to use services and facilities. This is a valuable and essential service for all ages and stages of life, supporting the community to be connected, and providing access to life-long learning, providing a safe, inclusive place for many in the community, through the accessible and free/affordable programmes, workshops and resources. We strongly advocate the importance of supporting groups that are providing food and other important free resources and services at the community level which are so very important to those on low incomes. The costs of living rises along with the new government's cut backs have exacerbated the hardship for those on low incomes, and is adding to these numbers. We strongly support Council's community funding and other support work, and advocate for the ongoing development of this.

We want to commend the great work of city archives which is part of the library, and their support for community groups and history projects, for example the celebrating 100 years of Manawatū performing arts and the Manawatū section of the 1970s protest photographic exhibition. We also commend the vibrant arts community supported by our City Council.

### **A Natural Burial Ground for Manawatū?**

We continue to be strong supporters for PNCC establishing a natural burial ground. We appreciate there were attempts at a collaboration with the Manawatū District Council but that this was unsuccessful. Development of the natural burial option will be good for the environment and assist in the development of green spaces, tree planting etc. If the ideal of a suitable new land area is not readily available then we suggest revisiting part of Kelvin Grove cemetery being used. We understand that the soil type is not ideal but as Mark Blackburn of the Natural Burial Association points out less than ideal soil is still feasible. Perhaps planting that suits the clay soil type such as a

manuka and kanuka grove could be established. The now significant number of certified natural burial grounds are diverse with many different examples. Although the ideal is to convert pasture to native planting there are examples of using existing native bush areas, one has established as a tōtara grove, and others use mixed planting. It can be argued (still to be tested in law), that the option of a shallow burial suitable for natural burial is a human right as the Human Rights Act says that local authorities cannot discriminate on the basis of religion or ethical belief. Growing numbers of people committed to protecting and restoring our natural environment want the natural burial option in their area. In Holland (and we understand this is growing move across Europe), embalming is now illegal, while in other countries embalming has never been part of funeral practices. We are also concerned about after-death options from the funeral poverty aspect and want to support whānau and communities to be able to do things themselves at a lower cost. Although burial is more expensive and natural burial is usually a few hundred more, if people can do the other aspects of after-death care themselves with appropriate support, then natural burial can become a relatively low cost option.

### **Strengthening City Facilities**

We understand this is important but understand there may now be longer time frames to achieve this. External funding to assist in this is to be supported. We support taking the time to make these facilities even better as part of the work required.

### **Living Wage**

We support the living wage for all PNCC staff.

### **Encouraging the Democratic Process**

We want to end by again expressing our support for strengthening the democratic processes of Council. When people are coming to submit to Council there should be a parking exemption and any other supports for those that need this.

Maryanne Mechen and Jean Hera  
**on behalf of the Athena Women's Collective**

### **References**

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# 1014

## Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on	8 May 2024, 5:59PM
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Related form version	5

### Your contact details

First name	Dean
Last name	Sparkes
Email	
Phone	

### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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### Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North rural area
Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
Please tell us why you prefer this option	Very little infrastructure is applied directly to our property. PNCC can't even maintain Millricks Line as safe. We accept there are a number of facilities available to us but many that we don't use so why should we pay?
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	They are expensive and favour urban dwellers who use many of the infrastructure we as rural ratepayers don't. The council needs to focus on real needs and not frivolous projects that waste money like Featherston Street. We understand money was provided to PNCC for water services but has been spent on other non-essential projects. If Council focussed on what was needed and not the nice to have, PNCC would not need significantly increased rating from an increase or changing the rating system.
Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	Let's hope a few Councillors lose their seats at the next election and realistic people lead the council such as Wood and Naylor and not Smith

### Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Do not support
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Do not support
Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park	Do not support
Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks	Support with changes/comments

## 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

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

## General comment areas

Please share any feedback you have about our vision, goals and plans	Make them affordable and workable. Featherston Street is a dangerous disaster. The existing laneways and cycleways worked fine and if we didn't have people pushing the traffic lights, there would be fewer accidents. All Council has done is waste money and create a dangerous legacy that the mayor and other Councillors will be remembered for. Costs can be reduced. Government has identified departments are at least 10% overstaffed. Horowhenua DC has identified the same. Maybe PNCC should be reviewing it's staff count to reduce costs.
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**Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects**

Logical transport plans should be put in place. Reasonable cycle access not expensive stupidity. There have been some sensible upgrades, but some are stupid. Cuba Street is a waste. Roads should be safer - look at the road marking or lack thereof on the Manawatu River bridge. I support the ring road to get trucks off city streets.

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

Money should have been going into water for years but much has gone into high profile above ground projects. Three waters is not high profile vote winning but lack of investment over the years is now coming home to bite ratepayers while other frivolous spending and projects has gone on. The writing was on the wall that the existing plant would not be acceptable for the future, many years ago.

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

While previously rural ratepayers could deposit paid rubbish bags in a central location, as does MDC and other nearby Councils, PNCC took away those central sites. They should be returned instead of us having to drop off bags outside other properties.

**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

Rating should remain the same as current

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

Council website  
Newspaper  
Family or friends

# 1015

## Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on	8 May 2024, 6:22PM
Receipt number	718
Related form version	5

### Your contact details

First name	Joan
Last name	Brookes
Organisation you represent	Palmerston North Community Leisure Centre Management Group
Email	
Phone	

### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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### Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
Which option do you prefer?	4. Prefer not to say

### Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	Yes
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Prefer not to say
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

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Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Prefer not to say

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Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Prefer not to say

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

I am not sure if this is the appropriate place to make our submission. However, the PN Community Leisure Centre at 569 Ferguson Street is a very well used facility with the ability to accommodate groups of up to 220 people at any one time. There is very little parking available for a facility of this size and the result of this is cars parking all along Ferguson Street as well as in adjacent side streets. With people parking across the road from the Leisure Centre it means people need to cross the busy Ferguson Street and this can be quite precarious. The PN Community Leisure Centre Management Group recommend that a pedestrian safety island be installed in the middle of the street so that pedestrians can cross halfway across the street and wait in safety until they can complete the crossing. If this could be provided without the need to reduce the number of car parks available that would be very helpful. However, long term, if PNCC would consider developing a car parking area adjacent to the Leisure Centre that would solve a lot of the parking problems. A suggestion is that part of the PNCC Depot be developed into car parks with steps access to Ferguson Street. That would possibly allow for more Disability car parks and a dedicated loading zone. At the moment there is only one Disability car park and many of those who attend activities at the Leisure Centre have mobility challenges.

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## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

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Which option do you prefer?

Prefer not to say

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## Development contributions questions

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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

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## General comment areas

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

Council website

# 1016

## Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on	8 May 2024, 6:41PM
Receipt number	936
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### Your contact details

First name	Kieran
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Last name	Erskine
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Email	
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Phone	
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### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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### Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
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Which option do you prefer?	2. Capital value (CV)
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Please tell us why you prefer this option	It's cheaper and my Rates won't increase as much
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Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	It's cheaper for rural house and land owners but not for myself in town
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### Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Prefer not to say
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Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Prefer not to say
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Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Prefer not to say
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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

Prefer not to say

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

Which option do you prefer?

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

## 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

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

Rates letter or email

# 1017

## Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on	8 May 2024, 6:44PM
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### Your contact details

First name	Brian
Last name	Way
Organisation you represent	Te Araroa Manawatū Trust
Email	manawatu@teararoa.org.nz
Phone	

### 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	<b>Wednesday 15 May:</b> 1.30pm to 5pm <b>Thursday 16 May:</b> 1.30pm to 5pm <b>Friday 17 May:</b> 1.30pm to 5pm
How would you prefer to give your feedback?	In person

### Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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### General comment areas

Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects	We support all active transport proposals
Please share any additional feedback you'd like us to consider	Please see attached submission

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

- Council website
  - Rates letter or email
  - Social media
  - Newspaper
  - City Councillor
  - Family or friends
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**Supporting information**

# Submission to Palmerston North City Council

## Draft Long Term Plan 2024/34

from

## Te Araroa Manawatū Trust

Te Araroa Manawatu Trust (TAMT) is the independent regional branch of the national Te Araroa Trust. TAMT is run by local volunteers who work year-round to monitor, maintain, enhance, and promote the Manawatū/Horowhenua section of the Te Araroa trail, (TA). Our section of the trail stretches 112km from Bulls to Poads Rd, Levin, with Palmerston North at its centre. Palmerston North is also the city-at-the-heart of the trail. The halfway mark is always found somewhere south of the city with a nominal 1500km sign located on Back Track, Arapuke Forest Park. (The actual 1500km mark shifts each year as a result of trail adjustments elsewhere in the country)

The national Te Araroa Trust's strategic plan identifies five focus areas.

- facilitating a high-quality experience for walkers
- improving trail infrastructure
- strengthening relationships with stakeholders



- clearly communicating trail information to walkers, and
- securing the sustainability of the trail and the Trust through partnerships and new funding streams.

TAMT works to support these focus areas in addition to the local work we do.

Precise numbers of TA hikers visiting the city are unknown but in the 2023/24 season there were 1300 registered through-hikers. Although encouraged, registration is not compulsory so actual numbers will certainly be more than 1300. On the other hand, some hikers choose to skip sections where road-walking is required or where conditions may be challenging in other ways.

On top of through-hikers, there are many thousands walking sections of the trail, either incidentally, or deliberately as “Section Walkers”. For example Te Araroa utilises around 30km of PNCC walkways, shared paths and urban footpaths on its 51km route through the city. So we have many people knowingly or not, beginning their Te Araroa journey as they follow Te Araroa logos along the pathways of Palmerston North.

The Palmerston North city centre provides great resupply options (eg. food and outdoor supplies), and rest and accommodation opportunities for hikers – many choose to spend two or more nights in the city as they prepare to head into the rugged Tararua range. Palmerston North walkways and footpaths provide an attractive and good quality, off road walking experience for hikers, interspersed with portions of road walking that are not so ideal.

TAMT recognizes and acknowledges the significant support that the city has provided to the Te Araroa Trail over the years, ranging from orientation signage to a designated shelter/campsite in Gordon Kear Forest.





In terms of specific programmes in the 2024/34 LTP budgets Te Araroa Manawatū Trust notes and supports the following:

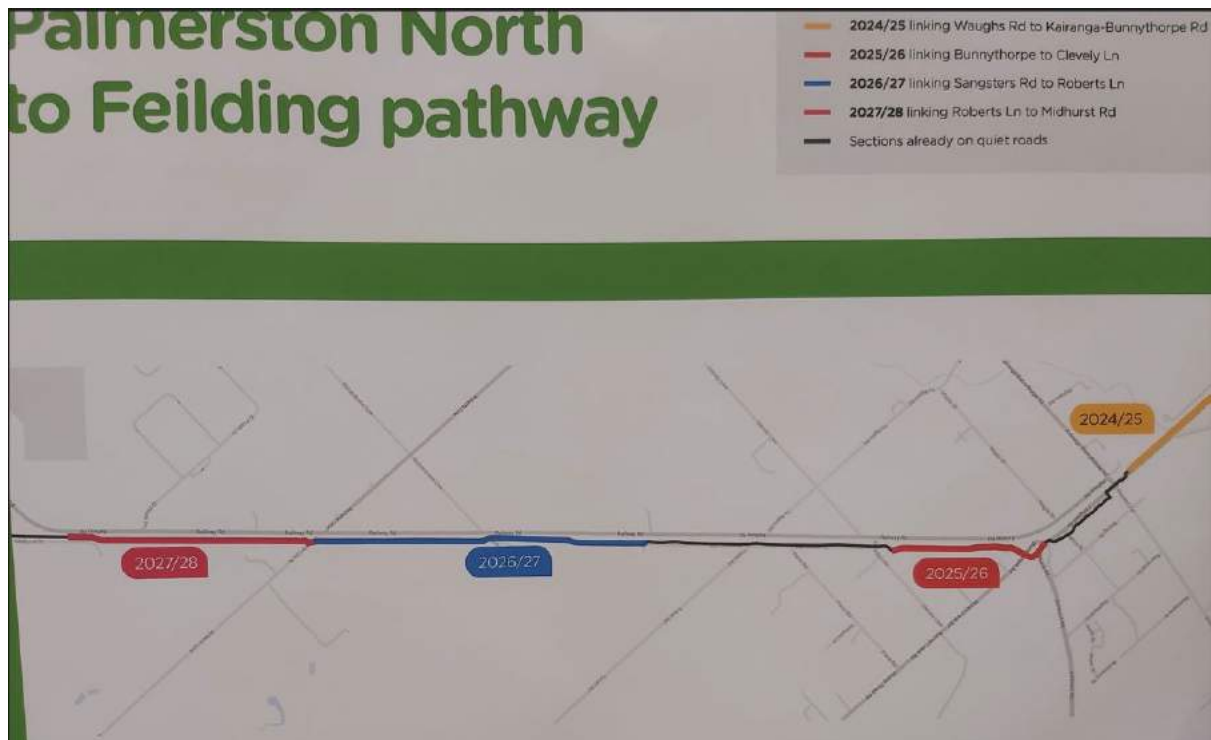
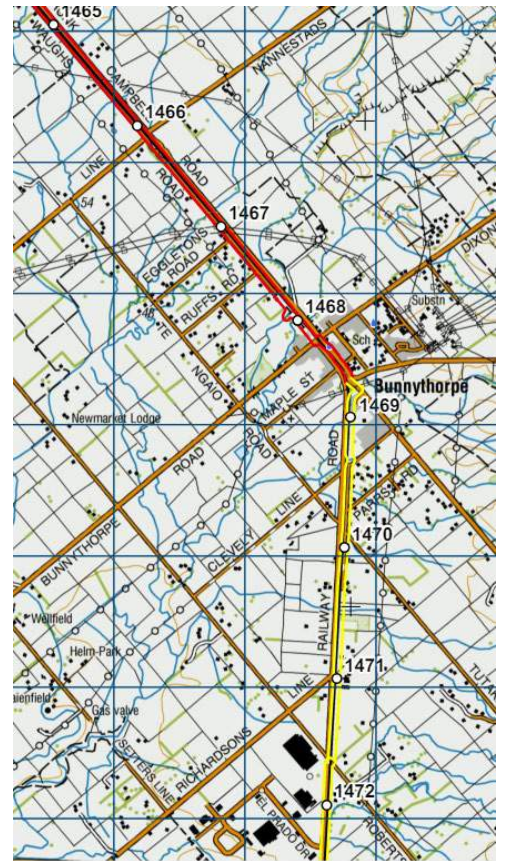
### Active and Public Transport

#### **Capital New, Programme 2057 – City-wide Shared pathways – new and link improvements, \$5-6 million per year through to 2034**

We support this programme and urge council to progress all the proposed new shared pathways, and links to existing shared paths.

In particular, we encourage PNCC to complete the shared path connection from the Roberts Line intersection with Railway Rd, through to Bunnythorpe, and on to “Kung Fu Corner” to link to the MDC shared path from Feilding – a distance of 5.5km, and all on paper road land with already secured tenure.

We are aware that route planning and preliminary design work has been completed for this section and that a staged construction programme has been proposed. Beginning in 2024/25 the project is broken into four achievable sections through to 2027/28. We support this project in its entirety for the opportunities that the connection to Feilding will provide for all forms of commuter active transport and recreation, including for our Te Araroa visitors.



In particular, and as a priority, we would like to see Stage One (Waughs Rd-end to Kairanga Bunnythorpe Rd) prioritized in 2024/25, as programmed - a mere 500m but involving two stream crossings. For TA hikers, and other people walking or cycling from Bunnythorpe to Feilding, this is the highest risk section. Currently this pathway is largely undeveloped and it involves two unbridged stream crossings – Mangaone Stream and Jacks Creek.



When these two streams are in flood, users are forced out onto the very narrow and fast section of Campbell Rd, from



Campbell Rd, north of Bunnythorpe. Minimal safe shoulder

Mangaone Stream Bridge on Campbell Rd - No shoulder

shoulder beyond the white line.

Bunnythorpe to “Kung Fu corner”. This piece of highway includes two narrow 2-lane bridges and the rest of the road has minimal usable

We urge council to prioritise construction of this short section of the shared path to Feilding for safety reasons.

Manawatū District Council has completed their section of the shared path between Feilding and the city. PNCC is now seen as lagging behind. While the shared pathway connection to Ashhurst is languishing in legal proceedings, PNCC should take the opportunity to complete the path to Feilding.

### Recreation and Play

Renewal Programme 1834 – Walkway Renewals, \$120,000 - \$140,000 per year through to 2034.

We support this programme for its importance for maintaining and restoring the city walkways in general, but especially the ones used by Te Araroa Trail hikers as they pass through the city. Hikers are impressed with the walking facilities provided by the city. Continuing to maintain and renew walkways, and building resilience to weather events, is important to maintaining this most popular of City Reserve assets.

**Capital New/Growth Programme 1846 – City Reserves – Walkway extensions, \$180,000-485,000 per year through to 2034**

We support further development of the city’s walkway network wherever the opportunity arises as the city grows.

From the perspective of Te Araroa Trail and safety for hikers, we would love to see some focus on developing an off road shared path along Kahuterawa Rd. TA hikers use this road from the intersection with Greens Rd to the Arapuke Forest Park carpark at the road end. This narrow windy road is particularly hazardous for Te Araroa hikers because of the amount of traffic, and the speed of the traffic as people travel to and from the mountain biking and walking facilities at Arapuke Forest Park. If this was to become a specific aim for Council, it would require proactive land or easement acquisition from adjacent owners. This might be difficult, but a worthwhile objective for the longer term.

The Te Araroa Manawatū Trust would like to take the opportunity to speak to this submission.

Matt Claridge  
Executive Director  
Te Araroa Trust

Brian Way  
Chair  
Te Araroa Manawatū Trust



# 1018

## Long-Term Plan submission form



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### Your contact details

First name	Robbie
Last name	Gibb
Email	
Phone	

### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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### Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Resident but not a ratepayer (eg, rent or live with family or friends)
Which option do you prefer?	2. Capital value (CV)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	A fairer system for everyone

### Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support as proposed
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Support as proposed

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Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Do not support

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Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Support as proposed

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## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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?

Yes

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## General comment areas

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

What a load of bollocks

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Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

If Awapuni is going to be Palmerston North's most populous suburb, why is public transport so poor?  
Stop procrastinating and fix the streets, as the condition of them is causing a lot of damage and cost to users.  
Stop making our main thoroughfares dangerous and unusable for all road users.

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

There should be no additional levy as this is the successive council's fault for not being proactive.

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Please share any feedback about rubbish and recycling services

How are the council allowed to have single use plastic rubbish bags? They are small, expensive and weak. As there is less you can recycle they are not for purpose.

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

Booklet in my mailbox

# 1019

## Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on	8 May 2024, 7:11PM
Receipt number	938
Related form version	5

### Your contact details

First name	Brock
Last name	Ivamy
Email	
Phone	

### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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### Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system

### Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support as proposed
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Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
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Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
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Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Do not support
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Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park	Prefer not to say
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Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Do not support

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## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

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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

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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?

No

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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

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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

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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?

Yes

# 1020

## Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on	8 May 2024, 7:17PM
Receipt number	939
Related form version	5

### Your contact details

First name	Richard
Last name	Rodgers
Email	
Phone	

### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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### Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system

### Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Do not support
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed
Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Support as proposed
Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park	Do not support

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Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Support as proposed

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## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

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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

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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?

No

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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

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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?

No

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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?

No

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## General comment areas

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

Rates letter or email

1021

# Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on	8 May 2024, 7:19PM
Receipt number	940
Related form version	5

## Your contact details

First name	Jeanine
Last name	Bilsland
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North rural area
Which option do you prefer?	1. Preferred option: Hybrid (a mixture of land and capital value)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	We expect a rates increase but a 100% increase

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support as proposed
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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project	a Multicultural Cultural Centre is for everyone - not for one specific culture. It's a healthy community that fosters and encourages inclusiveness.
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Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Support with changes/comments
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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project

Very important that there is a library in this area. Also the Op Shop is very important to the community and should be encouraged.

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Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Do not support

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

This is a want rather than a need. I understand it is a marae for the citizens but it is very expensive 32 million which puts this into the 'want' category rather than need.

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Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Support as proposed

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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project

The arena is a fantastic resource for Palmerston North which should be maintained, improved and upgraded. Palmy is central and easy to get to and MOSTLY (with the exception of Featherston Street) easy to get around.

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## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

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Which option do you prefer?

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

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## General comment areas

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

Family or friends



# 1022

**From:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:** LTP submission  
**Date:** Wednesday, 8 May 2024 2:44:28 PM

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Kia ora, please find below my submission to the LTP.

1. Please complete the full cycleways on Featherston St and Summerhill Dr as designed.
2. Please revise the Urban Cycle Network Plan so that it is fit for the purpose of achieving mode shift to cycling as in the Emissions Reduction Plan, and carry it out within a reasonable time span. Other NZ cities are working towards completing safe, separated cycleway networks, we are not.
3. Some spending on cycling is mentioned, but the vast majority of transport-related spending is for roads, which will tend to promote car use and increase emissions. The Horizons RLTP contains \$37 million for the Ashhurst Bridge clip-on (which is only 200 metres long) and \$30 million for the Palmerston North-Feilding cycleway. These seem like exorbitant sums, especially when the Feilding half of the latter cycleway has already been built at a cost of \$1.2 million. Neither project will do much for mode shift.
4. Please create and carry out a Palmerston North Emissions Reduction Plan that achieves your existing goal of cutting emissions citywide 30% by 2030. See the Auckland, Christchurch, Wellington, and Dunedin plans for examples.
5. The capital costs of growth at \$30,000 PER NEW RESIDENT look expensive, doubly so when you consider that some of this growth (new suburbs on the fringes) will actually make things worse for existing residents - to say nothing of increasing emissions. Growing up (especially in the city centre) is known to be much cheaper in the long run than growing out, which is no longer a sustainable choice. Please look again at the assumptions underlying your growth model.

Thank you.

Robert McLachlan

# 1023

8 May 2024

## **Submission from Central Energy Trust Wildbase Recovery Community Trust**

We support the ongoing provision of operational funding support to enable Central Energy Trust Wildbase Recovery to meet its aims and objectives and bring to Council's attention the outcomes achieved by the centre in the last year (annual report attached). We commend Council for your ongoing support for this partnership project with Rangitāne, Massey University, and Department of Conservation, which supports the social, cultural, economic, and environmental wellbeing of our community.

We note with thanks the recent work undertaken as part of the Victoria Esplanade Masterplan to install a raised crossing between the Centre and the Esplanade duck pond. This has improved pedestrian access and safety and has a positive impact on the entrance to the Centre. The external space is now more suitable for tours and education bookings. Unfortunately, the installation required the area to be fenced off which severely impacted on public ability to access Wildbase during this time and resulted in a significant decrease in visitor numbers. However, we continue to support the implementation of the Esplanade Masterplan in full.

## **Victoria Esplanade Aviary Renovation**

We note that the rebuild of the Aviaries envisaged in the Esplanade Masterplan has been removed from the PNCC works programme. The current Exotic Aviaries do not meet modern or standards for the keeping of birds in captivity nor do they compare to the neighbouring facility of CET Wildbase Recovery, which is an exemplar. We are concerned that, even with substantial repairs, the exotic aviaries are not capable of being brought up to an acceptable standard which would match that provided by the neighbouring CET Wildbase Recovery. We question how Council can justify supporting two completely different standards of animal care/welfare.

The proposed programme that concerns us is Programme # 1838 - \$147k :

1. Portacom steps and shelter.
2. Breeding duck aviary removal (no longer used), fence for security of conservatory and garden
3. Predator proofing (to reduce rat incursions)
4. Water supply improvements.
5. Prep and paint A Block.
6. Additional shelter for A3 (cockatoo relocate)
7. Storage upgrades
8. Signage upgrades (year 2)

We would suggest it would be preferable to decommission and demolish, rather than repair the Esplanade Aviaries. We understand that there are limitations in what can be altered in some of the exotic aviaries due to the amount of asbestos particulate board used as the birds' shelter areas. Of significant concern is the aged water pipe system that contain harmful heavy metals, and we would bring to Council's attention the ongoing and severe rodent problem in the old who/blue duck and pāteke/brown teal aviaries. This concerns us as we seek to ensure the protection of native species held in Wildbase Recovery and rely on shared service areas between the 2 aviaries. The current facilities supporting the Esplanade Aviaries do not support

allow to carry out a high standard of hygiene, biosecurity, or quarantine. The Esplanade aviary staff use the Wildbase facilities, increasing risk of disease transfer from exotic to native rehabilitating manu/birds.

The purpose of our Community Trust is to provide fundraising support for the facility. We see significant reputational risk for CET Wildbase Recovery in continuing with status quo, and anticipate that if the decision to repair is confirmed through the LTP this might impact on our fundraising abilities. The original vision for Wildbase Recovery included removing the exotic aviaries and focusing on the rehabilitation and breed/release programmes for native species. This vision changed as a result of public feedback to Council, but we suggest that now is an appropriate time to return to that original vision so that we can ensure long-term sustainability for Wildbase Recovery and protect Council's significant investment in this facility.

# 1024

**From:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Long-term PNCC plan feedback  
**Date:** Wednesday, 8 May 2024 12:29:12 PM

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Hi PNCC,

With this new rates formula that the Council wants to introduce - this change would see approximately 30% of the general rate being transferred from the land value to the capital value base. Capital value is variable so if a dwelling was to decrease in capital value this would/should reflect on the annual rates amount.

Is there going to be a valuation report on each dwelling to ensure dwellings are valued according and not under/over valued?

We as a City need to ensure we don't lose focus on why residents chose to call this place home. People understand rates need to be paid; so individuals can enjoy their City. Residents need to see their money is being spent correctly on important issues and there is value. My option is to have the rates based off the current system.

I also believe Regional rates (Horizons) be included into our PNCC rates and then passed onto the Regional Council. This would reduce administration cost and residents can see the value for money in this change.

To stop residents dumping rubbish into our streams/ rivers and water ways supply council waste bins - at a small bin volume than the current council recycling bin. This would encourage residents to reduce their waste and residents can see the value for money in this change.

We need residents to start thinking that the PNCC is here to support 'US' - the residents of the city- the only way is by ensuring we are using their money correctly on important issues and there is value.

For your consideration.

Regards  
Matt

# 1025

## Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on	8 May 2024, 7:39PM
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### Your contact details

First name	Angela
Last name	Churchouse
Email	
Phone	

### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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### Rates review questions

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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project	Too much expense

<b>Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Do not support
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<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project</b>	Too much money being spent unnecessarily.
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## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

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

<b>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?</b>	Don't know / no opinion
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<b>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?</b>	Don't know / no opinion
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<b>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?</b>	Don't know / no opinion
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<b>Do you agree that we shouldn't charge a fee for non-residential development that has no connection to the water or wastewater network?</b>	Yes
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## General comment areas

<b>Please share any feedback about our proposed transport</b>	I agree with the road to get trucks off the road.
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**projects**

When it comes to slowing down the speed limits around the city centre to 30km I disagree. This will cause people to avoid the city centre and take business away from shops. It will be very frustrating.  
If putting cycle ways in and sacrificing parking spaces and driving lanes and putting bus stops in the middle of the road as has been done on Featherston street, I absolutely oppose this. It is dangerous, slows the flow of traffic down and it is only a matter of time before someone gets hurt, or worse, killed.  
I agree with the new raised up pedestrian crossings as this has made it safer for people to cross roads, but bus stops in the middle of the road - madness!!!!!!

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

Concerned about the 3 story housing. Wondering where this will be. Don't want 3 story housing.

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

We are living in very challenging financial times and people are struggling more than ever financially. It would be appreciated if all unnecessary spending on cycleways, bus stops in the middle of lanes, and the "frills" like upgrading libraries etc don't go ahead. Also unnecessary art and sculptures around the city. While these are pretty they're not necessary. Fix the potholes, do the legally required things and keep spending to a minimum by doing only what absolutely needs to be done.

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

Booklet in my mailbox



# 1026

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**08 May 2024**

Dear Palmerston North City Council,

**Re: Amanaki STEM Academy 10 Year Plan Submission**

We, at Amanaki STEM Academy (ASA), are grateful for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Palmerston North City Council's 10-Year Plan. Established in 2017, ASA is the first academy of its kind in New Zealand. We provide tutoring and mentoring in STEM subjects, and our mission is to empower and equip Pasifika students to excel in STEM subjects and careers. We currently serve over 60 pan-Pacific families in Palmerston North. Our partnership currently involves 125 registered students, who represent 20% of Pacific students enrolled in year 5 to 13 across Manawatū schools. I am the only permanent employee of ASA, we have a large volunteer base which includes some of our tutors and our whole governance board are volunteers. We have a very passionate and supportive ASA community who have volunteered countless hours and their own personal funds to drive our work forward. As a grassroots organisation, we are deeply community-driven and centred, dedicated to fostering educational achievement and advancement within our vibrant community.

We commend the Council for its ongoing efforts and accomplishments in supporting youth initiatives over the years. Your commitment resonates deeply with our mission, as we too are invested in the educational and personal growth of our youth. We support the Council's ambitious goals and eagerly anticipate their realisation, contributing to a prosperous and inclusive community.

Our experience has shown that the Pacific people in Palmerston North, typically part of youthful and larger family units with intergenerational living situations, have a profound appreciation for the transformative power of education. Education not only elevates the standard of living but also opens numerous opportunities—such as improved health outcomes, economic mobility, and homeownership. Our drivers for advocating in STEM is because Pasifika are underrepresented in achieving in STEM subjects, this leads to underrepresentation in STEM careers. STEM skills and knowledge will be a large part of the future workforce therefore if nothing is done to increase Pasifika representation in these areas then it will lead to deeper inequalities for Pasifika people. In this light, we strongly advocate for increased funding for youth-centric initiatives that focus on STEM and propose that ASA be considered as a sector lead in these efforts, particularly regarding a sector lead partnership with Council.

We are supportive of the Council's proposal to expand the Pasifika Centre. Currently, ASA offers its facilities to various Pacific groups, including Pacific ethnic groups, church gatherings, and student organisations. This is indicative of a pressing need for accessible and affordable community spaces. While expansion of these facilities would greatly enhance our collective ability to serve our community more effectively, we do acknowledge a growing diverse Pasifika community (with





differing needs) and therefore the expansion will not solve the problem of booking conflicts. If anything a upgraded facility will only increase demand. We recommend a talanoa with the Pasifika community to understand what they think the purpose of the centre is, e.g whether they see it as a community hub or more of a facility to hire. We think understanding this will help in broader planning for community facilities. We think that the wider Pasifika community have requested the use of our facility because of its central location in the city. We also heavily subsidise their use of it, although it does not make financial sense for us to do this. We raise this to highlight to Council that our Pasifika needs in terms of facilities is varied. We would also like to request Council to help us locate a venue that we can sustainably operate out of, because where we are based now (59 Queen Street) is not financially sustainable due to the very large lease we pay. We would rather put those funds to other operative costs such as hiring subject expert tutors that have a huge impact on our students learning.

Furthermore, we propose the exploration of a summer internship programme by PNCC specifically tailored for tertiary students. Such a programme would not only bolster our local STEM pipeline but also ensure meaningful engagement and professional development for our youth. We encourage the Council to advocate for this initiative among your partners with a STEM focus.

It is also imperative that the Council continues to support ASA in identifying and securing appropriate funding. Advocating on our behalf to streamline funding channels will ensure that resources are utilised efficiently, avoiding duplication and promoting a collaborative approach to community service.

Lastly, we are in full support of the development of Te Motu O Poutoa, an essential part of our local heritage. This project is not only significant historically but will also serve as a beacon of cultural pride and educational resource for all residents.

Thank you once again for considering our submission. We are committed to ongoing dialogue and collaboration and **look forward to presenting our submission in person.**

Yours sincerely,

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Viliami Teumohenga  
ASA Director

# 1027

8 May 2024

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## Submission on Rates Review – G Connelly Lifestyle Properties

### INTRODUCTION

I have been living on a lifestyle property at **7(2)(a) Privacy** Palmerston North for coming up to 14 years. I received the letter of notification of the review of rates date 5 April 2024. This letter forms my submission regarding the process and proposal to change the way rates are calculated.

The letter received stated the following regarding changes for lifestyle properties.

**We're proposing a change for some rural rate payers.**

For every option, we are proposing to reduce the current level of discount for rural/semi-serviced properties between 0.2 and 0.5 hectares, often referred to as lifestyle blocks. These ratepayers will have a larger rate increase than most other property owners.

*Excerpt 1: PNCC Consultation Letter Dated 5 April 2024*

### CONSULTATION

The letter did not clearly indicate the potential impact. My rates under Option One will increase some 39%, from \$2,023 in 2023/24 to \$2,813. This is not unusual with properties having a higher capital value increasing significantly more. Properties on Polson Hill and in Wake Place for example have rates increases of 55 - 60%, which equates to some \$800 to \$1000 increase.

This is substantial and the consultation in my view should have clearly identified the impact and reasoning to those affected. The letter sent by Council 5 April gives little indication of the impact. There is a risk that many lifestyle property owners people will find out what the impact is when they receive their new rates invoice.

The web page<sup>1</sup> provides some more information, and may have been updated as a result of discussion at the public forums. The Draft LTP 2024-34 LTP document includes some additional information but it is long. Supporting documents such as the financial strategy, council meetings and supporting information were not easy to locate.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.pncc.govt.nz/LTP/What-were-asking-you-about/Rates-review/Rates-system-options>

The lack of clear communication in regard to impacts undermines receiving feedback from those affected.

The letter from 5<sup>th</sup> April also suggests that every option proposes to reduce the level of discount to rural residential properties. This implies there are no other options and the matter is not open for discussion, effectively avoiding or precluding any consultation.

## OBJECTIVE INFORMATION

The various reports and web pages has similar information, which largely seems to be subjective.

Council's webpage states.

Lifestyle blocks currently pay a lower general rate than urban properties. This is because these properties have less access to services such as footpaths and streetlights etc, though some services these properties receive, like roading and road drainage, actually cost more per household to deliver.

Having taken these factors into account during the review we think the present level of discount is unreasonably large, so are proposing to lower it. Rural properties are not charged rates for water and wastewater.

Currently lifestyle blocks are being charged a general rate 37% lower than what an urban property is charged. Our proposal for 2024/25 is that they will pay a general rate (based on the land value) that is 17% lower than an urban property, and a targeted rate (based on capital value) that is 15% lower than an urban property.

Elected members discussed the options at a Council meeting on 18 December.

### **Excerpt 2: PNCC Website<sup>2</sup>**

Little objective information has been provided to understand the perspective that the discount is unreasonably large.

- There is no justification for the 20% reduction in the discount; from 37% to 17%. Nor why the targeted rate is set at 15%.
- The composition of the general charges is not provided to understand how they may relate to lifestyle owners. These may however be derived from the latter part LTP consultation document (Page 58 and 59 compared to the rates assessment).
- I have not found a summary of the overall financial strategy for the rates increases. It would be useful to understand how the 11.3% rates increase is being funded. How much each by each of the rates categories contributes to the 11.3% increase. The examples in the LTP discussion document indicate residential rates increasing by 7 to 8%. Using the rates calculation tool this seems to vary between 5 to 15% and it appears that the higher value properties have lower rates increases.

The information may be available and I apologise if I am yet to find it. Objective information should be provided and be readily available to enable those affect to understand what is proposed, the impact, why it is proposed and what options are available. I think I have a reasonable understanding of what is proposed. Despite looking over the website information, reading a variety of information and attended the expo I still do not have a good understanding of whether the proposal is fair. I am

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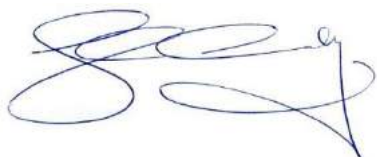
of the view that it is difficult to provide constructive feedback with an objective understanding of what is proposed and why.

An example of this relates to the rural properties. The same arguments could be made that rural properties have access to city amenities similar to rural residential properties, and have a greater call on the road network. However they do not seem to be subject to the same increase in rates.

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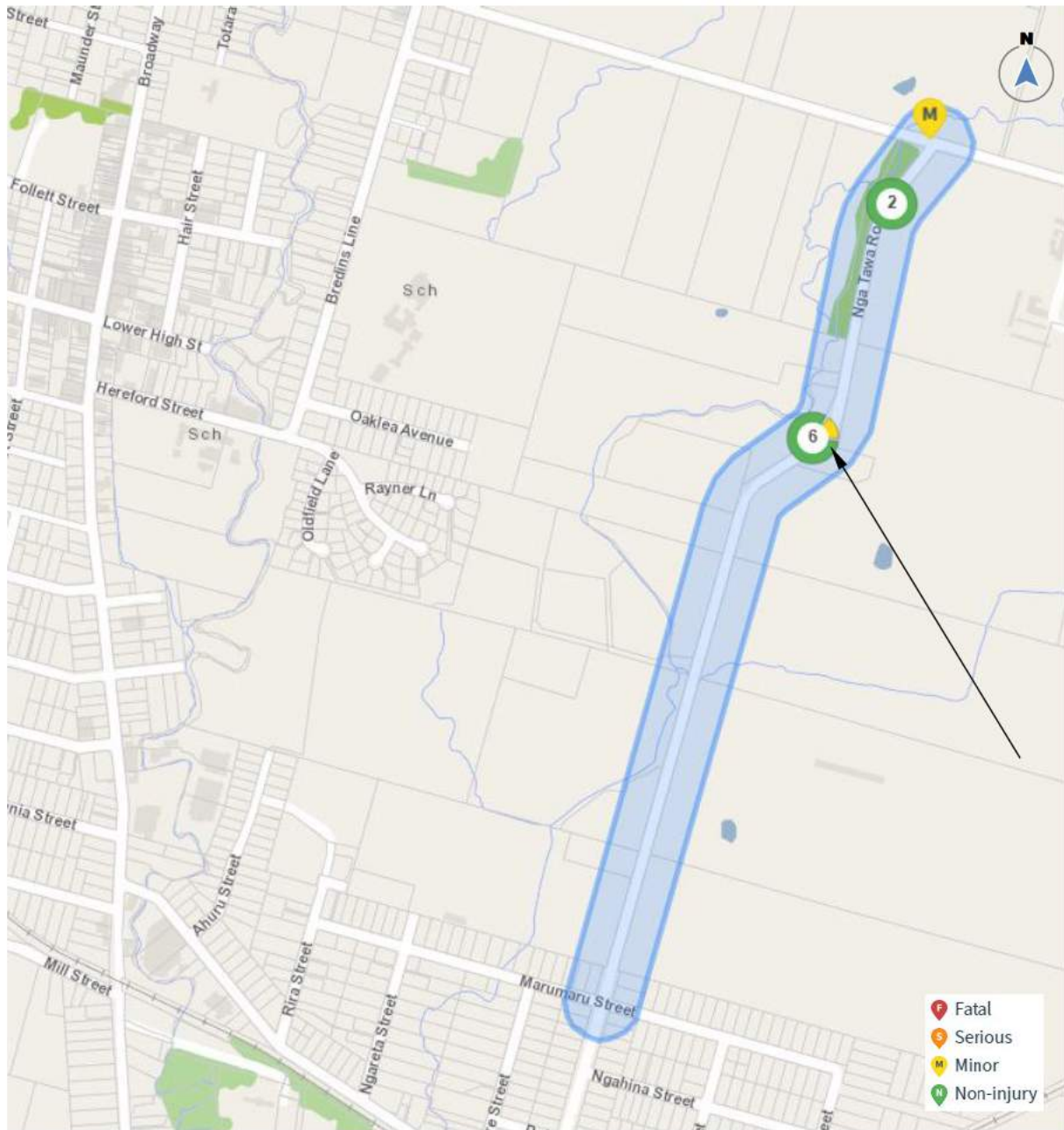
I support the City in the prudent management of its finances and assets. I and I do think that in general we get good value for our rates. I think however in managing change effective engagement is needed with those impacted and a sound understanding given about the reason for change and its fairness. I would ask that this information be developed and provided prior to making final decisions.

Sincerely

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Glenn Connelly





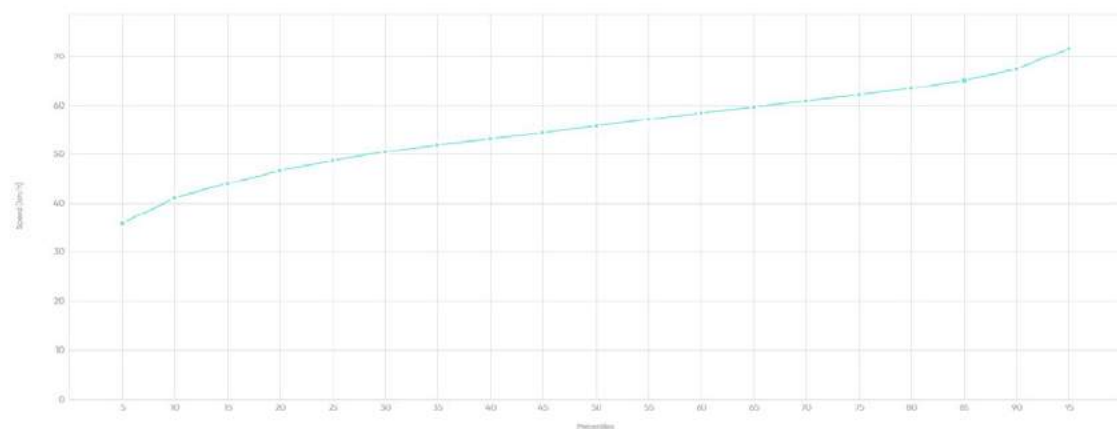
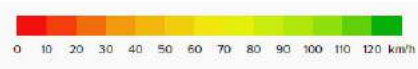
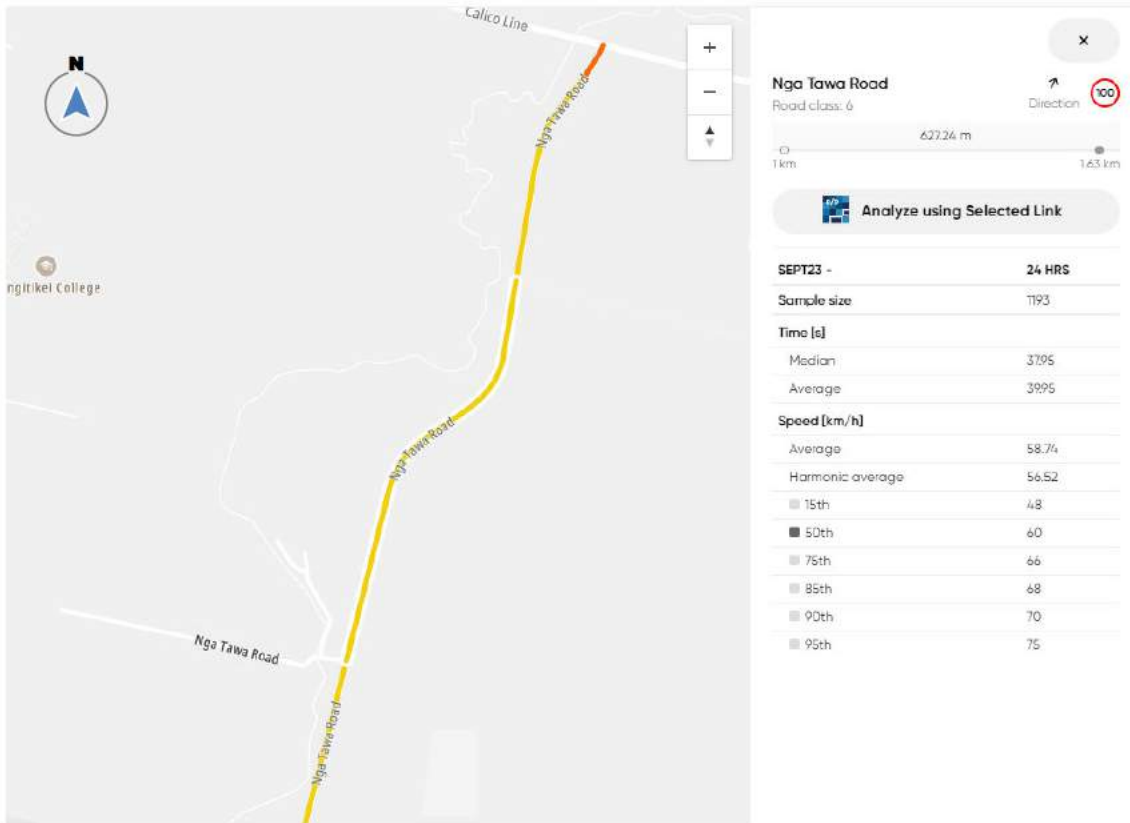
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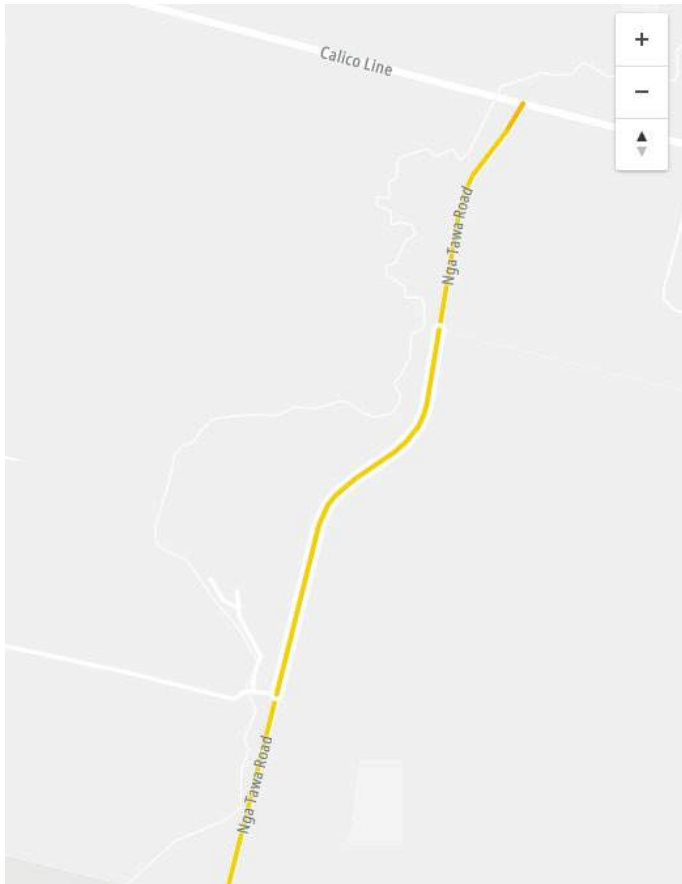








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### Nga Tawa Road

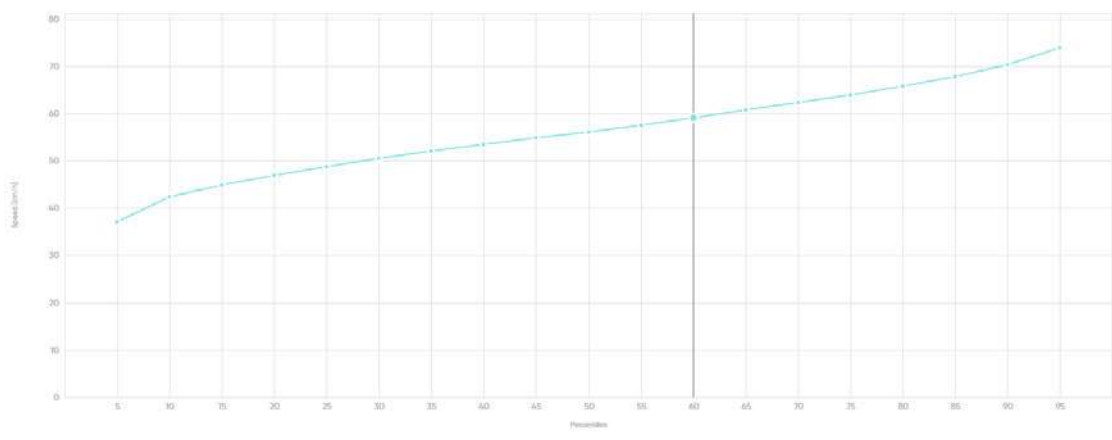
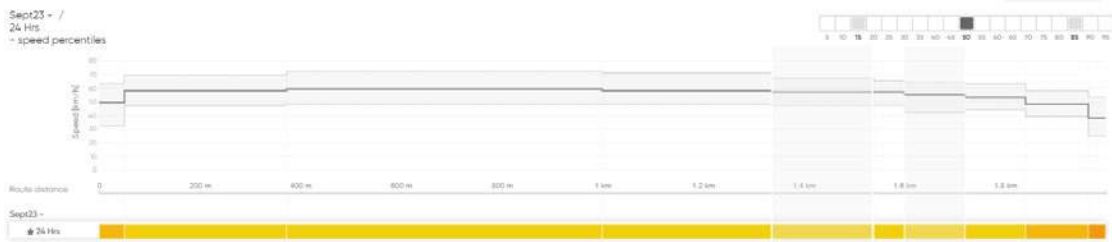
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Rangitikei District

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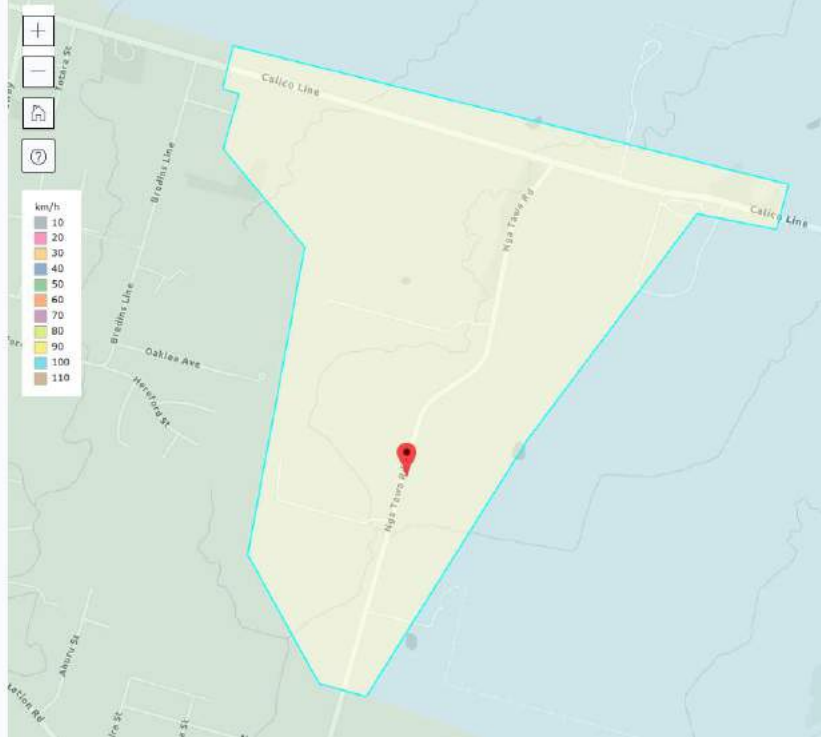
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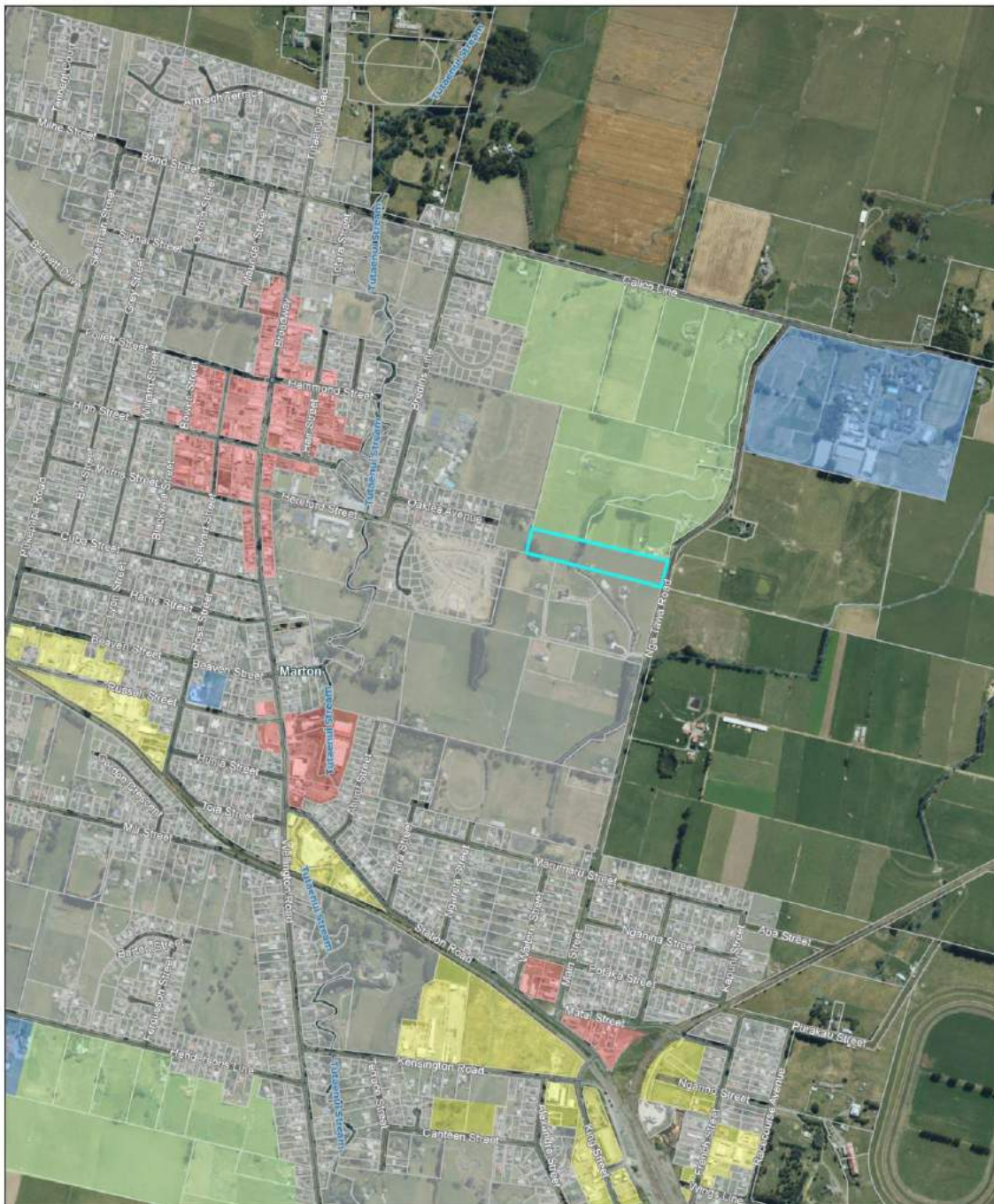
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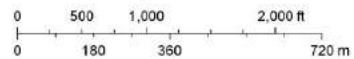


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# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

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Last name	Forrester
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project</b>	This is very wasteful spending proposed. The central library is only a few kilometres away.
<b>Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park</b>	Do not support
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<b>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?</b>	Don't know / no opinion
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development contribution fees. Most other councils around New Zealand already do this. Do you agree with this change?

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 feedback you have about our vision, goals and plans

Like the households of the ratepayers we need at this time to be prudent with our spending. Council should be mainly concerned with remaining within budget and not excessive borrowing. There are many nice-to-have items that we should forego to stay on track financially. We should not be increasing debt for optional projects. Many projects should be decreased in scope or deferred. We also need to be aware that if there is a major disaster such as an earthquake we will need to have a financial buffer available.

Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

Palmerston North has always been easy to get around with the ring road system, this should be maintained as much as possible. To put the emphasis on cycleways that are barely used and bus lanes for near-empty buses is wrong. The recent Featherston Street debarcle is an example of poor planning.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing

I am not in favour of the growing-up option, I do not want to see large blocks of 2-3 story housing squashed together with no sun or privacy for residents and no parking available.

Please share any feedback about rubbish and recycling services

I support a green waste kerbside collection, and would like to see some innovation in the way we can reuse other wastes.

Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years

"Around half of the increase we are currently facing is to cover increased interest costs and repayment of our current debt used to fund past infrastructure projects. We use debt to help fund these big projects to spread the cost over those who will benefit from the asset over its life. They work like a mortgage with us paying interest and principal back each year." This is a quote from the above link. We should not be looking to increase debt at this time which will only greatly increase these costs. A household that would act in this way would be irresponsible.

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

I think our rates money should be used maintaining what we do have. I am concerned about increasing the level of debt, which then has to be paid back with interest. I feel council should be prudent with spending now while there is a recession, and delay or decrease projects that are nice to have but will be adding a financial burden for future ratepayers of Palmerston North.

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

Council website

Social media

City Councillor

Family or friends

# 1029

## Submission to Palmerston North City Council Long-Term Plan 2024-34

8 May 2024

Submission via: [submission@pncc.govt.nz](mailto:submission@pncc.govt.nz)

### Introduction

Our principle is that we want ratepayer and taxation money to be spent for the benefit of the city in terms of mobility and productivity and not on “pretty things”. With the correct approach, business and private enterprises will fund and develop new facilities that should not be undertaken by a city council.

Our main message is in accord with the Prime Minister Christopher Luxon who has just been reported as saying “*every local council needs to focus on the must-do, not the nice-to-do and deliver well on core services*”.

While we have focussed on the longer term required, it has been only inevitable to recognise that there are immediate and medium term issues in which the Council should be engaged. We have included those below.

### Communication

- Please lead your communications with the English language. It was recently reported that Palmerston North has 130 cultures and over 90 languages. English is likely to be the second language for many of those people who have immigrated into New Zealand.
- Communication with the majority should primarily depend on English first, unless the Palmerston North City Council (PNCC) intends to deliberately focus on a narrow target market.
- English statements may then be followed by expressing them in one or more languages.
- We also request that the Council refrains from the current trend of bastardising at least two beautiful languages.

### Governance

- We believe that people who are elected to Council should be there on their merits and ability to contribute positively to the city.
- In our view, Councillors must not be appointed by race, colour, religion or their sexual orientation. Councillors should all be treated the same and voted into office by Palmerston North rate payers. This then gives the ratepayers the option to vote them out at the next election if they do not perform.
- We believe that the local body election should be based on first past the post (FPP) system and not the single transferable voting (STV) electoral system. We do not want our votes to be passed onto a candidate that we do not support.
- We want the voting system to be canvassed in a referendum at the next election. We have raised this previously with the Electoral Officer who advised that we would have to arrange and fund a campaign to get the signatures of at least five per cent of eligible electors if we wanted to demand a poll on the electoral system to be used for elections of Palmerston North City Council. That is not something that we as pensioners should even be asked to do.
- We live in a democracy. We do not agree that consultation with the community follows the preferred path of the city councillor who was recently quoted as saying “a referendum on Maori wards was unfair as it gave power of veto to the majority over the rights of the minority”.



## Rates

- We are concerned the suggestion that total rates rise for 2024/25 could be 11.3%, but that would impact differently on groups of ratepayers, particularly if the council moved to rating partially or fully on capital values like the majority of other councils, instead of the current purely land value-based system.
- We submit that the PNCC must first revalue all properties to reflect the current values and not some desk top assessment from QV. We have just had our property independently revalued and it came back as 12.5 % less than the current valuation used by the Council to determine our rates.
- The double digit increases during the next three years could be compounded by an additional levy of around \$1000 a year per property for 30 years to pay for the new wastewater management project.
- This reinforces the need for council to look at where they spend money that has little or no value to a majority of their ratepayers. Water management is a top priority ahead of beautifying streets and building expensive cycle/walkways. Water is an essential for life, health and welfare.

## Housing

- We know that housing is a major need in our city, but the provision must be well thought out and consideration given for example to:
  - a) Why are the sections on James Line so slow in selling? Are they too expensive?
  - b) There is a lot of rate payers money tied up in that development.
  - c) Is there sufficient space in local schools to accommodate the subdivision?

## Transportation

- We encourage the PNCC to continue to work with the NZTA and other relevant Government departments as the current government works towards rebuilding the economy and productivity which had been slowed down by the previous administration.
- Good examples include future proofing of the state highways and the heavy transport routes around Palmerston North. We recognize that it is not just the local residents who need good options, but also those who transport goods such as supplies, primary products around the region and those other people including tourists who pass through our region. We want to see the ring road development to be fast tracked to stop the need for large trucks and other passing traffic going through the city streets. This development could be done in stages rather than attempting to fund and undertake this work in one operation.
- Green cycle lanes should be restricted to just the left hand side of the lane and cyclist should have to queue up like other road users. We have experienced slow moving cyclists restricting traffic flow so that only 1 or 2 cars can get through, if they are lucky, before the lights turn red. We request the council to reconsider the design and use of bicycle lanes where bicycles can stop directly in front of vehicles and then move off ahead. Not only do they restrict the clearance times of vehicles through an intersection, they present a real risk that cyclists will sooner or later be injured or even killed by vehicles approaching from behind.
- Pedestrian crossings must remain black and white as they are world-wide.
- We do not support the installation of raised pedestrian crossings because these impede traffic flow and the impact on emergency service vehicles has been identified elsewhere.

- The slowing down during approach and then acceleration from crossings will be increasing the volume of emissions and wasted fuels where raised pedestrian crossings are installed.
- The use of raised pedestrian crossings means that at least 98% of drivers are being inconvenienced as the Council tries to deal with the very small number of recidivist speeding drivers.
- The high volume crossings near schools are only required for an hour in the morning and an hour after school. They can be controlled by school patrols and variable speed advisory signs.
- We recommend that roundabouts be installed on Napier Road at the intersections of both Roberts Line and James Line. In addition to regulating the flow of traffic, the significant benefit would be a reduction in the risk of sunstrike. We want to see such considerations to happen now, so that we plan ahead and not be stymied by the on-going housing development.
- We request that the PNCC make the business plan for the new electric bus fleet more accessible for public scrutiny. In addition, we want to see at least an annual report of the performance parameters of the recently extended bus service to show its performance against the business plan.
- The Council needs to explain why there are no parking dotted lines at the top end of James Line and why there are two bus tops opposite each other just north of the cemetery main gates, especially since there is a no passing zone between them that will inhibit uphill traffic passing a stationary bus.
- The new bus services that end in James Line has resulted in buses making three point turns across James Line. That habit needs review and changing.
- We are supportive of the proposed four return weekday rail services between Palmerston North and Wellington and two return weekend services each day. This should relieve the need to drive all the way to and park in Wellington. The most efficient plan would be to link Palmerston North with the frequent train services running between Waikanae and Wellington.
- The PNCC policy for vehicle parking in streets needs to be reviewed. We recommend that the grass verges (berms) be turned into car parks (as has been done e.g. in one short section of Roberts Line) to achieve:
  - a) A wider and safer street.
  - b) The footpaths would not get broken by tree roots and result in a safety hazard for walkers.
  - c) Less costs for the installation of driveways.
  - d) It is worth remembering that not all sections will have off road parking, so residents and visitors will park on the roadside, especially as higher density housing is developed.
  - e) An additional benefit of replacing grass involves the progressive in-fill housing: Which property is responsible it to keep the berms maintained or will the council take over at rate payers expense?

## **Waste Management**

- We support efforts to manage waste properly. However, we compost all of our food waste into our vegetable garden. Because we recycle all of our food scraps, we object to paying for a service we will not use.
- Food scrap bins should not be compulsory and only be provided by the Council on a user pays basis.
- So we want the Council to provide the option of being able to opt out of using and paying for the proposed waste food collection service. We do not support having to pay for this service and we want to be able to not pay for food scrap collection.

- We do note that while there will be residents who do have a garden, there are also those people whose properties will not enable them to have a garden, even if they wanted one. Many modern properties have very little space and what they do have is often covered in concrete. In addition they often will not have space for three bins and this may result in waste food bins may be very close to neighbours' homes. These bins will become very smelly before the next collection.

Jim and Pam Edwards

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Jaroslav
Last name	Olearnik
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
Which option do you prefer?	4. Prefer not to say

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Prefer not to say
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Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Prefer not to say
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Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Prefer not to say
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Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Do not support
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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any	For an are that may not be heavily utilized, it seems unjustifiable to
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feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project

spend 27million NZD. That money could have a bigger impact on the community if allocated elsewhere.

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

Prefer not to say

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

Which option do you prefer?

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

## 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?

No

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?

No

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?

No

## General comment areas

Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

In addition to proposed transport projects, please consider installing speed bumps on Stewart Crescent to improve safety of our Tamariki and other pedestrians. The street is used as a bypass to a busy roundabout between Fergusson and Albert streets. Multiple children walk to Hokowhitu school via the street, speed limits are frequently exceeded by passing traffic.

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

I am a victim of theft in the city. The lack of security in the CBD was astounding.  
Expanding the CCTV camera network in Palmerston North and implementing 24/7 monitoring could indeed provide additional security benefits.  
Crime Prevention: Increased surveillance can act as a deterrent to criminal activity. Knowing that their actions are being monitored may discourage individuals from engaging in unlawful behaviour.  
Quick Response to Incidents: With 24/7 monitoring, authorities can promptly respond to incidents as they occur, improving the chances of apprehending suspects and preventing further harm.  
Enhanced Investigation: Surveillance footage can provide valuable evidence for investigations, aiding law enforcement in identifying suspects and solving crimes.

Public Safety: Having a comprehensive CCTV system in place can help ensure the safety of residents and visitors by providing an extra layer of security in public spaces.

Expanding the CCTV camera network and implementing 24/7 monitoring could contribute to making Palmerston North safer for its residents and visitors.

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

Council website

# 1031

## Long-Term Plan submission form



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### Your contact details

First name	John
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### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	<b>Wednesday 15 May:</b> <b>Thursday 16 May:</b> 1.30pm to 5pm <b>Friday 17 May:</b>
	I am flexible on days and times
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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### Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?	Relocation of canoe polo We support the existence of canoe polo as a form of recreation in Manawatu. However, because of the nature of the sport, and the attitude of its members, it is imperative that a dedicated location is found for it, where it no longer destroys the natural beauty and peacefulness of the Hokowhitu Lagoon, or places the residents with homes on the Lagoon

under unreasonable stress.

The lagoon is a residential frontage and homes on the lagoon were built and occupied on the understanding that the environmental qualities - tranquillity and natural beauty – would be maintained, and the rating of the properties reflects that.

The invasion by canoe polo has introduced ugliness into the scene in the form of angular metal goals, pontoons supported by coloured plastic barrels, and multicoloured buoys. But more important is the intense noise created by canoe polo. The noise is not only loud, but it is very unpleasant, being an erratic combination of shouting, crashing of canoes, balls booming off the goals, balls and paddles slapping the water and players drumming as loudly as they can on their canoes in triumph.

It is not only the type and intensity of noise that is a problem, but also its frequency and duration. In summer the canoe polo players arrive soon after 5.00 pm on week-days and stay until after dark, every night. Most weekends they are there all weekend. They also start training at 6.15 am in the morning. It is relentless and there is no consideration of the welfare of residents.

Residents who are working, therefore, have virtually no home time in which they can enjoy the natural peace of their gardens, but have to put up with the intense and ugly noise only about 20 metres from their houses. The canoe polo players can return to their peaceful homes after a game, but they are replaced by other players, so the residents suffer continual exposure during a time when they should be able to enjoy the restorative benefits of peace.

Although the lagoon has been designated as a recreational area it should still comply with the resource management act, which requires that the impact on the environment (which includes residents) must not be negative. Residents were never consulted before or after the arrival of canoe polo. "Stakeholders" were, but not residents. Therefore, there has never been any assessment of impact against which to measure compliance with the RSA.

We and other neighbours have written to the council several times about the matter but have been virtually ignored. We feel stressed, and that the council is being negligent in allowing or even supporting an activity that is clearly disruptive to the peace of mind and welfare of its rate-paying citizens.

The situation can be remedied by finding a location for the canoe polo club to enjoy its activities without creating stress for the residents. The actual activity of canoe polo requires only a shallow pool and perhaps a facility for storing equipment, so the cost would not be great.

## General comment areas

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

Relocation of canoe polo

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Booklet in my mailbox

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**Supporting information**

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Thankyou.  
Yours sincerely,  
John Monro  
Suman Mishra

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Rebecca
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Last name	Street
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Email

Phone

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
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Which option do you prefer?	4. Prefer not to say
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Please tell us why you prefer this option	It's clear that rates increases will happen. Giving multiple options that all involve rate payers paying more isn't giving a choice it's just a way to placate the public.
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Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	There are no choices given that maintain current rates. All involve increases and none provide incentives for rate payers.
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Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	As a new home owner, I would like to know how and where the almost \$500 for a LIM report is allocated? Could this amount not be deducted from a home owners first year of rate paying?
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## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural	Support as proposed
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## communities to use for activities, events and services

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

This allows for inclusivity and a space for different cultures to meet and connect.

Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building

Support as proposed

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

Hopefully this will provide a space for the rangitahi (youth) to connect with their culture and learn more about themselves, their language etc.

Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building

Support as proposed

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

Libraries are a safe haven for many people, including children from impoverished whānau. They are a gateway to growth and support literacy which is a vital life skill.

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

Support as proposed

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project

Fir the same reasons as the above question.

Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Support as proposed

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

This will be a valuable asset for our community. Education around Te Ao Māori, supported by Rangitāne Iwi is important.

Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Support as proposed

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project

It is a well used sporting resource for multiple age groups and codes.

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

The main issue as I see it with community facilities is to attract and support pre teens and teenagers to learn about themselves and their whakapapa. To grow their learning and sporting abilities and to have oppourtunities to excel. Palmy caters for young children well, older ones not really at all.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

Which option do you prefer?

Prefer not to say

## 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

Don't know / no opinion

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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

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Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing

A lot of the proposed development in Napier Road and towards Ashhurst is going to decrease the natural beauty of our wilderness area and river walkway. The area around upper main street, Napier Road and Limbrick Street all ready suffer from traffic congestion in the morning, especially from 8 until 9am. This is making Main Street very unsafe for students having to cross this road to go to Ross Intermediate or Freyberg. Most are on scooters or bikes and there is no provision for safe crossing. Currently most have to cross at the intersection by Z service station and then navigate Ruahine or Vogel Street which are busy and dangerous. Also the sunstrike travelling up Main Street towards Ashhurst now (May through to June/July) is extreme. What safeguards will be in place for the new residents in Napier Road, James Line and those trying to exit other intersections like Stoney Creek Road? These are all ready unsafe and it seems like new house is being put in place by people who don't travel these roads daily and understand the weather and seasonal conditions. These issues for school students and vehicles need to be discussed and solutions made before the new housing is completed.

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

Social media

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

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Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
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?	No
Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks	Do not support

## Development contributions questions

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We're proposing to stop collecting development contributions	Yes

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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?

## General comment areas

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

Stop works on Featherston St and remove the dangerous bus stops which are outside PNBHS and Woolworths Rangitikei St and put them back to how they were. Remove the carparks that are in the way of the traffic and stop traffic flow. And put the cycle back to where it was or perhaps put the cycle lane on the footpath as they do in Germany. There are many roads in Palmerston North that need fixing up and repairing some of which include Kelvin Grove Rd and Vogel St. How about fixing these roads first. Remove speed bumps as they just slow traffic down and cause more congestion which interrupts traffic flow.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing

Stop building the house so close together.

Please share any feedback about rubbish and recycling services

Why should we have to pay for council rubbish bags when we already pay a fee in our rates???

Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years

Stop putting them up so drastically.

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

Listen to what the people want.

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

Booklet in my mailbox  
Radio  
Family or friends

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**From:** kim ace  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 May 2024 8:55 pm  
**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Long-Term Plan submission

Kia ora,

I would like to ask councilors to please reconsider their recent decision to raise the dog pound adoption costs to \$559. I find it disturbing that last year the number of dogs euthanised by this council was around double that of previous years, and deeply sad that this included a number of dogs that were rehomingable. I am very concerned that another rise in adoption fees will just exacerbate the issue and lead to even more perfectly good natured dogs losing their lives for no good reason.

In reading the report which recommended this rise in adoption fees, I can see nowhere where anyone has made the effort to compare or report on adoption fees charged by other councils around New Zealand. I find this omission strange, as in the parking portion of the fees and charges report just above, this work has been done, and the comparisons used to justify the proposed new pricing for parking. So, given the lack of national comparisons done on pound fees for that report, I have gathered that information so that you can in fact consider what other councils do. Here are the results:

**New Plymouth City Council - \$283** includes desexing, registration, and microchipping.

**Hamilton City Council - \$286** includes desexing, microchipping, first vaccinations and registration

**Hastings District Council - \$278** includes desexing, vet check, fleas and worms, vaccinated, registered and microchipped.

**Western BOP District Council - \$270** (male) \$300 (female) includes desexing, vet check deflea & deworm, microchipping, registration.

**Tauranga City Council - \$350** (male) **\$400** (female) includes desexing, registration, microchipping, flea & worming.

**Rotorua City Council - \$118** (male) **\$168.00** (female) covers first vaccination, desexing and microchip. Already desexed dog \$102 includes first vaccination and microchip.

**Far North District Council - \$320** includes desexing, first vaccinations, microchipping, chip registered on national lost dog database, registration, a worming tablet and 3kg bag of dog biscuits

**Auckland Council - \$350** includes vet check, first vaccinations, microchipping, desexing, registration, flea & worm treatment, 1-month free cover from Pet-n-Sur.

**Christchurch Council - \$163** includes registration, microchipping.

**Dunedin City Council - \$195.50** includes desexing, registration and microchip.

**Wellington Council** - work directly with their SPCA and other local rescues (Ellies and HUHA) on a rehoming program for their pound dogs. SPCA adoption costs \$250, HUHA \$350 includes desexing, first vaccinations, microchipping (on speaking to the team the reason they have not looked into including registration is due to the fact that through the effort of these rescues many of their dogs are rehomed all around the country).

**Whanganui District Council - \$300** includes desexing, microchipping, flea & worming, vaccinations

**Waikato District Council - \$300.00** includes parvo vaccination, microchip, registration, desexing, flea and worming.

**Hutt City Council - \$300** includes desexing, vaccination, microchipping, flea & worming.

**Palmerston North City Council - \$522** including desexing, registration, flea & worming and microchipping.

If you look at the totality of the councils above, Palmerston North is certainly an outlier, even before this council again puts up its adoption fee, which is due to happen in July. In looking into this issue it has struck me what little, if any, opportunity the public has had to have their say on this, as it has not been publicised or consulted on. Which



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brings me to the way the council looks at companion animals compared to how many in the community may feel about them.

There are many studies which cite companion animals as improving people's mental health and wellbeing. Stroking a purring cat has been shown to lower blood pressure and walking your dog gets you out and active. I have a friend who credits daily walks with his loyal dog as the number one reason he was able to overcome his serious drug addiction. Likewise many people, including myself, firmly consider animal companions as an incredibly important part of their family. Given the sheer number of dogs within Palmerston North (more than 9000 registered) it would be an easy bet to suggest that many of these thousands of families consider their dogs as whanau too.

This is why the provision of services around dogs by this council confuses me. I cannot see why dog owners are seen as the ones who should cover the cost of all dog-related services, when so many other services provided by council are not perceived in this way. For example, many people don't have children but a good portion of their rates are put toward playgrounds and other child based services each year. Likewise, many ratepayers may not go to the museum, library, theater or use Palmy's many sports fields and facilities but they are still expected to shoulder the costs of these things through their rates. Why? Apparently the answer is community wellbeing, which is the heading all of these activities and their plans sit under. So why then, given their significantly positive social impact are companion animals not considered a legitimate part of this community's wellbeing and why is their welfare apparently the sole responsibility of families with animals?

You may see calling animals whanau as a stretch, perhaps even a little pathetic but I can tell you that for many people unable to have children or who have no other family in their daily lives, animals can be, literally, lifesavers. Having that special someone to come home to can make all the difference between having a home or just an empty house. Our companion animals bring warmth, love, laughter, the joy of having someone to care for, and of being cared for. Palmy like any community is made up of many different types of households and families and in my view councils should consider and cater for the wellbeing of all households, not just those made up of a traditional nuclear family unit.

Cats and dogs have been companion animals to humans for thousands of years. As such they are hugely, if not completely dependent on humans for their welfare. This is certainly not their fault, we have made them that way. Dogs in particular are so incredibly dependent on us that it is catastrophic for them if they are not looked after properly or find themselves lost or abandoned. Many dogs who eventually find themselves under council care have been neglected and sometimes abused. I believe that since they have been let down by members of this community, it is this community's duty to care for them as well as possible and to find them safe, stable, loving forever homes. I consider this to be an integral part of being a safe and connected community, one that cares about animal welfare and does whatever it can to right the wrongs done to so many of our vulnerable and mistreated companion animals.


That is why I propose adding the first year of registration into the \$425 base cost of adopting a dog from the pound in Palmy. This would bring Palmerston North City Council more in line with what other councils charge and only cost a nominal amount. Given that around 40-50 dogs are adopted out each year the yearly cost of doing this would be around \$5-6000, an amount that one elected member recently termed a "token gesture" in terms of raising dog registrations. While I agree such a small amount could be called this in terms of other council costs and spending, it would certainly be more than a token gesture to the dogs that would get a better chance to keep their lives if this small change were made by Council.

In my research into the efforts other councils go to to rehome their surrendered and abandoned animals I have also come across a number of wonderful initiatives that I will list.

Waikato Council run a subsidised desexing programme: <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/animal-control/dogs/dog-desexing>

Auckland Council pounds walk their dogs out in public places to give them stimulation and training: <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=835763468591609&set=a.797514919083131>


<https://www.facebook.com/AKLCouncilAnimalShelters/posts/pfbid02oW5ReS5o45U9HVLrJ2v8zoQ9opSuFnZiDJVKg2g6gKqu2jJkgyGXdxVU5V9WbqBKI>

 **Auckland Council Adoptable Animals** added 14 new photos to the album: **Field Trips!** ...  
November 21, 2023 · 🌐

If you're ever around the beaches, forests, boardwalks, or dog-friendly shops in the vicinity of one of our Auckland Council Animal Shelters, you might bump into our handlers and some of our adoption dogs on one of their valuable field trips.

Trips out of the animal shelter help our adoption dogs to gain exposure to the outside world, meet new people, and learn how to behave in new and exciting situations. Trips to places they may never have seen, such as farms with stock and dog-friendly hardware stores, are great learning opportunities, and help to keep our adoption dogs happy, enriched, and interested while they live with us at the shelter, while also helping to prepare them for their new home (maybe with you!)

If you see us in our uniforms with dogs in their "Adopt me" gear out and about, feel free to come and say hello, and help an adoption dog learn a little more about the world outside the shelter with us.



They also allow donations of new toys to their pound pups to pick out and enjoy for Christmas. Auckland pounds are staffed and open for adoptions throughout the Christmas holiday period as they say this is a time when many families have a good amount of time to spend together with a new dog to get them settled.





Auckland Council Adoptable Animals added a new photo to the album: Silverdale Successful Adoptions.



January 3 · 🌐

Adopted 2.1.24



*Moccasins*  
*Mastiff x Staffy Male*  
*Born Approx. Sept 2023*

**Adopted**

- High play drive, loves all toys.
- Social with other dogs.
- Ready to learn the basics. Would benefit from attending puppy school.
- Would be OK with confident cats, poultry and stock with the right introductions and training.
- Children 10 years plus.



You and 82 others

4 comments

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Hutt Council also make sure their doggos get lots of treats on Christmas. I also saw another council who allowed staff to look after some of their dogs over the Xmas holidays too but have lost that post.



Animal Services Hutt City

December 25, 2023 · 🌐



While we would obviously prefer that our shelter pups were hanging out in homes today, we do our best to spoil them a bit at Christmas. Aside from a staff dog, Daisy and Louie are the only dogs here at Moa Point. Pupster Louie is heading out on trial next week, his 2 brothers are already out on trial and doing great.

Beardy x girl Daisy is still waiting patiently, but is quite happy hanging with us here, so we'll just wait until the perfect home presents.

They have had plenty of cuddles this morning, have clean, dry, warm beds and have a cow hoof, dentastix, peanut butter cookies and a frozen stuffed Kong to keep them busy today.

We just want to say a huge thank you to those who follow the page, have adopted dogs from us and who share our posts to help our lovely dogs find new forever families.

We hope everyone has a safe and very Merry Christmas. From all the staff at Animal Services 😊



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24 comments 13 shares

I found out that most pounds have more than one staff member and have at least one part time person on staff to help with the dogs needs when the Manager is doing administration work. With Massey vet students just up the road I'm sure a part-timer would be of wonderful help to both the kennel manager and the dogs at Palmerston North pound. They could also help to ensure the dogs daily exercise, mental stimulation needs and behavioural requirements are met if the Pound Manager is away for whatever reason.

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In closing please consider making this small but extremely significant change of adding the first year of registration into the \$425 base cost of adoption at Palmerston North City Council dog pound, to help our city's vulnerable uncared for dogs find good homes. Dogs unfortunate enough to end up in the pound have often already also had the misfortune of not being cared for well, and have mostly unknown backgrounds. I think that the amount who actually do pass the behaviour tests is actually a miracle considering some of the abuse, neglect and trauma many have been through. For these good boys and good girls, to have people who are actually willing to give them a chance is amazing. Especially considering of the lack of knowledge on where they come from, whether they're ok with cats, children or other dogs and even a lack of basics such as toilet training for some. It's awesome that people are willing to come to the pound to get these dogs. So instead of making it even more difficult to reach a positive outcome for both the dogs and their adopters, I ask each elected member to please consider my proposed change to add the first year of registration into the \$425 adoption fee. I encourage you to bring Palmerston North City Council's efforts to rehome dogs into line with the empathy shown by other councils, and give Palmy's unloved dogs a better chance at life!

Ngā mihi nui  
Kim Ace

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9 May 2024

**1035-1**

**Health New Zealand**  
Te Whatu Ora

Palmerston North City Council  
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Palmerston North 4410

Tēnā koe,

## Palmerston North City Council's Long-Term Plan 2024–34

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a written submission on Palmerston North City Council's Long-Term Plan 2024–34.

This submission has been written by Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora National Public Health Service (Health NZ) in the MidCentral district. The National Public Health Service is a directorate within Health NZ. Health NZ believes the submission process provides an opportunity for public health perspectives to be considered by Council in planning and decision making. Incorporating public health aspects helps to support the health and wellbeing of our communities.

Health NZ has statutory obligations under the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022 and the Health Act 1956 to improve, promote and protect the health of people and communities. Of particular focus for Health NZ is embedding Te Tiriti o Waitangi as its foundation toward improving health outcomes for Māori.

The feedback provided in this submission aligns to Health NZ's commitment towards healthier and more resilient communities by reducing inequities and promoting good health, particularly for Māori, Pacific peoples and disabled people.

For any clarification regarding the submission, please contact Health Protection Officer, Gillian Anderson [GillianM.Anderson@midcentraldhb.govt.nz](mailto:GillianM.Anderson@midcentraldhb.govt.nz).

Ngā mihi,



**Paula Snowden**

Ngāpuhi ki Whāingaroa

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New Zealand Government

## Key Health and Wellbeing considerations for the Palmerston North City Council Long-Term Plan 2024–34

Health New Zealand has commented on the specific components of the Long-Term Plan, Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and proposed Future Development Strategy that relate to healthy communities and equitable outcomes.

### Active transport options

Health NZ is supportive of the proposal to include \$31 million in the budget for cycling and active transport and \$55 million for shared pathways. Cardiovascular disease, mental ill-health, cancer and obesity are among the major public health challenges in New Zealand, many of which are potentially preventable.<sup>1</sup> Active transport contributes to decreased likelihood of obesity, improved mental health and reduced risk of diseases such as cardiovascular diseases and cancer.<sup>2,3,4</sup> When more people walk and cycle, it is also likely to reduce emissions, reduce noise, and improve air quality as well as supporting environmental sustainability.<sup>5</sup>

Health NZ is also supportive of reducing speed limits as one mechanism to promote active transport. Speed limit reduction encourages physical activity, increases the walkability of a neighbourhood, and improves the actual or perceived safety of walking and cycling.<sup>6</sup>

### Housing

Health NZ supports the Future Development Strategy that sees Council looking to repurpose Council and Government-owned land with existing services ahead of development on highly productive land. Health NZ supports Council seeking to provide greater variety and affordable housing options in these redevelopments. Health NZ supports the proposed budget for housing, social housing and pilot initiatives to address homelessness.

### Rates determination

Health NZ supports Council's preferred Option 1 – the majority of general rates being based on land value, and the remainder on capital value (around a 70/30 split). This option is expected to produce a more equitable solution for vulnerable populations in Palmerston North City, by reducing rates for properties with low levels of improvements on higher value land.

### Draft Future Development Strategy

Health NZ commends Council on the development and documentation of iwi and hapū values and aspirations in the Draft Future Development Strategy for Palmerston North. Public health work is guided by the principles in the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022. They require Health NZ to strive to create wai ora (healthy environments), whānau ora (healthy families) and mauri ora (healthy individuals) for everyone, through giving effect to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.<sup>1,7</sup> Engaging and working authentically with Māori communities to incorporate their voice into decision making around urban form and development is essential for achieving the articulated values and aspirations.

## Support for community facilities projects

In general, Health NZ supports these projects for upgraded and new community facilities as they contribute to mauri ora and whānau ora. Creating positive spaces contributes to Council's Goal 3: A connected and safe community and Goal 2: A creative and exciting city. Where possible, Health NZ encourages a green focus on improvements to these facilities to be cost effective to run and more resilient in the event of an emergency.

Health NZ commends Council on its commitment to the increasing Asian and Pacific communities in Palmerston North by supporting the development of facilities that encourage social connection.

## Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

Health NZ supports Council's plan to introduce a city-wide kerbside food scraps collection, and strongly encourages Council to consider including green waste in this initiative – to further reduce the amount of compostable material going to landfill.

Health NZ's Medical Officer of Health letter (January 2024), in response to Council's Waste Assessment, asks for consideration of innovative approaches to waste minimisation and management. Such approaches may include addressing barriers such as accessibility and cost for vulnerable groups.

The Council signals an intention to continue providing funding via Strategic Priority Grants for community groups to develop and implement initiatives that divert waste from landfill. Health NZ supports this initiative and encourages Council to give specific consideration to prioritising support for vulnerable populations to actively participate in waste minimisation and management.

## Climate change

There is a rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a liveable and sustainable future, and the choices made in this decade matter.<sup>8</sup>

Health NZ is pleased to note Council has developed a draft Climate Change and Sustainability Plan, and its integration into several plans that make up the Oranga Papaioea City Strategy. Health NZ would like to offer input as a key stakeholder in the development and implementation of this Climate Change and Sustainability Plan. Health NZ is also pleased to note that Council is a member of the Manawatū-Whanganui Climate Change Committee.

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**From:** Ralph Sims <  
**Sent:** > Wednesday, 8 May 2024 10:07 pm  
**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Long term plan submission

I spent 2-3 hours completing the on-line form yesterday but when I tried to SAVE it, and copy the link that suddenly popped up so I could retrieve it again, it was all lost.

I probably did something wrong but it seems to me that since providing an E-mail address was required, those who compiled the PNCC input form could simply have arranged for an E-mail with the link to retrieve the submission to be sent automatically as soon as the SAVE button was pressed – thereby avoiding the need to respond as below:

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Save this link to return later:

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This link will expire on **7 Jun 2024 at 9:16pm**. Make sure you return to complete your submission before then, otherwise you'll need to start again.

Email it to me:

john@email.com

I don't have time to make another detailed submission so will restrict this to one key topic:

### SUBMISSION ON ASHHURST SHARED PATHWAY

Having completed all sections on the on-line LTP submission form yesterday before my submission was inadvertently not correctly saved, I won't repeat the full process and wish to make just one key point.

Re the shared pathway between Maxwells Line and Ashhurst, I cannot understand why this is in the Long Term Plan at all. Action is quoted for "year 3" which will be 2028.

However, given the years of debate around this pathway, it should be actioned in the SHORT TERM.

Following a petition of 2000 signatories, a plan to proceed to develop the pathway was actually approved at the PNCC Council meeting in December 2020 with a budget also accepted.

I am unable to source the minutes of this meeting from the PNCC web site to quote the exact wording, but it is unclear why little or no action has occurred since then during the past 42 months.

Indeed previous petitions on this issue have also been presented during the previous decade – yet the pathway development remains inconclusive.

The two key landowners, Higgins and Tait-Jamieson seem to be holding the city to ransom around this issue.

Have any negotiations been undertaken since the December 2020?

What is the reason for the continuing delay?

PNCC already owns some riparian strips of land along this stretch of the river and these just need connecting to complete the pathway route.

It is not clear what is holding back any progress.

There has been suggestions that Higgins want a flyover to avoid the pathway passing alongside their property.

There is no need for such a costly option given that there are other examples of a quarry successfully operating next to a river with a shared pathway in between – for example alongside the Kawarau River near Lake Hayes to the east of Queenstown.

A compulsory purchase order for the riparian strip currently under the land titles owned by Higgins and Tait-Jamieson is now long overdue after many years of deliberations so that the pathway can be completed off all public roads.

In addition, this is copied from the PNCC web site on the 3.2 km Ashhurst pathway:

Eventually the pathway will connect with the existing shared river pathway, creating a 21 kilometre path stretching from Ashhurst to Maxwells Line on the western border of Palmerston North.

The shared pathway will be incorporated into Nga Haerenga, the New Zealand Cycle Trail, which will provide long term benefits for local residents, and for national and international visitors to the area.

In addition, Te Aho a Turanga is nearing completion, there is also the opportunity to create a circular route from Ashhurst and to return through the Manawatu Gorge. This route should be in the Long Term Plan whereas the Palmerston North to Ashhurst shared pathway needs to be resolved in the short term and the long-promised pathway constructed.

***Ralph E. H. Sims***  
***Professor Emeritus, Sustainable Energy and Climate Mitigation***  
***Massey University,***

# 1036b

## Long-Term Plan submission form



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### Your contact details

First name	Ralph
Last name	Sims
Email	
Phone	

### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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### Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North rural area
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Which option do you prefer?	1. Preferred option: Hybrid (a mixture of land and capital value)
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Please tell us why you prefer this option	This appears to be a good compromise given land values have risen significantly. What is not fully clear to me is if a family of say 4 live in a detached house on 1000m <sup>2</sup> of land, they would pay far higher rates per capita than say 16 people living in a densified 4 module housing block also on 1000 m <sup>2</sup> of land. I support urban densification to achieve walkable communities with low carbon footprints so maybe this is another incentive to avoid urban sprawl as in, for example, the proposed Summerhill development.
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### Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support with changes/comments
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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any	Supporting local communities is a good concept and should be
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<b>feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project</b>	encouraged. The Central Energy Trust Arena is a totally different concept and should be considered separately. I have reservations whether this investment is warranted but do not know the frequency of use that might, or might not, justify \$36M expenditure.
<b>Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks</b>	Do not support

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

<b>Which option do you prefer?</b>	1. Preferred option: Build on our existing planning and continue work to look at the buildings as a collective project and explore co-funding opportunities
<b>Please tell us why you prefer this option</b>	Co-funding sounds a good concept - but is often easier said than done. Who might co-fund? If no funding is found for a given project, then presume that project will not proceed. So better to assess each project individually.

## Development contributions questions

<b>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?</b>	Yes
<b>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?</b>	Don't know / no opinion
<b>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?</b>	Yes
<b>Do you agree that we shouldn't charge a fee for non-residential development that has no connection to the water or wastewater network?</b>	Yes
<b>Please tell us why you've selected these answers, and any other feedback you have about the proposed changes to our Development Contributions Policy.</b>	Should also NOT charge a wastewater network fee for rural-residential properties with septic tanks that are not connected to the city sewage system.

## General comment areas

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

Good to see climate change issues feature. The science is strong, as are global observations, that climate impacts will become stronger and more frequent in the shorter term given the total lack of ability to significantly reduce anthropogenic emissions either globally or nationally. Every future policy of PNCC should have the climate lens placed over it before any decisions are made.

**Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects**

Making it harder for car drivers (high parking charges etc) is imperative if we are to encourage more people on to buses, cycles, walking to reduce their carbon footprints.

Cycle routes need continued support and, if developed well, will encourage cyclists from out of town to visit.

WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS WHY GIVEN SEVERAL PUBLIC PETITIONS OVER A DECADE OR MORE, THE LAST IN DECEMBER 2020, THE MAXWELLS LINE TO ASHHURST RECREATIONAL PATHWAY HAS FAILED TO BE COMPLETED. This from the PNCC web site:

"Eventually the pathway will connect with the existing shared river pathway, creating a 21 kilometre path stretching from Ashhurst to Maxwells Line on the western border of Palmerston North.

The shared pathway will be incorporated into Nga Haerenga, the New Zealand Cycle Trail, which will provide long term benefits for local residents, and for national and international visitors to the area".

Two riverside landowners, Higgins and Tait-Jamiesons, are holding up the project. It was approved by Council 4 years ago with a budget also agreed as I understand it. (The relevant minutes I've not been able to find on the PNCC web site to quote the approved motion).

Having a pathway for walkers, cyclists, horseriders etc between a quarry and a river is easy to design. A private quarry next to the Kawarau River near Queenstown shows it is easily possible to manage quarry traffic safely for little inconvenience with people regularly passing by. It does not need a costly overpass as has been mooted by Higgins I understand. The Council has already invested in some short stretches of land alongside the Manawatu River in anticipation of completing this pathway. What is not clear, nor is it in the public domain, is over the past 4 years, how far negotiations have actually advanced with these two landowners that are blocking this development. A compulsory purchase order is now an option to pursue now that progress has been so slow for more than a decade and the City residents and visitors are apparently being held to ransom.

AFTER DELIBERATIONS OVER SO MANY YEARS, THIS ISSUE SHOULD NOT BE PART OF YET ANOTHER LONG-TERM PLAN. IT SHOULD BE RESOLVED URGENTLY IN THE SHORT TERM.

With the development of Te Ahu a Turanga, a circular cycle route is now also possible utilising the Gorge road and that could be a longer-term option.

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

It's time to proceed with the preferred option for this project with the costs of a long-term loan to be shared with present and future ratepayers who will use this facility over the next 40 or more years.

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

Walkable communities are the way of the future - driven by carbon footprints and social benefits. NOT more urban sprawl. All proposed developments should revolve around a VISION for what the world will need to be like in 20 years to become more sustainable. So, no natural gas connections; emphasis on public transport, E-bikes, 3 wheel-modules, community owned EVs for rent, etc with moves away from ownership of large private cars; a mix of social housing incorporated; and with all buildings designed to capture rainwater, to have low electricity demand for heating/cooling, to incorporate solar and/or small wind electricity generating systems, and to be built from low-carbon materials. Changes to the Building Code are long overdue to drive an urgent future towards "Green Buildings" but that does not prevent local regulations being imposed.

**Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city**

Unfortunately, I was unable to provide a submission on this Strategy. In essence, as stated above, a vision is needed for local communities within the city living sustainably - not depending on fossil fuels for either a vehicle or heating/cooling buildings. Adaptation to extreme climate events must be designed into all city developments. The climate is changing faster than anticipated but humans are not. As stated above, every city development should be considered from a climate perspective - both to minimise GHG emissions and to become more resilient to extreme weather events.

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

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## **Submission from the Palmerston North Heritage Trust on the the Draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan.**

**We particularly support services which contribute to Goal 2 outcomes for our city.**

### **1. Archives:**

Under its deed of Trust, the protection and promotion of archives is a key remit of the Palmerston North Heritage Trust. Archives may not be one of the more glamorous or ‘out there’ aspects of heritage, but in their paper, digital and orally recorded forms they do provide the basis of reputable historical research down through generations.

The Palmerston North City Council is required by statute to collect its own archives and a Council decision some years ago, mandated the collection of community archives. The two arms of the archive reinforce each other and it is essential they are kept together

In previous iterations of the Plan there was a budget line for archives storage, which appears now to have disappeared. We understand that storage for archives is now at crisis point. More and more material is being held off-site, which discourages use, and we were alarmed to read that the space in the physical storage is no longer fit for use. Archives Central, never an ideal storage site, and some distance from Palmerston North for city researchers, is not an alternative as it is also overcrowded.

**We urge that provision be made for adequate and easily retrievable archive storage as soon as possible, ideally in a purpose-built facility, or in a rebuilt City Library, should the footprint allow it. This might also accommodate archival material currently held at Te Manawa, which is even less accessible than that in the City Archive.**

We regard the long-term digital repository **Manawatū Heritage** as an important part of the City Archive. Images from Manawatū Heritage are now starting to be published in more general histories, showcasing our city’s past to a wider community.

But this is also under-resourced. The historians on the Trust are aware that there is a backlog of material, pictorial, oral and archival, which urgently needs uploading in a manner which follows best practice for this process. Even where items have been scanned, we understand there is a backlog of some 8.9 terabytes awaiting metadata and description for upload (compared with 2.53TB already uploaded onto Manawatū Heritage).

There appears to be a capacity issue here, partly in terms of skilled personnel, but in the wider context, involving digital storage into the future.

**We would like to see Manawatū Heritage further supported in the long-term plan, as it is an investment in the future.**

### **The City Library**

The Palmerston North Heritage Trust supports the seismic strengthening of community facilities – the Central Library, Te Manawa, the Regent Theatre and Caccia Birch, and the Civic Administration Building. Failure to act soon carries risks in terms of the escalation of costs with delay.

We feel distinctly uneasy about suggestions that core facilities of this kind could be partly in private ownership. This carries risks of its own.

Our special concern is for the City Library, which to us is ‘heritage central’, a facility which generates and underpins historical research, provides a venue for heritage-related events and



lectures, is the mainstay of Local History Week and Heritage month, and employs staff with the knowledge to support these activities.

It is also an important community facility for a much wider constituency. Its situation in the central city is ideal, providing an anchor point and drawing in users in a way which is beneficial to surrounding businesses. It is, quite simply, one of the ‘bread and butter’ institutions of our city, meeting many needs.

**We support the seismic strengthening of the community facilities listed in the draft plan, with special attention to the City Library in a format which will best take it into the future. This should include heritage, research and quiet spaces.**

**Ideally any development will retain as much as possible of the building’s beautiful heritage features.**

### **Heritage Signage**

**The Heritage Trust supports the use of heritage signage and other ways of making known Palmerston North’s history.** A vigorous effort has been made in past years to emphasise the city’s military heritage, so we were pleased now to see reference to the ‘various’ threads’ of Palmerston North’s history in the draft plan.

The mention of railway heritage is to be applauded. It is remarkable that a city that promotes itself as a transport ‘hub’ has paid so little attention to its own history in this regard, especially since it would probably not exist as a city were it not for the original railway junction dating back to the 1880s and 1890s.

We strongly endorse Council efforts to support Rangitāne o Manawatū in the telling of their own stories, including the development of Te Motu o Poutoa.

The specific actions in the Arts and Heritage section of the plan under the heading ‘Promote, protect, celebrate, and share knowledge of local history’ will, if pursued, foster a local identity. It will help provide visitors with a sense of the city’s distinctive stories, undercutting the ‘bland’ characterisation so unfairly applied by outsiders.

### **Te Manawa**

Te Manawa is a precious landmark institution which has potential to be so much better from a heritage perspective.

The blend of art, history and science in the Te Manawa can be viewed as a strength, but has consequences for the presentation of the region’s heritage. Compared with single-purpose history museums elsewhere, this three-fold commitment has resulted in the diminishing of local stories within the facility; of its ability to advance and share knowledge of local history. More resource and more space is needed if Te Manawa is to operate credibly across all three dimensions.

This is especially the case since, as a result of past decisions, significant floor area is taken up by the Rugby Museum, which is a national entity, by children’s play areas, and now by the Peter Bush photographic collection, which only incidentally contains material relating to our local.

It is important that cities of our size have reputable history and art museums, and that they do reflect the local and regional, as this region is the only place where these stories are likely to be told. Due to pressure on storage space in key national repositories, there is a danger that Te Manawa and other local buildings will become a home to external collections which, however significant, can’t find space elsewhere. It is justifiable only if it happens without cost to our local stories. This hasn’t been the case so far.

**We strongly support the Te Manawa submission to the Draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan for an increased budget, with the caveat that from a heritage perspective, we hope this will result in greater attention being paid within Te Manawa to the history of Palmerston North and the wider region.**

**Other heritage matters:**

The Palmerston North Heritage Trust

- Supports current Arts and Heritage Plan activities including all amounts in capital and operational budgets;
- Supports the Natural and Cultural Heritage Incentive Fund and assistance to owners of earthquake prone heritage buildings (no.1447);
- Supports funding of the objectives noted in the Draft Plan with regard to the city's Public Art and Heritage objects (ie 1824);
- Would like to see a clearly demarcated heritage planner position with in Council, at least on a part-time basis. (Shared responsibility is often everybody's and nobody's concern, and confusing to outsiders);
- A stand-alone heritage plan, as heritage is largely subsumed within a broader arts strategy;
- The advancement of Civic and Cultural Precinct Master Plan.

There is likely to be increased interest in Palmerston North's history and heritage as the requirement for local materials is rolled out in the schools history syllabus; as an ageing population with time to study local history heads off to the City Library to undertake research; and as iwi seek to understand their own stories via written as well as oral sources. Visitors and newcomers to a city such as ours often want to discover its unique history. Many locals are playing their part voluntarily in telling Palmerston North's stories – but we do need a sound heritage infrastructure, especially in the City Library and archives, to support this.

Palmerston North Heritage Trust  
8 May 2024

# 1038-1

**From:** Cara Norling <7(2)(a) Privacy>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 May 2024 11:52 pm  
**To:** Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Submission on Rates System Review

Hi,

I wish to submit this submission regarding PNCC **(a) rate review options** and **(b)** proposing to **reduce the current level of discount** for rural/semi-serviced lifestyle block properties.

I own two rural/semi-serviced properties 40 Eggletons Road and 60 Eggletons Road, detailed below with the current rates and the proposed PNCC rating review options calculated.

	Section Numbers	Valuation Reference No.	Hectares	Land Value	Capital Value	Rates 2023/2024	Proposed Option 1	Proposed Option 2	Present System LV 2024/25	Percent increase for Options			
										Proposed Option 1	Proposed Option 2	Present System LV	
40 Eggletons	1372	14461-644-00	0.6374	\$425,000	\$640,000	\$1,475.15	\$1,939.07	\$1,792.42	\$1,999.89	31.45%	21.51%	35.57%	
	1376	14461-643-00	0.8094	\$320,000	\$320,000	\$882.56	\$1,147.45	\$765.21	\$1,308.53	30.01%	-13.30%	48.27%	
			<u>1.4468</u>	<u>\$745,000</u>	<u>\$960,000</u>	<u>\$2,357.71</u>	<u>\$3,086.52</u>	<u>\$2,557.63</u>	<u>\$3,308.42</u>	<u>30.91%</u>	<u>8.48%</u>	<u>40.32%</u>	
60 Eggletons	1373	14461-647-00	1.982	\$530,000	\$890,000	\$1,764.74	\$2,418.83	\$2,390.24	\$2,429.25	37.06%	35.44%	37.65%	
	Rates for both properties										<u>\$4,122.45</u>	<u>\$5,505.35</u>	<u>\$4,947.87</u>

# 1038-2

Regarding the proposed rate review options **(a) Option 2** is slightly less overall and therefore more acceptable option for my properties. The proposed rate increases (up to 40%) of my properties I feel are unacceptable, particularly since these rates are based on 2021 QV ratings and rate increases are likely with updated QV valuations. Additionally, proposals to reduce the current level of discount for these rural/semi-serviced properties **(b) very unfair**.

I do not farm these properties they are a lifestyle from my day profession and supporting of my love of horses and plantings. In having rural/semi-serviced properties, I have additional expenses in water and wastewater supply to these properties. Despite there being some rate discount by not having such services supplied, cost of self-sufficiency is costly and ever increasing. Annual tank cleaning costs of potable and waste septic systems is now in the order of 50% the current rates for these properties (up to \$600 per tank of average sized potable and septic). Not including filters, chemical dose treatments on more frequent service cycles. I would ask that rate discounts consider the real cost of rural/semi-serviced self-sufficiency for property owners. I am not putting a strain on PNCC servicing systems, but it appears unfairly an ever increasing financially on myself trying to be self-sufficient and healthy in my living and well-being. I would urge you **encourage** not discourage such living.

Yours faithfully,  
Cara Norling

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**From:** Marist Football <  
**Sent:** > Wednesday, 8 May 2024 7:11 pm  
**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Massey Turf Submission

Thank you for the opportunity to lodge a submission, on behalf of the PN Marist Football Club committee, in regard to the proposed Massey Turf.

The PN Marist Football Club committee are in support of a second football turf in the region and feel there is a need for this facility. However, we have some questions and concerns that we believe need to be discussed further with key stakeholders before a decision is made on the final location for this turf.

Please see our key points and questions below.

1. **Lack of consultation with the footballing community**

Central Football have, from a council perspective, appeared to be representing the Football Community but there has never been any consultation, communication or in-depth information sharing with all clubs.

2. **Conflicts of Interest**

There are key stakeholders involved in this process and in the decision-making, who are conflicted, including the Central Football Chief Operations Manager and the Central Football Manawatu Operations Manager, as they are key personnel in the Palmerston North United Football Club. Palmerston North United is based at Massey University and will be the main beneficiary of the turf being located out there. This combined with a lack of consultation and communication with other clubs has led to concerns and questions that need to be addressed.

There is also concern around a statement, made by a Central Football representative, at a PNCC meeting, that they would not support the development of a turf at another location (other than Massey). There needs to be questions asked as to why this statement was made and the reasons/rationale behind it?

3. **National Tournaments**

One key point in support for the turf being located at Massey was the ability to attract and hold National Tournaments. Given that national tournaments need to be held on the same playing surface, there are questions around how one turf at Massey would provide any significant impact on this ability?

4. **Location**

There are benefits to having a footballing turf at Massey but there are concerns around this not being council owned land and the implications of this. Massey is also on the city's outskirts and is not the most accessible location for the other key clubs in the region. Consultation with the other clubs is required to determine preferred location for accessibility for the footballing community.

5. **Cost and Investment**

The financing model for this proposed Massey Turf includes over \$850K of council finding through its operational budget – it is not able to be debt financed (due to not being on council-owned land). Therefore, the estimated impact on rates would be a 1% increase over 2 years. In addition, there will be (currently) unknown maintenance and operational costs of this turf.

Central Football are required to finance a third of this project and it is believed some of this will come from profits made from the sale of land in Taranaki. There are questions to be answered around how this money is best utilised to support football in the region and club stakeholders need to be involved in this before it is committed to this project. Football Clubs are under significant pressure with being able to fund and resource their operations and discussion is needed about how best to utilise funds to support clubs in the short and long-term future, and whether a large investment in this turf is the right strategy (which it may be but needs to be openly discussed).

6. **Ownership**

Clarity is needed around the ownership model, given this is Massey land with CF and PNCC investment and on-going responsibilities.

7. **Usage**

Has there been a survey/report undertaken asking clubs in the region whether they would use a turf at Massey and if so, then how much would they use it? There is concern that a turf located at Massey would predominantly be utilised by one club (PN United) and that there is potential for it to be under-utilised in relation to the level of investment into it. There is also a privately-owned for-profit academy that runs under the PN United umbrella who would benefit from the turf.

It is very important to determine whether this location will best serve the wider footballing community through open discussion and consultation with all key stakeholders.

8. **Operational Model**

There are questions that need to be answered around the proposed operational model including who will manage usage, bookings, charges? As well as clarification on the cost of on-going maintenance and with whom does this responsibility lie.

9. **Risk of Conflict**

If the proposed Massey Turf goes ahead without wider club engagement and support there is a significant risk of conflict between Central Football, PNCC and the key clubs.

10. **Alternative Venues**

The footballing community does support the development of another football turf, but it needs to be at the right location for optimal usage by the community. With further consultation and engagement with the clubs in the region, there can be wider debate, discovery and discussion on all venue options and viable models for development.

In summary, we support the development of another football turf in the region; however, we believe there are significant concerns over the proposed financing and operational model, the conflicts of interest and lack of engagement with the key football clubs in the region. There needs to be an opportunity for Central Football to engage with and discuss/answer questions from the clubs, to ensure that the turf location and model is supported by, and in the best interests of, the wider footballing community.

**Sarah Cowan** Marist Administrator | PN Marist Football Club

a: 19 Pascal Street, Palmerston North 4440

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Darren
Last name	Mason
Organisation you represent	Central Football
Email	
Phone	

## 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	<b>Wednesday 15 May:</b> 1.30pm to 5pm <b>Thursday 16 May:</b> <b>Friday 17 May:</b>
How would you prefer to give your feedback?	In person

## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Business owner who rents my business location in Palmerston North
Which option do you prefer?	4. Prefer not to say

## Community facilities questions

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

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Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Support as proposed

## General comment areas

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

Central Football's submission pertains to the football artificial turf at Massey University, as uploaded.

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

Council website

Supporting information



**SUBMISSION TO PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN  
2024 to 2034****Central  
Football**

**Submitter:** No. 4 District Federation of New Zealand Football T/A Central Football Incorporated  
**Author:** Darren Mason – Chief Executive Officer  
**Date:** 8 May 2024

**Submitter Introduction**

Central Football is one of six Federations vested with developing football across their boundaries, which for the Central Federation is Tairāwhiti, Hawke's Bay, Manawatū, Whanganui and Taranaki. Central Football has a membership of circa 14,000 with over 4,000 players in Manawatu, making it the Federations highest participated region. Of the 4,000 plus players circa half are seniors/youth and half juniors, with a 68% male and 32% female gender split.

**Submission Background**

Central Football's quest for an artificial turf for football, over and above the shared turf that was opened at Central Energy Trust Arena in 2020, is well known amongst Palmerston North City Council (PNCC) Councillors, hence this submission will not repeat the history since first included in PNCC's Long Term Plan (LTP) in 2015. It is appropriate to recap on more recent years though where since the Federation's 2021 submission to the LTP work has continued, mostly with Council Officers. This has included developing a Memorandum of Understanding between PNCC, Massey University (owner of the preferred site) and Central Football around the development of the turf, revisiting costs, establishing a fundraising plan and setting a timeline – which would see the turf built in 2026. Also since the last LTP submission the PNCC commissioned report from Recreation Sport Leisure Consultancy has been received which evidences the need for the turf and identifies the university site as the most appropriate for the build.

**This Submission**

With need and preferred venue now clearly established this submission focuses on the PNCC monies set aside for the turf, and the build time. As such Central Football submit that:

1. The funding as apportioned in PNCC's LTP 2024 to 2034 for an artificial football turf at Massey University be retained for that purpose.
2. The artificial turf is constructed in 2026 (external funding pending) as detailed in the timeline agreed by PNCC, Massey University and Central Football.

**Submission Support**

In ascertaining stakeholder support, or otherwise, of this project and Central Football's submission as presented the Federation surveyed its senior players, coaches, match officials and administrators in Manawatū. Although not intended this in turn resulted in a handful of responses from those outside of Manawatū, but of course still people in the football fraternity that see the benefits of this project. A total of 319 responses were received, with 312 in support and seven not. A copy of the responses follows this submission.

**Closing**

In closing, on behalf of Central Football I thank PNCC for their receipt and consideration of this submission and look forward to presenting to it at the upcoming hearings.

**Darren Mason**  
Chief Executive Officer

## Petition total 312 signatures

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Date	First name	Last name	Football Club	I support the proposal to build a football artificial turf at Massey University
27/04/2024 14:57	James	Aberdelin	Takaro	yes
03/05/2024 10:58	Zoe	Adams	Takaro	yes
23/04/2024 15:45	Imad	Al Kassaa	Marist	yes
25/04/2024 23:37	Albara	Al Sakkaf	PNBHS	yes
22/04/2024 17:12	Jennifer	Anderson	Palmerston North United Academy	yes
23/04/2024 12:44	Sarah	Andrews	Massey university/palmerston north united	yes
23/04/2024 11:48	Chris	Andrews	Marist	yes
24/04/2024 06:27	Riccardo	Areosa	Red Sox Legends	yes
22/04/2024 20:29	Erin	Balley	Palmerston United	yes
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02/05/2024 21:26	Mickey	Bebb	Palmerston North United	yes
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23/04/2024 12:41	Liz	Johanson	Marist	yes
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22/04/2024 14:53	Thomas	Kelly	Linton Football Club	yes
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02/05/2024 15:32	Sharon	Kenyon	Marist	yes
23/04/2024 14:08	Edward	Kettle	Palmerston North marist	yes
23/04/2024 12:44	Asyraf	Khairul	Eastern Suburbs AFC	no
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23/04/2024 12:43	Konrad	Kiefersauer	Palmerston North United	yes
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25/04/2024 22:30	Richard	Knox	Red Sox	yes
02/05/2024 15:55	Blair	Lankahear	TAKARO AFC	no
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02/05/2024 23:15	Robin	Murray	Redsocks	yes
25/04/2024 07:12	Marise	Murrie	Marist	yes
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22/04/2024 16:38	Darryl	Pearson	Palmerston north united	yes
29/04/2024 17:15	Shayna	Peat	Ruahine	yes
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23/04/2024 12:50	Hao	Peng	North End AFC	yes
25/04/2024 19:08	Sarah	Percy	Ruahine	yes
23/04/2024 16:37	David	Phillips	Takaro afc	yes
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24/04/2024 22:36	Anton	Ross	Marist	yes
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23/04/2024 19:36	Steven	Rowlett	Palmerston North Marist Football Club	yes
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22/04/2024 20:03	Michael	Sheridan	Palmerston North United	yes
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23/04/2024 12:30	Nadya	Slack	Takaro	yes
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23/04/2024 11:40	Luke	Spurgeon	Marist FC	yes
22/04/2024 21:56	Tayla	Steele	Palmy United	yes
27/04/2024 21:42	Joe	stevenson	PNBHS 2NDS	yes
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02/05/2024 16:41	Jesse	Teumohenga	Marist FC	yes
23/04/2024 11:23	Keryn	Tucker	Levin AFC	yes
02/05/2024 17:39	Andrew	Turner	Takaro AFC	no
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28/04/2024 15:29	Paul	Van Deventer	Marist	yes
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22/04/2024 22:58	Jamie	Watson	Nelson Suburbs	yes
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23/04/2024 11:08	Tyler	Wood	Marist	yes
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02/05/2024 15:36	Matthew	Wylie	Linton Football Club	yes
23/04/2024 15:01	Jimena	Yapura	Manawatu Red Sox	yes

**Upgrade and Add to Community Facilities in Palmerston North  
Submission on 2024-2034 Long Term Plan**

Dear Palmerston North City Council,

As a proud business owner in the vibrant community of Awapuni, I am thrilled to see the council's commitment to building a new Awapuni Community Library Hub. This initiative has the potential to be a game-changer for our city, and I urge you to embrace the principles of the creative city concept and think boldly about the possibilities. We need a space not just to exist, but to thrive, to be the spark that inspires!

**The Great, the Vibrant.....and the Utterly Bland**

After nearly 8 years as a business owner in Awapuni, all I can say is WOW. What an awesome, inspiring, and uplifting community. Bustling with young and old, laughter, sharing, care, and love, Awapuni has captured my heart. As a business owner in Palmy, taking on the challenge of turning a run-down bar into a vibrant meeting place was, without a doubt, the best decision I ever made. Our community is now a hub of joy, connecting with food and coffee, curiosity, and creativity. We share our greatest days and are supported in our saddest. We find beauty in the everyday. The transformation has been incredible, and it's a testament to the spirit of the Awapuni community. Long a student of the likes of Landry and Florida, it is no accident, as a business we have invested our resources and energy in creating a vibrant little corner in Palmy. Fostering creativity and celebrating culture, attracting talent encourages areas to thrive economically. In cities globally—from Austin to Bristol, from Montreal to Melbourne—these cities have become magnets for innovation, entrepreneurship, and quality of life.

The current concepts presented are bland, the costs appear arbitrary, and there appears to be no plan to look at the building in relation to the village as a whole. We have for many years been asking to develop a cohesive plan for village development

**Challenge the Mundane.**

This is the golden opportunity to design something more than a space—we need a nucleus for cultural and creative fission, a catalyst for communal and economic transformation.

Let's envision a hub that pulsates with life: part library, spaces for communities of interest, creating a thriving ecosystem in every sense. A place where we come to shelter when needed, learn, contemplate, interact, innovate, and inspire each other. A place that captures the spirit of our diverse community, that celebrates our unique heritage and our burgeoning future.

**From Words to Action**

As we stand on the brink of significant societal shifts driven by technological disruption, creating spaces for human connection will be more crucial than ever. We stand on the cusp of AI-driven change that will not just reshape our industries but how we connect as humans. The proposed hub should be a beacon of this new era, not just a shelter from it.

In Awapuni, I've witnessed the transformation that a creative and engaged community can bring. It's not just about coffee or books; it's about creating a sanctuary where innovation and tradition meld seamlessly, where every corner offers a story, every encounter a potential collaboration, where there is heart.

**Be Bold, Be Brave, Be Palmy**

Let's be audacious. Let's challenge ourselves to think differently. Let's hunt down the magic makers in our community. Let's LISTEN to them and the community! Then explore options to resource the creation of something truly extraordinary. Let's make this a wee spark that ignites something really exciting; make Palmy a shining example of what's possible when we embrace creativity, community, and bold thinking.



## 1041-2

### **Goal 2: A Creative and Exciting City**

- A vibrant city that connects people and where creativity is built into our cityscape
- An arts community and cultural facilities that are well supported and invested in
- Our unique heritage preserved and promoted
- Opportunities to celebrate our many cultures
- Access to exciting well-managed events and activities throughout the city and our neighbourhoods
- Places across the city and its neighbourhoods for communities to participate in play and recreation

Without a creative and vibrant city, there won't be a

### **Goal 1: An Innovative and Growing City.**

I should like to speak with other members of the Awapuni community when they are scheduled to speak. Beverly Paige, David Chapple, etc

Jeanine Gribbin

Boho Café

7(2)(a) Privacy

**From:** 7(2)(a) Privacy  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 May 2024 7:48 am  
**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Rates change proposal

By means of this writing I like to let you know my strong objection to just the idea of change to the rates decrease level for lifestyle residents.

This based on the low level of benefit lifestyle residents receive from their rates in general. Drinking water, sewerage, no street lights are just some examples of low level benefit. No matter what the outcome for the rate change might be, the fact remains that there is not enough money is received. Just the factor debt interest to pay has climbed too high. Local government can simply not operate without increased funding from central government, however, the sewage problem should have been fixed years ago. Looking to overseas rates funding models shows the importance of central government funding, like in the Netherlands. The present system is just unsustainable, however, increasing the rates for life style residents is not the answer to an ongoing problem. An overhaul of the whole rates system is needed, especially with the many infrastructure problems councils facing these days, but this can only succeed with central government commitment. Again, changing life style resident rate rebate system is not the answer, far from it actually.

Regards, Andre Hofman

Sent from my Galaxy

9 May 2024

Foodstuffs North Island Limited  
Attn: Palmerston North City Council  
Via email: submission@pncc.govt.nz

### **Submission in Support of Palmerston North City Council Proposed Development Contributions Policy (Long Term Plan 2024-2034)**

1. Foodstuffs is New Zealand's largest grocery retailer with 330 stores across the North Island. Foodstuffs has an established 30,000m<sup>2</sup> ambient controlled distribution centre at 703 Roberts Line, Palmerston North ("**Facility**" including "Expansion" as set out in paragraph 2). The Facility provides essential food distribution to the lower North Island, to supply approximately 1.5 million people.
2. Foodstuffs has recently lodged a resource consent application (district and regional) for enabling earthworks associated with the proposed expansion of the Facility. The proposed expansion is approximately 75,000m<sup>2</sup> ("expansion"). The land use consent application for the activity/building is currently being prepared for lodgement. Foodstuffs has expended significant time and resource progressing this complex project, including engaging extensively with the Palmerston North City Council ("**Council**").
3. Foodstuffs could not gain advantage in trade competition through this submission.
4. Foodstuffs supports the Proposed Development Contributions Policy in its entirety.
5. Foodstuffs wishes to be heard in support of this submission.

#### SUBMISSION

6. Foodstuffs supports in full the proposed 2024 Development Contributions Policy, specifically the reduction of development contributions in the updated Fees Schedule for Area Q for non-residential developments.

We submit in support for the following reasons:

7. The reduction of DC's associated to Area Q will encourage industrial development within Palmerston North, consequently creating significant economic boost and employment opportunities. This will supplement residential growth in the District by bringing people to the area.
8. The reduction of DC's will aid in boosting expansion of satellite industrial developments such as those in the North East Industrial Zone where Foodstuffs is currently located.
9. We agree and support the Council's changes to further reduce or exclude non-residential DC's where connections to reticulated water services may not be required.

10. The proposed 2024 Development Contributions Policy will better achieve the purpose of development contributions, and will be more consistent with the development contributions principles, set out in sections 197AA and 197AB respectively.
11. Overall, we request a decision to approve the proposed 2024 Development Contributions Policy, especially as it relates to non-residential developments.

Yours sincerely | Nāku noa, nā

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# 1044-1

## Submission

This is the submission of Historic Places Manawatū-Horowhenua to the Long Term Plan. Our organization aims are to preserve and promote the built heritage of this region.

### GOAL 2: A creative and exciting city

#### **1447-Earthquake prone heritage building fund [\$150,000 p.a]**

We support this programme at its ongoing level of funding.

- The programme supports Goal 1: An innovative and growing city
- The programme supports Goal 2: A creative and exciting city

A wide range of commercial and public buildings in Palmerston North still need to undergo earthquake-strengthening however this work remains unaffordable for many small business owners. The risk is that resorting to demolition due to the costs involved will decimate many of the older buildings in our CBD. It will destroy the diversity of buildings which makes our streetscape a vibrant urban environment. This fund assists in the preservation work. It will also enable the ongoing economic use of these city buildings as part of a growing city.

#### **1824-Care and Maintenance of Public Art and Historic Objects [\$24 – 50,000 p.a.]**

We support this programme at its ongoing level of funding.

- The programme supports Goal 2: A creative and exciting city

Our built heritage also includes historic structures such as memorials and public sculptures. Palmerston North City Council in particular has worked with the Public Sculpture Trust to add significant outdoor artworks to the inner city. This fund will assist in their preservation and in repairing any damage due for example to vandalism.

#### **1323-Heritage Digitization Programme (City Library) [\$50 – 61,000 p.a.]**

**We support this programme** for the expansion of Palmerston North's presence in digital media. In particular this would be for the Manawatū Heritage website and for the continuing download of local newspapers into the Papers Past website.

**We ask that the budget per annum be increased.**

- The programme supports Goal 2: A creative and exciting city

The Manawatū Heritage website, run by the Palmerston North City Library, holds a wealth and diversity of information. It is extensively used by researchers locally and nationally for its genealogical information, readily available images, oral interviews and research notes. The Council also draws upon the website holdings to promote Palmerston North as a creative and exciting city.

The report titled *Annual Progress report on Heritage Themes in Council Programmes 2022/23* to the Culture and Sport Committee Council, 28 June 2023 states that the current files on Manawatū Heritage total 2.53TB. The current files digitised but awaiting metadata and description for upload total 8.9TB, triple what is now on the website.

## 1044-2

The requested increase would be for staffing. This large backlog of further archives is constrained only by staff time available. A fixed contract worker would assist in greatly reducing this backlog and making these available for public use.

The Papers Past website, run by the National Library, is the only website holding the majority of New Zealand's newspapers in searchable digital form. It is also heavily used by researchers in the heritage community. At present the Manawatū Standard and Daily Times are available only up to 1945. The Standard has granted permission to extend to 1990 but the National Library requires co-funding by the Palmerston North City Library.

### **902-Property - Seismic Strengthening of Council Properties [\$35 million and \$37 million]**

We strongly support this programme for seismic strengthening of the City Library and Te Manawa.

We would ask that the seismic strengthening for both institutions NOT be deferred.

- The programme supports Goal 1: An innovative and growing city
- The programme supports Goal 2: A creative and exciting city
- The programme supports Goal 3: A connected and safe city

Both public buildings have been declared earthquake prone. The library has structural issues and both institutions are reaching capacity for storage of their collections.

We propose that both institutions contribute strongly to the City Council's stated goals.

Te Manawa and the City Library [with the Ian Matheson City Archives] are treasure houses of this city. Over the years they have been vital leaders in Palmerston North's goal of helping people connect with the city's past, celebrating its history and heritage.

The two institutions are heavily used community spaces. They encourage creativity and discovery by offering exhibitions, events and extensive public programmes which are free or affordable to the community. The institutions have celebrated the diversity of our communities, empowering people in Palmerston North.

Te Manawa and the City Library also generate economic gains for Palmerston North. Exhibitions and events such as Local History Week held by these institutions have attracted visitors from outside the city and contribute to our local economy. As a science centre Te Manawa additionally has the potential to promote local scientific innovations.

The institutions contribute strongly to the image of Palmerston North as a creative and exciting city [Goal 2] and have been widely promoted by the Council as city highlights. They are an essential part of the vibrancy of Palmerston North needed to attract people to this city.

The potential of the City Library and Te Manawa in particular are only compromised down by their facilities. These are now aged and no longer cater for the current diversity of cultural activities that could be carried out within.

## 1044-3

In relation to both buildings Historic Places Manawatū-Horowhenua would ask that their heritage value be acknowledge.

The Manawatū Art Gallery, built in 1976 and now part of the Te Manawa complex, would be the best work of local architect, David Taylor, and was given a New Zealand Institute of Architects' award in 2021 for Enduring Architecture, marking its architectural merit, ongoing usefulness and relevance. The gallery is, with the Council building and Conference Centre, one of a trio in Brutalist architecture style and part of the uniformity of the urban streetscape that comprises the proposed Civic and Cultural Precinct.

The Library building has a visually rich façade on the Square and retains its interior detailing. It was once the home of CM Ross & Co. [Roscos], one of Palmerston North's three locally owned department stores. Its architectural merit has been enhanced by its respectful redevelopment in the 1990s by famous Wellington architect, Ian Athfield.

Historic Places Manawatū-Horowhenua would argue it is more economical and environmentally sustainable to recycle an older building or construct an entirely new building. We believe there is merit in re-purposing the old to serve as the new and would therefore ask that the Manawatū Art Gallery and current Library buildings be retained.

WE DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK TO OUR SUBMISSION.

**Contact details:**

Cindy Lilburn

Chairwoman

Historic Places Manawatū-Horowhenua

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# 1045-1

## Central Districts Branch ARANZ

The Central Districts Branch of the Archives and Records Association of NZ represents professional and sole archivists in the lower North Island, from Horowhenua to Taranaki, Wairarapa, Hawkes Bay and Tairāwhiti.

### GOAL 2: A creative and exciting city

#### **1323-Heritage Digitization Programme (City Library) [\$50 – 61,000 p.a.]**

**We support this programme** for the expansion of Palmerston North's presence in digital media. In particular this would be for the Manawatū Heritage website and for the continuing upload of local newspapers into the Papers Past website.

**We ask that the budget per annum be increased.**

- The programme supports Goal 2: A creative and exciting city

The Manawatū Heritage website, run by the Palmerston North City Library, holds a wealth and diversity of information. It is extensively used by researchers locally and nationally for its genealogical information, readily available images, oral interviews and research notes. The Council also draws upon the website holdings to promote Palmerston North as a creative and exciting city.

The report titled *Annual Progress report on Heritage Themes in Council Programmes 2022/23* to the Culture and Sport Committee Council, 28 June 2023 states that the current files on Manawatū Heritage total 2.53TB. The current files digitised but awaiting metadata and description for upload total 8.9TB, triple what is on the website.

The requested increase would be for staffing. This large backlog of further archives is constrained only by staff time available. A fixed contract worker would assist in greatly reducing this backlog and making these available for public use.

The Papers Past website, run by the National Library, is the only website holding the majority of New Zealand's newspapers in searchable digital form. It is also heavily used by researchers in the heritage community. At present the Manawatu Standard and Daily Times are available only up to 1945. The Standard has granted permission to extend to 1990 but the National Library requires co-funding by the Palmerston North City Library.

#### **902-Property - Seismic Strengthening of Council Properties**

**Our organization strongly supports this programme** to upgrade the Palmerston North City Library and Te Manawa.

**We ask that this programme not be deferred** beyond the proposed time-frame.

Both these institutions, in particular the Palmerston North City Library, are the treasure houses for this city's archives.



## 1045-2

We would argue that a new permanent home is needed for the Palmerston North City Council archives – with room to grow in the future as we collect the archives of today.

The Council and community archives are the evidence underpinning this city's history. They are a record of our past and present.

The archives support Goal 2 – A creative and exciting city.

The care given to our treasures indicates we are a city that respects and celebrates our culture. Archives strengthen our ability to promote this city and its diversity. They are used to contribute to exhibitions, events such as Local History Week and for education programmes.

They meet Goal 3 – A connected and safe city

Together official Council documents and community archives with their wealth of club, society and personal papers give an all-round personal view of our city's past that cannot be met by Council archives alone. They enable and encourage our citizens – and people from around the world – to connect with Palmerston North's heritage.

### **Currently:**

Half of the council archives are in inadequate off-site storage separate from the Palmerston North City Library. Space for the remaining archives held in the Library building is now reaching capacity.

Access is limited for the public with the hassles of transporting files across the city. There is no dedicated reading room where researchers such as school children under the new schools' history curriculum can view the records.

Both the proposed library renovations and Te Manawa re-build will require re-housing of the Council archives. Ideally this should be before construction begins if they are to be protected from risks of fire and flood during the building process.

### **We support:**

Both the City Library and Te Manawa have collections which require good storage facilities of similar standard. If storage is viewed as separate from the functions of public spaces, display and education then a combined storage area for the two could provide economies of scale. It could be constructed in advance of the buildings which would house the public functions of the Library and Te Manawa. It could also enable synergy – greater "working together" between the two institutions.

We ask that the City Council be bold and give this city's archives the opportunity to highlight Palmerston North's heritage.

WE DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK TO OUR SUBMISSION.

### **Contact details:**

Cindy Lilburn

Secretary, Central Districts Branch ARANZ

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**From:** Marilyn and David Palamountain <7(2)(a) Privacy>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 May 2024 8:34 am  
**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Feedback

Good morning

Items of feedback

I support the hybrid option for how rates are calculated

# 1047

## Long-Term Plan submission form



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### Your contact details

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### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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### Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
Which option do you prefer?	1. Preferred option: Hybrid (a mixture of land and capital value)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	This option is more fair. Capital value takes into account bathrooms etc that are indicators of usage.

### Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Prefer not to say
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed
Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which	Support as proposed

includes expanded community space within a new library

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Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Support as proposed

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Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Do not support

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## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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?

No

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## General comment areas

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

Booklet in my mailbox

# 1048

## Long-Term Plan submission form



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### Your contact details

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### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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### Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North rural area
Which option do you prefer?	1. Preferred option: Hybrid (a mixture of land and capital value)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	Hopefully, a more stable rate over time. Hopefully, fairer to more ratepayers.
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	More erratic values and rates over time.
Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	The changes don't seem to take into account the lack of bus services and safe cycle lanes to areas like Polson Hill Drive.

### Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support as proposed

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

I value and support the changing cultural mix in the City and believe this will provide tangible support to those who need it.

Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building

Support as proposed

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

As above.

Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building

Support as proposed

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

An extremely important City facility.

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

Support with changes/comments

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project

Beware of overspend and scrutinise cost/benefit more closely.

Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Support as proposed

Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Support as proposed

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project

An important facility that could be used more with improvement.

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

Don't overspend. Pace yourselves.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

Which option do you prefer?

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

Please tell us why you prefer this option

We need to ensure that our buildings are safe and useful.

Do you have any other comments?

We should push back where heritage status and restrictions prevent building renovation or cause unnecessary delays. Heritage facades fool no-one and often add unnecessary cost and time to projects.

## 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?

Yes

We're proposing to stop collecting development contributions

Yes

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?

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?

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

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

These options appear to support development, as long as Council has the necessary funds for new roading etc.

## General comment areas

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

Approve

Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

Ring road should help ease traffic problems. Improved traffic behaviour is as important as cycle lanes to protect cyclists. Pedestrians and cyclists are still learning how to use shared paths. Not a comfortable situation for many.

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

Council should look at existing unused water bores e.g. the bore at the entrance to Polson Hill Drive to either supplement current supply, or extend to nearby unserviced houses. Nature calls must allow for more currently unserviced areas to be connected to ensure no pollution of the Manawatu river.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing

Good initiatives to increase housing supply, but we need to curb urban drift onto useful food producing land adjacent to the city, especially while there is still space within the city.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city

Seems well informed and positive.

Please share any feedback about rubbish and recycling services

Need more clarity and diversity in recycling options. Perhaps a greenwaste collection in rural subdivisions would reduce rubbish fires or trips to the dump.

Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years

I fail to see the justification for the reduction of the rates 'discount' to rural subdivisions.

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

Keep up the good work. We have a very strong council in quite uncertain times. Thank you.

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

Council website  
Rates letter or email  
Social media  
Family or friends

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

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## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
Which option do you prefer?	2. Capital value (CV)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	Our house is not modernised and is in the centre of a large section. We have been hit with really big rates rises (almost 30%at one stage). CV seems the best option for us.
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	We would pay higher rates with the other options.
Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	Yes. Your present rating option seems to be aimed at getting people to subdivide. Unfortunately our section is not easily subdivided due to its shape and house position. We feel unfairly targeted with constant rates rises.

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural	Support with changes/comments



communities to use for activities, events and services

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

I support this option if the centre can be used by all cultures and groups within the city.

Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building

Do not support

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

Pasifika are 6% of the population so why do they need their own facility. Could they not share the Multicultural Facility? Isn't that that Multicultural means. They could also make use of Te Patikitiki Library if that was to be expanded. It is relatively close by. Makes more sense cost wise to build one centre than multiple centres.

Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building

Support with changes/comments

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

Only support this if it incorporates space for Pasifika/other groups to use.

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

Do not support

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project

I use the Awapuni Library a lot so I would greatly benefit from a new centre. But it's never busy and in my opinion for purpose. It's a quick trip by bus into the main library. Better to put this money somewhere else in the budget.

Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Do not support

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

Fantastic idea but not for this time. The city can't afford another big project, or one that is up in the air budget wise.

Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Do not support

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project

Cost issues are why I do not support this.

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

Palmerston North is a small city so travel around is fast and easy (even by bus or bike) so I do not feel we need multiple big facilities. Multiple facilities will need more administration and staffing which is an added ongoing cost. We are also facing huge spending on water and other infrastructure so cutting back on spending ( and future debt) makes sense to me.

## 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

Please tell us why you prefer this option

We need to reduce our debt burden on the rate payers and renters of this city. We should fix these facilities in their current location.

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

More debt for ratepayers.

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Do you have any other comments?

I feel like I'm not

## Development contributions questions

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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?

No

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?

No

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

No

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

You appear to be adding more fees onto people subdividing their land which doesn't seem fair when they already pay more on rates.

## General comment areas

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

This ten year plan is too expensive and ambitious.  
Cut back on the spending.  
We can't afford the debt. Our children will be paying it back.

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

Council website

# 1050

## Long-Term Plan submission form



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### Your contact details

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### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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### Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
Please tell us why you prefer this option	Using the system supplied by the council to work out preferred option, this is the least expensive for me (on a limited income as a pensioner) and the option I prefer.
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	They are more expensive than the option I prefer.
Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	The amount of bathrooms, toilets etc. a house has should determine what rates are when it comes to services supplied (water, sewerage etc.)

### Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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

Until the financial situation the council has got us (the rate payers) into has got to the point where annual rates increases are no longer in double digits, any spending on NICE TO HAVEs needs to be halted. I am not against leasing a space for this purpose but when it comes to priorities this is a nice to have. Fundraising and user pays by those needing space could be a solution

Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building

Do not support

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

The finances of the council are in a poor state and unnecessary spending on NICE TO HAVE's need to be halted until debt is under control. I am not against this project but feel that in the present situation the Community that use the existing Centre may need to fundraise for refurbishments needed.

Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building

Do not support

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

It is unrealistic for the council to expect the ratepayers to continue supporting these NICE TO HAVE projects. Again, I am not against the refurbishment as such, but financially it is not viable for the ratepayer to fund this until debt is under control. The council needs to concentrate on paying off debt and prioritizing spending on NEEDED works/ capital projects.

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

Do not support

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project

This is a huge project that is a NICE TO HAVE. After spending money on updates on the existing leased library the council needs to put a hold this project. There is no indication on when all of these new houses in this area are going ahead, so the council is wanting to spend money on something to provide a service for a community that has not yet expanded. Another debt for ratepayers.

Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Do not support

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

Another huge NICE TO HAVE project but even supporters of this SHOULD agree that this must go on hold until council debt and borrowing is CONTROLLED. This should be put on hold until after the water projects and other NECESSARY capital projects are funded

Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Support with changes/comments

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project

Replace Arena 5 only. Leave turfs, toilet and changing blocks until future council finances allow.

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

We have a beautiful city and community facilities that need to suffice until we, as ratepayers, can rely on our council/future council to sort out and reduce debt. Spending / borrowing more money for use on NICE TO HAVE projects is a no brainer. As home owners we have to balance our finances and watch our spending. We expect the council to do the same with our ratepayer payments.

## 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

Please tell us why you prefer this option

Do the work required and look at upgrades/rebuilds in the future when debt and borrowing are reduced.

## 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?

Yes

## General comment areas

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

Our city is beautiful as it is. We do not think the council should be spending any more ratepayer money on prettying up our streets (Cuba street and the Square). It needs to prioritize spending to only capital projects and not NICE TO HAVES... Ratepayers are not a bottomless pit and are already struggling to make ends meet. The increases that the council are planning in coming years is going to force people (ratepayers) out of their homes (or is this what the council wants!)

Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

The Featherston street darkle speaks for itself. It is a nightmare. We do not want it to expand to Ruahine street and on to Botanical road. You, as OUR council, need to make a decision based on what Palmerston North ratepayers want. We are a small city, NOT AUCKLAND. Stop it now... Ring road etc. all good.

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

Stop wasting money on projects such as cycle ways and walk ways / beautification/Streetscape upgrades (the square and Cuba street). These are just NICE TO HAVE projects. The biggest project that the council has known about for many many years and not acted on, is the water project. We think that finance needs to be targets towards large capital projects like this instead of keeping people happy projects. This project affects all residents (not just ratepayers and businesses) in Palmerston North. To expect the burden of cost to be placed back on the ratepayers to the extent that the council is expecting over the next 10 years is unrealistic.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing

More pensioner housing is required. This age group is now upon you. The integration of pensioner housing with social housing does not always work. Older people mostly want a quiet life. Getting single/married pensioners out of larger council / social houses into smaller council pension units frees up larger houses for families.

**Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city**

City growth sounds great but we must ensure the infrastructure is at a standard that can sustain the housing growth the council is suggesting. It is unrealistic to expect the ratepayers to have to fund any extra for growth like this.

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

We choose to pay for our own greenwaste and rubbish collection. Rubbish bags is not an option we wanted.

**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

If they are as predicted over the next 10 years, the ageing population of ratepayers (and younger ones still paying mortgages) in Palmerston North will be forced into a position where they may have to give up their hard earned homes. This situation is untenable and would have been brought on by a council who could not curb their spending and balance their books (even when warned by their auditor about unrealistic plans).

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

We don't know what is to come in the future, but we as homeowners, ratepayers, parents, grandparents, retirees and an ex hard working couple who always did the right thing and followed the rules when it came to paying off debts and our mortgage and saving for our twilight years do not want to see our hard earned savings dwindled in paying excessive rates because of unrealistic spending and borrowing on NICE TO HAVE projects instead of on ESSENTIAL services and projects.

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

Booklet in my mailbox

Rates letter or email

Social media

Other: Palmerston North Residents Committee

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

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## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North rural area
Which option do you prefer?	1. Preferred option: Hybrid (a mixture of land and capital value)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	With higher density housing more services are required to support a smaller land area.

## Community facilities questions

Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support as proposed
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project	Multicultural centres reflect the fact Palmy has a diverse population and we should provide an area where people can aggregate for community purposes.
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project	NZ is of the Pacific as described in numerous documents. While more Pacifica reside in Auckland than Palmy, having a larger centre will assist larger gatherings in the region.
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support with changes/comments

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

Community centres are vital to maintain a healthy and prosperous population. I prefer to see an expanded book collection as I am a fan of libraries and view books as knowledge as much as entertainment. Also, noting the multicultural and Pacifica centres are being expanded, having books in other languages makes sense.

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

Support as proposed

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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project

A larger population requires more community centres.

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Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Support with changes/comments

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

I think this initiative could be a keystone attraction for Palmy if done right. It needs to become a world class attraction, not cheesy but Maori culture delivered with integrity. Like the Turangawaewae at Ohakea air base that has a world-wide standing among air forces around the world, especially showcasing the integration of indigenous culture within western society, this attraction could put Palmy on the map. You might need more motel accommodation nearby if stage shows and events are held there.

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Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Support with changes/comments

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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project

Sports are vital for a healthy community and it brings visitors into the city for tournaments. Why don't we have an ice rink for ice hockey and skating sports?

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## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

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Which option do you prefer?

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

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Please tell us why you prefer this option

I do wonder if in-sourcing or outsourcing is a better model for some functions. Can the council create its own company to do this work? Essentially as a non-profit organisation. I tend to think the current government is amenable to extending the upgrade timeline. At the end of the day, Palmy doesn't tend to get big quakes, and a building only has to retain sufficient strength until it is evacuated. After that, who cares?

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## Development contributions questions

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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

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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

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We're proposing to add the cost of interest from borrowing

Yes



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?

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

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

In essence, dividing up land for more habitation infers more services are required to support the increasing population, so it makes sense. It seems like a tax on people who are subdividing land though and assumes they will make a capital gain to make it worthwhile. If fees are too high, then it may dissuade people from dividing their land.

## General comment areas

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

Small city benefits, big city ambition. I don't get it. What is it you are trying to be, a vision should be some aspirational goal, enduring, a struggle to get to and potentially unachievable (hence the enduring bit). We need to say what we want Palmy to be, the aiming point. We have two military bases, agriculture, a uni, an industrial area, a goods distribution area ... . Perhaps: the hub of the lower North Island, or to be a city of 200, 000 people, or transform into a science and technology export region (why is Rocket Lab building rockets and satellites in Auckland? Why not Palmy?)

Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

Once again insourcing V's outsourcing. \$13M a year in our road maintenance contract. Let's say you had 30 people on \$80k a year to do maintenance, that's 2.4m. A few trucks a yard and some gear might be cheaper and more responsive. Use contractors for big jobs, not maintenance. I do think Palmy airport should have a longer runway and there should be a plan to divert Milson Rd to create space - budget for it now. Also, what is the go with Whanganui Port? Is there a coastal shipping opportunity that Palmy can tap into to move goods via rail and road?

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

This is a hard one. Old infrastructure will always be a challenge.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing

House building is too slow and expensive. The medium density housing by the dairy on Ruahine St is taking forever, why? We need to find a way to build faster and cheaper, but retaining quality. Perhaps you need to convene an industry partnership to help facilitate construction activities. Create our own regional end-to-end supply chain for housing construction.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city

Energy is the biggie for me. We will consume more electricity as we grow. How can we facilitate generation and transmission of electricity to Palmy?

Please share any feedback about rubbish and recycling services

Rubbish is a fact of modern life. Keep it as cheap as you can to discourage fly tipping. Electronic waste is expensive to get rid of too. It stops people from getting rid of it. We need an electronic waste area to accumulate it and find ways to extract value from it.

Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years

The cost of living crisis is real, even I struggle in the supermarket and I can't remember the last time I fully filled my car petrol tank. Cut what is unnecessary, like bicycle lanes. Focus on what will add value to Palmy that will keep infrastructure reliable and bring in cash and investment.

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

One thing I would like to see is a Te Manawa off shoot that is an interactive museum to promote STEM learning. A museum for all ages where it is illegal to not touch the devices. Something akin to the interactive museum in Santiago, Chile. Kids and adults spend hours there in amazement of all the machinery, devices and things to push, pull and turn. Local industry and the uni can make and donate most of the devices. It just needs a super large building to contain them. Seriously, it is worth exploring the idea as a major attraction to the region. If we are aspiring to be an innovative city then we need to inspire kids to learn STEM and understand basic principles of technology, biology, mechanics, electricity - even large soap bubbles you can stand inside of. In Chile I saw kids running into the building and crying when it was time to leave as they were having so much fun.

Perhaps we need a large indoor market for butchers, bakers, growers etc who will not use so much packaging as supermarkets, and will probably be cheaper, locally grown and better quality produce.

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

Rates letter or email

# 1052

## Long-Term Plan submission form



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### Your contact details

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Last name	Coats
Organisation you represent	Parti Pris Limited
Email	
Phone	

### 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	<b>Wednesday 15 May:</b> <b>Thursday 16 May:</b> <b>Friday 17 May:</b> 9am to 12.30pm
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 Business owner who pays commercial/industrial rates in Palmerston North
Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
Please tell us why you prefer this option	The Land Value current system is well understood and accepted by the ratepayer.
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	The proposed Capital Value (CV) and/or Hybrid is poorly explained, the

scant saving (if any) will be eaten up by further complicated processes which are unnecessary. This will result in wastage of precious council funds for no viable return when the Council debt level are already considered very high. The effects of the proposed change or hybrid system will result in increased rates.

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

Better information should have been provided to the public as part of the consultation documents.

- 1) What is the total number of rural, residential, and commercial ratepayers in 2024 and the projected number in 2034 based on the proposed consultation documents?
  - 2) What portion of the existing ratepayers in 2023/2024 default on their rates payment?
  - 3) Of the portion of existing ratepayers in 2023/2024 that default on their rates payments doing so due to genuine financial hardship?
  - 4) Of that portion who experience hardship and cannot afford the current level of household debt, how does the council respond?
  - 5) What consideration has been given to the ability of the average ratepayer or socioeconomically challenged ratepayers to pay the increased rates levels proposed by the Council.
- Penalties are very high for anyone who misses a payment by a couple of days so this is an important question to understand the level of current default on rates payments from the community, particularly when the council is planning to spend millions more in borrowing to fund multiple projects (library, bus terminal etc) which will have to be paid for by the ratepayer.

## Community facilities questions

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

No

**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**

Do not support unless it is affordable to ratepayers of Palmerston North. The level of PNCC debt is of concern and the Council should not ask the community to agree to fund projects that will impact the ratepayers ability to pay their rates without providing clarity about how this project (and any other) will negatively impact the ratepayers. The available online information indicates that the debt per rating unit is about \$5,126 per household and the interest paid on this debt is \$140 per rating unit. However, others have quoted much higher figures of almost \$9000 per household (rated unit), so there is some discrepancy. The Council must have this information and it would be useful to a submitter to have that information at hand as part of the consultation.

**Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building**

Do not support

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

Do not support unless it is affordable to ratepayers of Palmerston North. The level of PNCC debt is of concern and the Council should not ask the community to agree to fund projects that will impact the ratepayers ability to pay their rates without providing clarity about how this project (and any other) will negatively impact the ratepayers.

**Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building**

Do not support

**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project**

Do not support unless it is affordable to ratepayers of Palmerston North. The level of PNCC debt is of concern and the Council should not ask the community to agree to fund projects that will impact the ratepayers ability to pay their rates without providing clarity about how this project

(and any other) will negatively impact the ratepayers.

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

Do not support

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**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project**

Do not support unless it is affordable to ratepayers of Palmerston North. The level of PNCC debt is of concern and the Council should not ask the community to agree to fund projects that will impact the ratepayers ability to pay their rates without providing clarity about how this project (and any other) will negatively impact the ratepayers.

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**Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park**

Do not support

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

Do not support unless it is affordable to ratepayers of Palmerston North. The level of PNCC debt is of concern and the Council should not ask the community to agree to fund projects that will impact the ratepayers ability to pay their rates without providing clarity about how this project (and any other) will negatively impact the ratepayers.

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**Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks**

Do not support

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**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project**

Do not support unless it is affordable to ratepayers of Palmerston North. The level of PNCC debt is of concern and the Council should not ask the community to agree to fund projects that will impact the ratepayers ability to pay their rates without providing clarity about how this project (and any other) will negatively impact the ratepayers.

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

There is a concern that the proposed debt level cannot be funded by our community. One of the reasons given nationally for all councils to raise rates is debt repayments and interest rate rises.

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## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

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**Which option do you prefer?**

2. Only do the required seismic upgrades of these facilities in their current locations

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**Please tell us why you prefer this option**

It's not really the option preferred. The preferred option is a hybrid option 2. At a fundamental level it has to be determined if it's in the best interests of Palmerston North to retain and strengthen each building. What other options were excluded and declined, should any previously discounted options be revisited now that the total costs are known?

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

These projects appear to include "nice to have" but the local economy has shrunk in 2023. "Infometrics provisional estimates show a 0.2%pa fall in economic activity in the December 2023 quarter, dragging year-end growth down to just 0.7%pa. Construction activity is lower too, and future intentions to build continue to fall too. Jobs activity remains firm, but wider slack in the labour market has seen the unemployment rate increase as migration fuels growth in the labour force, but businesses are hiring less." With this backdrop the ratepayers of Palmerston North cannot afford rates increased level of rates these bespoke projects include.

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## Development contributions questions

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**We're proposing to increase the contributions for residential development and decrease the non-residential fee to more**

No

equitably distribute the cost of growth. Do you agree with this change?

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? No

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? No

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

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

1) Residential DC's -There is a shortage of housing in Palmerston North. Increasing development contributions for residential properties is detrimental to the supply of sections in PN.  
2) Nature calls project: External funding is still borrowing and interest on the loans for this infrastructure. The Nature calls project commenced with a budget of \$240 million about 3 years ago and has grown to around \$600 million. The scope of the project needs to be reviewed to understand if whether the project is delivering the original objective in terms of sewage treatment for the city or whether the project scope now includes other "nice to have" but non-essential. The Council make decisions based on the advice received, this budget keeps climbing, the public has no idea whether the scope of the project is the same or whether the proposed cost is essential spending or not. The increased costs of interest being added to development contributions is likely to further reduce development activity and increase the cost of delivering housing in Palmerston North. There will be other cities that are more attractive for development.  
4. Non-residential: Non-residential and residential development that does not have a connection for water or wastewater should not have to pay development contributions for those services.

## General comment areas

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

"Small city benefits, big city ambition." Small city benefits are great, however, its the big city ambition that appears to be at issue in the LTP 2024-34. Does the ambition match the needs assessment for the projects proposed? Does the city really want increased cycle way that result in the terrible outcome along Featherston Street? The vision requires review.

Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

PNCC states that they have "assumed" that for these projects we "may" receive around \$210M from NZ Transport Agency – Waka Kotahi. The Council intends to spend \$481M and if this assumption that NZTA will foot \$210M is incorrect, then PN "may" be forced to borrow the shortfall, with repayments to come from a further rates increase down the line.

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

Just under a NZ\$1 billion of expenditure is proposed in the next 10 years. See other comments.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing

"Our city needs 400 new homes each year to make sure everyone has a home."  
1) PNCC is converting unused land on James Line into subdivision sections for people to build their dream home. The final stage of this development is proposed to take place in 2024-25, which will bring

another 35 sections to the market.  
2) PNCC says that plans are underway to provide around 50 or more homes. These homes will be on the Huia Street Reserve on the corner of Park Road and Fitzherbert Avenue.  
3) PNCC is looking to develop further homes at the "former Terrace End Bowling Club on Summerhays Street."  
In all these instances unless these houses are developed in a manner that is self sustaining and paid for by the sale of the properties, then the borrowing to create these houses is born by the ratepayers.  
The council must enable full implication of the NPS-UD and remove barriers through their strategies, ODP and other processes that cause delay to land supply and construction of new housing.

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city**

There are inaccuracies in the FDS. The land supply process has been similar for more than 10 years, possibly more than 20 years, yet PN currently has a shortage of residential sections and housing. This indicates the settings for land release is not correct.

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

It would be good to have a greenwaste bin that was reserved for compostable material collected when full by logging onto the Councils system.

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**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

The proposed rates are likely to be under-estimated.

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

Council website  
Rates letter or email  
City Councillor  
Family or friends

1053

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

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Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North rural area Landlord of a home in Palmerston North who lives here
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Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
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Please tell us why you prefer this option	Lowest increase for our property in the rural area
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Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	The change of the multiplier for rural area properties seems to be an unfair increase And that is based a small number of people. Present proposals increase our residential rates by 38% (LV), 48% (hybrid) or 68% (CV) which is exorbitant. By contrast the rental property 9.8% increase (LV), increase 2.1% (hybrid), reduction of 14% (CV). For many people that degree of increase will cause economic hardship, makes us wonder wonder how things will be after retiring. Additionally there is no increase of services - we already maintain our own water supply and sewerage systems which cost significantly to maintain. What are we getting?
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## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Prefer not to say
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed
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	Support as proposed
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?	No
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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?	No
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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
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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?	No
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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.	There will be other costs associated with any development
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## General comment areas

How did you find out about our long-term plan?	Booklet in my mailbox
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# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Lydia
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Last name	I
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Email

Phone

## Hearing

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

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North rural area
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Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
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Please tell us why you prefer this option	LV doesn't penalise people for investing in upgrades to their property.
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Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	It may discourage development and growth. It is also unfair to people who have gone to the effort to develop their property. We instead should be encouraging people to upgrade and develop their properties!
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Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	Comments on Reduction in the Discount that Rural Properties Get:  The proposal to reduce the discount that rural properties get in their
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rates is unfair for several reasons:

1. Rural dwellers use the town facilities far less than urban dwellers as they are not in town nearly as often and have their own alternatives to parks etc.
2. Much of a rural property's value does not come from the size of the house/potential number of occupants, but instead from the land and natural features. These natural features are not a financial burden to the PNCC. Even though a rural property might have a high CV or LV, it will not likely create as much financial burden on the council.
3. Many rural properties use a septic system and tank water, so are not even using the city's water supply or sewage system! This also makes it appropriate that they have reduced rates.

Further comment on the rate increase:

I think that increasing rates so significantly to cover libraries and multicultural centres is a very unwise move in this current recession climate. We should continue to maintain roads and improve our water quality as these are directly necessary for life. We should also maintain our current public buildings and assets, since letting them fall into disrepair will be more expensive long-term. However, we should hold-off building or expanding more 'nice' things until the economic climate is more stable and people can actually afford to buy a house to start with. You will create resentment among the people of Palmerston North by increasing their rates to pay for luxuries at a time when people are struggling to live.

## Community facilities questions

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

No

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

1. There are currently big churches who are more than happy to rent out large spaces at a very very cheap rate for multicultural communities to use for their gatherings. Our group has made use of this option many times. So there are alternatives. It's not as if there is nowhere for them to meet currently, which makes a multicultural center a luxury rather than a necessity.

2. This is a 'nice' thing to have long-term, but in this current climate where the cost of living is high and people can't afford to buy their own house or rent anything decent, it is irresponsible to increase rates to pay for such things.

Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building

Support with changes/comments

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

1. If the current building needs maintenance, this would be wise to do as it will prevent more cost of re-doing it in the future.

2. Expanding the Pasifika building is again, a luxury, not a necessity, so it should not be undertaken when it would mean increasing rates in this current economical climate where people are struggling to afford food and housing.

Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building

Do not support

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

1. There is a library. It is able to be used, and is used.

2. This is a 'nice' thing to have long-term, but in this current climate where the cost of living is high and people can't afford to buy their own

house or rent anything decent, it is irresponsible to increase rates to pay for such things.

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

Do not support

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**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project**

1. There is a library. It is able to be used, and is used.
2. This is a 'nice' thing to have long-term, but in this current climate where the cost of living is high and people can't afford to buy their own house or rent anything decent, it is irresponsible to increase rates to pay for such things.

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**Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park**

Do not support

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

1. There are multiple Marae in the Palmerston North area already, making this a luxury, not a necessity.
2. This is a 'nice' thing to have long-term, but in this current climate where the cost of living is high and people can't afford to buy their own house or rent anything decent, it is irresponsible to increase rates to pay for such things.

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**Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks**

Do not support

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**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project**

1. The current facilities are adequate, although do need maintenance. Maintenance is a good thing, but completely replacing it at such a high cost is a luxury, not a necessity.
2. This is a 'nice' thing to have long-term, but in this current climate where the cost of living is high and people can't afford to buy their own house or rent anything decent, it is irresponsible to increase rates to pay for such things.

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

The current community facilities are successful not because of how flash and new they look, but because of the people who gather there. A community is happy when they have a wise city council who does not put up rates to pay for unnecessary things in a time where people are struggling to live. They will be happy with what is available. More money spent on affordable housing or school lunches would be more appreciated and much more needed, as housing and food is something people use every day. Cultural centers and libraries are only used once a week at most.

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## **City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities**

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**Which option do you prefer?**

2. Only do the required seismic upgrades of these facilities in their current locations

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**Please tell us why you prefer this option**

Again, this the seismic upgrades are a necessity, and this will already cost a significant amount. We should stick to this to enable rates to stay lower in this current economic climate.

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

The other option is too expensive.

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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?

Yes

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

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?

No

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

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

Regarding adding the cost of interest from borrowing that funds infrastructure growth into the calculation of development contribution fees: I do not agree that people should have to pay for the previous council's bad decision to borrow money.  
Don't be like that previous council and make it worse by borrowing more!

## General comment areas

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

Palmerston North City Centre:  
Currently, Palmerston North city center has too few carparks, which makes popping into the shops around The Square and on Broadway very difficult. The more recent developments around The Square by the bus station resulted in less carparking and caused many small shops to close, doing the town a disservice. It is good to want to make an area look nice, but can we do it without sacrificing carparking, please?

The weather is not good enough in Palmerston North to encourage people to sit around outside, regardless of how many colourful plastic things there are to sit on. The traffic is worse in that area now as well, so the development did nothing but increase traffic problems and ruin the lives of the businesses who shrieved up during the development. Taking away carparking is only going to deter people from going to the city center. Many times I have driven around that area and not been able to stop for what I wanted to buy because there were not enough parks and the weather was too bad to walk more than a hundred meters without getting soaked or blown away.

I have young children, as do many, many families in Palmerston North, which makes biking or taking the bus out of the question. My older relatives also cannot bike or take the bus and rely on carparks. This is a huge percentage of our population that are inconvenienced by the lack of carparking around the city center.

I know a few charities down Broadway Ave who are thinking of closing or moving away because of fear at the talk of the potential developments down Broadway Ave. This is sad, as it has the potential to be such a vibrant place. More carparking and lower carparking rates would help this!!! See my point on transport below where I talk about the demographic who cannot bike or take the bus. Also, please remember that the climate in Palmy should play into town design!

Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

I have young children, as do many, many families in Palmerston North, which makes biking or taking the bus out of the question. My older

relatives also cannot bike or take the bus and so rely on carparks. Young families and older people are a huge percentage of our population that cannot take the bus or bike, and are inconvenienced by the lack of carparking around the city center.

Add to this that Palmerston North weather contains a significant amount of wind and rain, which makes biking and taking the bus very inconvenient, even if you are mobile and don't have children. A climate like Tauranga's or Whangarei's would work much better trying to get people to bike, take the bus, and hang out outside. The reality is that Palmerston North's climate is not as suitable for this initiative.

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

Rates letter or email

1055

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

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Last name Wilde Wilson

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## Hearing

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

## Rates review questions

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

Which option do you prefer? 2. Capital value (CV)

# 1056

## Long-Term Plan submission form



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### Your contact details

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Phone	

### 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	<b>Wednesday 15 May:</b> <b>Thursday 16 May:</b> <b>Friday 17 May:</b> 5.30pm to 7.30pm
How would you prefer to give your feedback?	In person

### Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Landlord of a home in Palmerston North who doesn't live here
Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
Please tell us why you prefer this option	Land value better reflects the uniform charge which is a charge on ratepayers use of facilities rather than a wealth tax.
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	Capital value rates in some cases doesn't reflect on the ability of the rate payer to pay.

### Community facilities questions



Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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	This is not the time to embark on nice to haves, priority should be given to essential council services i.e. the three waters.
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project	This is not the time to embark on nice to haves, priority should be given to essential council services i.e. the three waters.
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project	This is not the time to embark on nice to haves, priority should be given to essential council services i.e. the three waters.
Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project	This is not the time to embark on nice to haves, priority should be given to essential council services i.e. the three waters. Maintain the existing satellite library in Awapuni.
Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project	NO. An extravagance that is simply not required.
Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks	Support with changes/comments
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project	I see the benefit of a modernised facility but have reservations about the cost involved.
Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?	Private and public existing facilities should be utilised fully. Any rate increase should only be justified for essentials not for nice to haves.

## 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
Please tell us why you prefer this option	The time requirement for the seismic upgrades has been extended by a minimum of 4 years with a further government time review still to come.
Please tell us what you don't like about the other option	A rebuild would be a lot more expensive than a seismic strengthening.

## Development contributions questions

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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

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?

No

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

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

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

The council services required for new capital development is expensive and it should be user pays. If there is no demand on council facilities there shouldn't be a charge.

## General comment areas

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Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

No more cycleways/ no reduction to carpark numbers and public transport is a major drain on rates.

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

Yes it is and very little allocation of funding has been made over the years for this essential service. Council has been non compliant forever.

Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years

The rate increase is substantial for this year. What is not appreciated the rate increase for the next 2 to 5 years is equally as high. At the end of that period our rates will have doubled and that is excluding the additional charge for the wastewater upgrade.

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# 1057

## Long-Term Plan submission form



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### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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### Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
Which option do you prefer?	1. Preferred option: Hybrid (a mixture of land and capital value)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	Although I am a proponent of land value capture as a basis for all taxation, I think the hybrid model strikes a better balance for the community and provides a more equitable breakdown for collecting rates.
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	LV only would put more of a burden on families in older, modest housing stock on higher value sections. CV only removes the incentive to develop land in the urban core and would encourage land banking.

### Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support as proposed
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any	We have a large immigrant population here and this is something to

<b>feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project</b>	celebrate. Treating our diverse cultural mix as the asset that it is will bring benefits across the community.
<b>Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project</b>	Our Pasifika whānau are an important part of our regional heritage and providing a space for their activities is money well spent.
<b>Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project</b>	Don't ever skimp on library work. This branch is in sore need of upgrade and expansion to serve a community that has been subject to deprivation.
<b>Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project</b>	This is a good way to develop an underperforming facility and make it more fit for purpose.
<b>Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project</b>	Long overdue makeover for this forgotten diamond in the rough.
<b>Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project</b>	This is overdue renewal work that should have been done years ago. Let's get on with it.
<b>Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?</b>	Investment in these sorts of venues is critical for giving rangatahi places to be proud of and gather in, and giving them pride of place will cut down on delinquency and antisocial behaviour.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

<b>Which option do you prefer?</b>	1. Preferred option: Build on our existing planning and continue work to look at the buildings as a collective project and explore co-funding opportunities
<b>Please tell us why you prefer this option</b>	Since the seismic work needs to be done, this represents an obvious opportunity to do upgrades and refit to meet future needs.
<b>Please tell us what you don't like about the other option</b>	Option 2 is scarcity thinking. We're not in a time of scarcity, despite what all the fearmongers would have us believe.

## Development contributions questions

<b>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?</b>	Yes
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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

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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

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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?

Yes

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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.

All the changes proposed seem sensible.

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## General comment areas

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

I'm generally supportive of the long term goals. I'm especially keen to see the council continue to give effect to community resilience and partnership under Te Tiriti.

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Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

PLEAS FINISH THE SHARED PATHWAY TO ASHHURST. We have waited 17 years since this was promised and the delays in delivery have become intolerable. There is no safe way to cycle into the centre from Ashhurst and this is a massive gap in the network. If needed, negotiate a temporary easement through the Higgins farm using existing tracks. JUST GET IT DONE ALREADY

Don't let motonormative bullies force you into rolling back improvements to active transport accessibility in the city. We've had too many decades of car-only and car-first design decisions that are proving difficult to refashion and the transition is making a vocal minority energised. Drivers need to understand that it's not all about them and also that getting more cars off the roads will make their journeys more enjoyable.

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

Other than my profound disappointment that thinly disguised racism was used to scuttle a meaningful solution to a central government funding model, all I can propose is that council examine the use of vouchers to bridge some of the liquidity gap that this required spending will create. I will be talking to councillors around the country about some possible ways of doing this by sharing development and logistics across a common platform.

On the stormwater management plan, I would encourage water-sensitive design wherever possible. Too many of our urban streams and seasonal wetlands have been paved or piped and we need to reverse this trend and make our landscape spongy again.

On the discharge of effluent, I would like the council to move away from plans for irrigating pasture, which is a poor receptacle for the excess water, and instead use a coppice willow plantation. Willows can transpire far more effectively than pasture and don't mind saturated soils (they thrive in them), and the harvested biomass can be turned into biochar to lock up carbon and create a useful product that can be added to municipal compost or provided to households in food scrap collection bins.

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Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for

Be very cautious about rezoning land for development that is flood prone.

**housing**

We are headed into a climate where exceedance events that were unthinkable just a generation ago may become five or ten year return phenomena.

I support an increase in social housing in general and would like to see development in Ashhurst that specifically targets young adults and pensioners in an effort to broaden our demographic curve.

Council also needs to adopt a more favourable posture for things like tiny houses, cohousing, and development models that don't fit the prevailing cookie-cutter suburbia template.

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city**

Densify first. Go up in the centre rather than sprawling at the margins. Don't make the mistakes of Auckland.

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

Food and green waste must come out of the general MSW stream. Council should be making biochar with the woody green waste and providing bags of that to every household with a food scrap collection container. Biochar not only sequesters carbon, but is very effective at absorbing liquid and controlling odour...two of the biggest objections that people have with kitchen waste.

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# 1058

## Long-Term Plan submission form



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### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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### Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
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Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
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Please tell us why you prefer this option	The current model appears to be the fairest.
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Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	<p>The Hybrid option looks like it is at odds according to the Office of the Auditor General Document. <a href="https://oag.parliament.nz/2022/setting-rates">https://oag.parliament.nz/2022/setting-rates</a></p> <p>General rate</p> <p>A general rate is set either at a uniform rate in the dollar of rateable value for all rateable land in the council's district or at different rates in the dollar of rateable value for different categories of rateable land in the council's district.</p> <p>Whether the general rate is set uniformly or differentially, a council must use annual value or capital value or land value as the rateable value for the land (section 13(3) of the Rating Act). So, for example, a council that sets its rate differentially cannot use capital value for one category of land and land value for another category. Nor can a council use a mix of capital value and land value as the rateable value</p>
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Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?

It was very disappointing to see our house valuations being inflated a few years back. The market has dropped away, and many homes are deemed overvalued. These valuations were done in a growth peak time and now they are sitting generally at 100k below where they were. I dont see council taking this into consideration in the latest rate review.

## Community facilities questions

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

No

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

The cost. You are spending money on nice to haves. Tighten the wallet and push this type of expenditure out for when we are in economic growth. We are in a recession. concentrate on services, water, pipes infrastructure and the like of which is required. User pays for these facilities, I do not see why this is a council undertaking these type of projects at the ratepayers expense. Taxation at the local level is becoming exorbitant. You are spending money that you dont really have and seem hell bent doing it regardless. Please listen to what those who pay you wages are saying.

Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building

Do not support

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

We dont need to take on more debt. Ratepayers should not be funding these kind of projects. User pays for these facilities. I do not see why this council is undertaking these expensive projects at the ratepayers expense. Taxation at the local level is becoming exorbitant.

Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building

Do not support

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

We dont need to take on more debt. Again the main central Library is only a few kilometers down the road.

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

Do not support

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project

No new Awapuni Library is required. The main library is just down the road 4 kms away or so. It is time to stop spurious spending on areas that are not required.

Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Do not support

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

I like this in principle but not at this time. Push this project out. This is not a need but a want. Use the existing attractions we have in the city. Or let Rangitane get their own funding without drawing from the ratepayer. Yet again a strategic nice to have.

Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Support with changes/comments

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust

Reduce or delay. Give this facility a makeover and a new lease of life using a budget that is kept.



## 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
Please tell us why you prefer this option	To be perfectly honest. I would upgrade those buildings that are needed like the Regent. I think we would be better to go for a new central library rather than do all the work on this existing building that leaks like a sieve and is just a money pit.
Please tell us what you don't like about the other option	I don't like the idea of co-funding for infrastructure spends on the like of buildings. Money will have to come from within the existing budget at the sacrifice of other strategic spends.

## 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?	Yes
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?	No
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
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
Please tell us why you've selected these answers, and any other feedback you have about the proposed changes to our Development Contributions Policy.	<p>-If the IFF proposal fails for funding for the nature calls waste water project. Then Other funding sources could include a public-private partnership, where a private company finances, builds, and potentially operates the infrastructure, charging Council (and ratepayers) over a period of time.</p> <p>No I do not support this option. This is a licence to print money by those we have borrowed from What controls and measures would be in place to control increases in expenditure as a result, yet again at the cost of the ratepayer potentially.</p> <p>-Regarding the option of a levy charge that could be \$1000 per annum . Well that could also mean more than \$1000 dollars as well?</p> <p>You need to reduce other spending overall if you wish to pursue this in your forecast and reallocate money to reduce these costs.</p>

## General comment areas

Please share any feedback you have about our vision, goals and plans	My major concern is relating to the unbridled eagerness of this council to borrow and bury the city into excessive debt. Increased borrowing from 258 million or so to over 600 million. I don't see how this is prudent in the declining economy that we find ourselves in.
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Paying off debt should be a strategy. Ratepayers cannot keep footing the bill. Austerity measures need to be taken especially over the next 3 years.

Raising the debt levels brings major alarm bells to my mind. Times are really tough for many Palmy residents, especially those on fixed incomes who are struggling.

Rate payers are not getting pay rises of 11.3 in their pay packet per annum!

Our homes in Palmy were overvalued in the last round of valuations and this has not been taken into consideration. Many homes are now well below those inflated figures.

You need to reevaluate your Projects and Whittle them back to free up money for those projects which are Priorities like Nature calls.

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects**

Palmerston North is a fantastic city. I used to bike until i got smashed off my bike by a car that didn't see me. Cycle lanes do not take away these kind of risks.

I'm not in favor of decreasing good traffic flow in the ring roads that we have in Palmy for poor planning like the debauched Featherston Street example. All of which I'm sure the current councilors are fed up with hearing about. Featherston Street is not safer. This plan has failed and this is the difference between reality and some fanciful utopian idea of a green city.

Our roads are full of potholes. We need to maintain them. Its very concerning how bad they are and they actually seem 3rd world status. Insteafd of spending money for beautifying our city square on footpaths and art etc how about you seriously address the basics.

Axe shared pathways. 55 million dollars is crazy money. Im afraid ,really afraid of what this current council is doing and how they are blind to the economic burden they are placing on the general residence of Palmerston North

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

We do not need to invest so heavily into the Best option as said in your documentation for water. The cost for this project is made up of things like: the consenting process and investigations and reports, buying or leasing land (we need up to 700 hectares), installing water pipes from our treatment plant to the land site, irrigation equipment, building a new discharge location at the river, upgrading and installing new technology and processes at the treatment plant and much more.

This 700 Hectare of land is an over the top investment and is not required by Central Govt.

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

Im not in favour of crowded 3 story high dwellings in a city which has the room to expand. Removing privacy and sunlight and peace in our urban areas around the city. Putting extra strain on existing infrastructure.

I remember back in the 90s where urban development made a mess over in Kelvin Grove. This is not the way we should go.

If our rates balloon out, we will see people struggle to pay the local tax just to live in the homes they own, or those who are mortgaged to the hilt are already under immense pressure. These measures may very well add to an increasing number of people finding themselves homeless.

Why is the ratepayer forking out for the homeless problem? Surely this needs to be addressed by Central government. Can the council not work with central Govt on serious matters such as these?

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

I pay for my rubbish waste privately. I don't see any rebate off my rates as a result?

Why don't we invest in alternative recycling plants in such a way that it reduces our waste going into the landfill and make it profitable? See the link <https://localgovernmentmag.co.nz/waste-to-energy-incineration>

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**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

Your own comments show how much in debt we are in and this years rate increase is 11.3%. Half of this Percentatge equates to 5.65 % to cover the cost of these existing loan repayments and interest costs. Yet the Council is increasingly wanting to borrow more. This spending is

reckless and detrimental to the residence of Palmerston North.

I quote you

'Half of the increase we are currently facing is to cover increased interest costs and repayment of our current debt used to fund past infrastructure projects.

As a ratepayer I also have had some big increases to our insurances and utility power internet and food costs etc – just like you have. This money comes from my wages and I have to manage it accordingly.

Council needs to do the same and cut out fanciful projects, or as you call them startegic spends.

You are over Taxing people. Many on the books may be asset rich as per the over inflated house valuations, but and income poor[Set incomes] Many people go without other things to pay their Bills and local Government Taxes.

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

The highest cost is proposed by this council is “A creative and exciting city”. \$22- of every \$100- rates goes to achieve this goal. This has grown more than other areas since 3 years ago.

This sums up the current problem with PNCC. Maintain what we have to a high standard. Roothing for example. Pick a a few projects and keep the spending down.

The majority of PNCC councilors are not in reality and we cannot, no we must not spend beyond what we earn. Im afraid, really afraid of what this current council is doing and how they are blind to the economic burden they are placing on the general residence of Palmerston North. Time for a reality check. Elections are coming and residents will demand accountability.

Borrow less, pay down debt. Reprioritise projects and live within your income from the ratepayer or make more of a user pays system to generate income via other means.

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[setting-rates.pdf](#)



# Setting rates: Potential issues for councils to watch for

Councils will soon be setting rates for 2022/23. We want to make councils aware of some rate-setting issues we saw when reviewing a small sample of rates set for 2021/22.

## Legal requirements for councils when setting rates

Councils' power to set rates is essentially a power to tax people to pay for the costs of delivering the services that councils provide. There are tightly prescribed legal rules about how that power must be used and what kinds of rates can be set. These rules are set out in the Local Government Act 2002 (the LGA) and in the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (the Rating Act). For councils, failing to comply with rating law and the associated accountability requirements can create legal and financial risks.

There are three main documents for rates setting:

- the revenue and financing policy;
- the funding impact statement; and
- the rates resolution.

A council's rates resolution follows the directions and policies established by the revenue and financing policy (included in the long-term plan) and the

## Critical points to note

It is essential that councils:

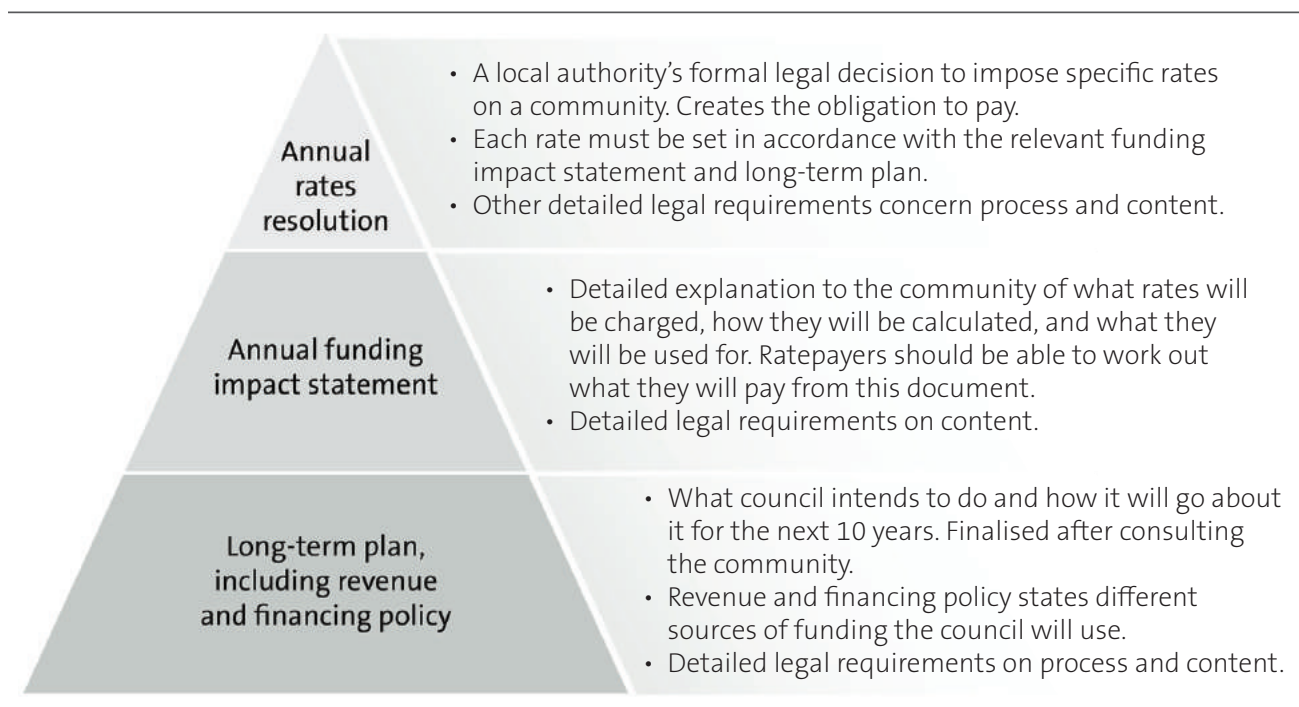
- recognise how important it is to follow the prescriptive legal requirements;
- get the details perfectly consistent between the revenue and financing policy, funding impact statement, and rates resolution – near enough is not good enough;
- stay within the range of options in the Local Government Rating Act 2002;
- put in place an effective quality assurance system to check rating documents; and
- get legal advice on the legality of their rates setting.

detailed information and explanations in the annual funding impact statement (see Figure 1).

It is vital that these formal documents are consistent with each other and meet the legal requirements.



**Figure 1**



## The revenue and financing policy

Every three years, a council prepares a long-term plan, which sets out broad plans for what the council is intending to do, how it will go about it, and how it will fund it. The revenue and financing policy in the long-term plan states the different sources of funding the council will use to fund operating expenses and capital expenditure.

Councils cannot take a different approach without changing the policy through the proper process.

When a council sets rates each year, the Rating Act requires them to be in line with the long-term plan. This requirement covers the activity and use of funds that fit within the long-term plan and the proposed source of funding and means of raising revenue signalled in the long-term plan.

The LGA requires the revenue and financing policy to include specific information on rates. This information is part of the legal foundation for properly setting rates each year. If information is missing, the legality of a rate could be at risk.

## The funding impact statement

Each year, a council adopts a funding impact statement as a central part of its planning. The funding impact statement is contained in the council's annual plan or long-term plan (in a long-term plan year). The LGA sets out the disclosures required in the funding impact statement.

In effect, the funding impact statement tells the community what that year's rates will be, how they will be calculated, and what they will be used for.

## The rates resolution

A council's rates resolution is critical to setting rates. The rates resolution is how the council formally authorises specific rates imposed on the community each year. The Rating Act sets out the procedure that councils must follow when setting annual rates.

Complying with the detail of the Rating Act is vital. If the rate is not within the range of options and restrictions provided for in the Rating Act, it might not be valid. Therefore, councils need to be meticulous in ensuring that their formal processes for resolving to set rates comply with the procedural requirements and that their rates resolutions are legally effective.



## Inconsistencies between the rates resolution and the revenue and financing policy

The requirement for consistency between the rates resolution, the funding impact statement for the year, and the revenue and financing policy in the long-term plan is fundamental. This consistency links community consultation to the rates that ratepayers are required to pay.

As well as ensuring that the rates resolution is in line with the funding impact statement, councils need to ensure that the rates resolution is in line with the long-term plan, that each rate fits within the council's revenue and financing policy, and that the revenue and financing policy properly supports the rates resolution.

For example, one council set a targeted rate for broadband infrastructure in a particular area. We could trace this back to the funding impact statement but could not find anything in the revenue and financing policy about this activity or a targeted rate as a source of funding for it.

## Inconsistencies between the funding impact statement and the rates resolution

Every rate in the annual rates resolution must be covered in the council's funding impact statement for that year. There must be enough background detail to allow ratepayers to work out what rates they will have to pay.

Gaps in the funding impact statement information could put the rate at legal risk. Similarly, if the wording and specification of the rates in the rates resolution differs from the wording of the funding impact statement, that difference could raise questions about the legality of the rates.

These are some of the inconsistencies that we have seen:

- One council's rates resolution had a targeted rate for refuse collection that was not included in the funding impact statement, although the funding impact statement did include a table of properties for which the rate was set.
- One council used different figures for five rates in the rates resolution than those set out in the funding impact statement.
- Another council provided a definition in its funding impact statement for a "rural" differential category but used the term "rural and defence" to describe this category of land for the purposes of its general rate and two targeted rates. The council then used the term "rural" in its rates resolution.
- Another council's targeted rate for metered water was set as a fixed amount per cubic metre supplied in excess of 82 cubic metres per quarter in the funding impact statement, but in excess of 207 cubic metres per quarter in the rates resolution.
- One council's water metered rate in the rates resolution didn't line up with what the funding impact statement said. The funding impact statement referred to "large volume users depicted as consumers using more than 2,000 cubic metres per quarter" and said that the charges in excess of 80 cubic metres would be per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit. The rates resolution set a rate for "extraordinary users" (without defining the term) per cubic metre for quantities in excess of 80 cubic metres but did not refer to the rate being per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.
- Another council named some rates "Township Amenity Rates" in the funding impact statement, but "Local Amenity Rates" in the rates resolution.
- The same council's funding impact statement said that the local amenity rates would be set as a rate in the dollar based on the land value of each rating unit, but for two of these local amenity rates the rates resolution did not specify that land value was a factor for calculating the rate liability.
- That council's funding impact statement also described differential categories for some sewerage rates as "connected" and "serviceable", with "serviceable" defined by reference to distance to the sewerage reticulation. The funding impact statement noted that "The charging of a serviceable rate does not require us to make a connection available to a rating unit." However, the rates resolution used the term "connection availability" rather than "serviceable" – potentially confusing, especially given the note in the funding impact statement.

## Terminology

It is important that councils use the correct terminology in their rates documents. Ratepayers should be able to read these documents and be clear about the rates set and how they have been set.

Funding impact statements should be clearly identifiable in the council's long-term plan or annual plan. For example, one council called its funding impact statement "Rating System and Information". "Funding impact statement" is a statutory term that should be used consistently.

Another council called some of its targeted rates "charges" in both the rates resolution and the funding impact statement. The Rating Powers Act 1988 (repealed in 2003) listed miscellaneous charges that were deemed to be rates; it also referred to "rating systems".

It is disappointing that councils continue to use incorrect terminology from previous rating legislation – we commented on this in our report [Local government: Results of the 2016/17 audits](#).

## General rate

A general rate is set either at a uniform rate in the dollar of rateable value for all rateable land in the council's district or at different rates in the dollar of rateable value for different categories of rateable land in the council's district.

Whether the general rate is set uniformly or differentially, a council must use annual value or capital value or land value as the rateable value for the land (section 13(3) of the Rating Act). So, for example, a council that sets its rate differentially cannot use capital value for one category of land and land value for another category. Nor can a council use a mix of capital value and land value as the rateable value.

The rateable value of the land for the purpose of the general rate must be identified in the funding impact statement. The rates resolution must use that same rateable value.

If the general rate is to be set differentially, the funding impact statement must say this, and must also state (clauses 15 and 20 of Schedule 10 of the LGA):

- the categories of land to be used (defined in terms of one or more of the matters listed in Schedule 2 of the Rating Act); and

- the objectives of the differential rate, in terms of the total revenue sought from each category of rateable land or the relationship between the rates set on rateable land in each category.

The rates resolution must use the same categories of land (section 14 of the Rating Act).

Councils that elect to state the objectives of the differential rate in terms of the relationship between the rates set on rateable land in each category, rather than the total revenue sought from each category, should ensure that the relationship is explained in sufficient detail for ratepayers to understand.

## Targeted rates – set for activities or groups of activities

For each targeted rate, the funding impact statement must specify the activities or groups of activities for which the targeted rate is to be set (section 16 of the Rating Act and clauses 15 and 20 of Schedule 10 of the LGA).

Some councils we looked at appear to rely on the name of the rate to meet this requirement, but it is not always clear from the name of the rate what activities the rate is set for. For example, one council's funding impact statement referred to a "CBD Redevelopment" targeted rate without further explanation. From looking at the council's revenue and financing policy, it seems that this rate was set for roading – something that was not apparent from its name or its location in the funding impact statement.

## Targeted rates – defining categories of rateable land

Councils have flexibility when setting targeted rates. A targeted rate may be set in relation to:

- all rateable land in the council's district, on a uniform basis (all rateable land in the district pays the targeted rate, and all pay the same amount);
- all rateable land in the council's district, differentially for different categories of rateable land (all rateable land in the district pays the targeted rate, but different categories pay different amounts);
- one or more categories of rateable land, on a uniform basis (only a specified category or categories of rateable land pay the targeted rate, but all that pay do so at the same rate);

- one or more categories of rateable land, differentially for different categories of rateable land (only a specified category or categories of rateable land pay the targeted rate, and the categories pay different amounts).

Categories of rateable land must be identified in the council's funding impact statement as categories for setting the targeted rate. They must be defined in terms of one or more of the matters listed in Schedule 2 of the Rating Act (section 17 of the Rating Act and clauses 15 and 20 of Schedule 10 of the Act).

"Where the land is situated" is a Schedule 2 matter that councils can use to define categories of rateable land. If a council's funding impact statement does not include maps or otherwise describe the boundaries of each area, we would expect the funding impact statement to explain where a ratepayer can find this information, so they can tell which category their rating unit falls into.

For example, one council referred to "Business Area A" and "Business Area B", but there was no information in the rates resolution, the funding impact statement, or the revenue and financing policy about the boundaries of these business areas.

If the targeted rate is set differentially, the funding impact statement must state the total revenue sought from each category of rateable land or the relationship between the rates set on rateable land in each category (clauses 15 and 20 of Schedule 10 of the Act).

## Targeted rates – permitted factors for calculating rate liability

Councils also have flexibility when calculating liability for a targeted rate (how much the ratepayer must pay).

Liability for a targeted rate may be calculated (section 18 of the Rating Act):

- as a fixed amount per rating unit (section 18 of the Rating Act); or
- using a factor or factors listed in Schedule 3 of the Rating Act.

The factor or factors used for calculating liability for a targeted rate must be identified in the funding impact statement as factors that must be used to calculate the liability for the targeted rate (section 18 of the Rating Act and clauses 15 and 20 of Schedule 10 of the Act).

If a targeted rate is set differentially, it does not have to be calculated using the same factors for each category of land.

Note that although a targeted rate for water supply may be set for the quantity of water provided (section 19 of the Rating Act), "volume" or "quantity" is not a factor that may be used in calculating liability for other targeted rates. And although the number of water closets and urinals within the rating unit is a factor listed in Schedule 3 of the Rating Act, a rating unit used primarily as a residence for one household must not be treated as having more than one water closet or urinal.

It should be clear from reading the funding impact statement which Schedule 3 factors are being used to calculate liability for a rate.

One council we looked at set three rates as being "per residential equivalent", which is not terminology used in Schedule 3. The description in the funding impact statement for one of these rates (sewage treatment) said that a residential equivalent was assumed to be discharge of 600 litres/day and that properties assessed as having multiple residential equivalents would be charged multiple charges based on assessed volume of discharge.

This could suggest that volume was being used as a factor to calculate liability. But the description for the other two rates (for a particular sewerage scheme) suggested that the factor used for calculating liability was the extent of provision of any service to the rating unit by the council, which is a factor listed in Schedule 3.

Another council set targeted rates for some sewerage schemes as being "per household unit equivalent". The definition for household unit equivalent explained that it corresponded to the extent of provision of the service to the rating unit as objectively measured by floor area. The area of floor space of buildings within the rating unit is a factor listed in Schedule 3, but we found the definition quite complicated.

Finally, if the number of separately used or inhabited parts of the rating unit is used as a factor for calculating liability for a targeted rate, the funding impact statement must state the council's definition of "separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit" (clauses 15 and 20 of Schedule 10 of the Act). All the councils we looked at did this.



## Due date for rates

The rates resolution must state the date on which the rate must be paid, or dates if the rate is payable in instalments (section 24 of the Rating Act). The purpose of this requirement is to ensure that ratepayers know the dates rates are to be paid.

For example, one council's rates resolution stated that the water consumption rates "will be invoiced twice during the year and the due dates for payment will be 30 days from the date of each invoice being issued". We do not consider this sufficient – the rates resolution must state the actual date on which the rate must be paid.

## Changes to rating units during the year

Rates must be assessed according to the information in the rating information database as at the end of the financial year immediately before the financial year for which the rates are set (section 43 of the Rating Act).

The rates resolution for one council purported to set a sewerage scheme targeted rate on each connected rating unit "including those that will be connected during the year". This is not permitted under the Rating Act.

## The 30% cap

When drafting its funding impact statement, a council should identify the rates revenue it is seeking for that year from:

- its uniform annual general charge; and
- targeted rates that are set on a uniform basis and are calculated as a fixed amount per rating unit or separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit (excluding targeted rates that are set solely for water supply or sewage disposal).

It is important for the council to be clear on what these rates are and the revenue sought from them because councils must not seek more than 30% of the total rates revenue for the year from these rates (section 21 of the Rating Act).

For example, with reference to the 30% cap, one council's funding impact statement set out what percentage of total rates revenue they sought from the uniform annual general charge. However, this council also set a targeted rate for libraries and swimming pools as a fixed amount per rating unit in the district. The revenue from this rate also needed

to be taken into account when considering the 30% cap (and it looks like it was in this case, although that is not what the council described).

## Defence land

The total amount of any rates assessed as general rates or targeted rates on defence land must not exceed the amount of the rates that would otherwise have been assessed if they had been calculated on the land value only (section 22 of the Rating Act).

If a council with defence land in its district sets a general rate with capital value as the rateable value, the council must nevertheless assess the amount of the general rate using land value. The same is true for targeted rates, but the caveat here is that, for a general rate, the council must use annual value or capital value or land value as the rateable value for the land. So the council must not purport to set (as opposed to assess) the general rate for defence land using land value if the general rate is set using capital value for all other categories of land.

This is a tricky technical point that the council should briefly explain in the funding impact statement and rates resolution.

## The Auditor-General's role in relation to rates

Rates are a significant component of the revenue of a council. This is reflected in the audited financial statements in the annual report. As part of the annual audit, an auditor seeks reasonable assurance that rates revenue has been properly calculated and that there is no major risk to collecting rates. This requires the auditor to consider whether the legal requirements for setting and charging the main rates appear to have been followed properly.

However, an auditor's work on rates cannot be taken as equivalent to a full legal review of how well the council complied with aspects of rating law for every rate and from the perspective of every ratepayer.

Sometimes, an audit will identify that a council is not complying with a legal requirement. However, that is an additional benefit of the auditor's work rather than the main purpose. It does not mean that an audit removes the need for a council to ensure that it complies with all legal obligations.

We encourage councils to get external, independent legal advice on their compliance with rate-setting legislation and their legal risk.

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## Long-Term Plan submission form



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### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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### Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
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?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support as proposed
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed
Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Support as proposed
Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park	Support as proposed

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Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Support as proposed

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## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

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Which option do you prefer?

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

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## General comment areas

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Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

Please do the work for the shared pathways (including Manawatū to Ashhurst River Pathway and Feilding to Palmy shared pathway) and cycleways in the city

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

Newspaper

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# Long-Term Plan submission form



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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

I am flexible on days and times

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 rural area

Which option do you prefer? 1. Preferred option: Hybrid (a mixture of land and capital value)

Please tell us why you prefer this option

This option is attractive only if it represents a fair balance between the value of the land and capital improvements AND the levels of service delivered to each property. I do NOT agree with the reduction of what is represented as a discount for small rural properties. As the owner of a small rural property, we receive minimal council services in return for our rates - 3 waters (which have, over the 6 years we have lived here, proven to be substandard in times of heavy use or storm events), rubbish removal and street lighting. Against this I can place the council's plans to push a major freight road past our property, and surround and isolate it with rezoned industrial land, while increasing our rates to pay for the privilege of the loss of quality of life, amenity and community.

Please tell us what you don't like about the other options In all honesty, any of the options are not preferable so long as the

council's LTP proposed budget is so lavish. The cost differences between the three options are minimal at the moment, but what is not calculated is how each option may increase over the 3 years before the next LTP, or the 10 planned years of the current LTP. At least with Option 1, you can see the breakdown of rates per land and capital valuation. Option 2 is as blunt an instrument as Option 3, whereas with Option 1 there may be an opportunity to vary rates or increases depending on service delivery relative to land or capital improvement (stormwater, for instance, versus water and sewerage).

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

I do NOT agree that a 37% discount for small rural properties is unreasonably large. If the infrastructure in our community is proving expensive to maintain or upgrade, then this represents a deficit in planning and service delivery over an extended period, not any unfair advantage enjoyed by rural communities. Quite the opposite - our levels of service urgently require upgrading to deliver a basis standard expected by urban dwellers. We do not enjoy the levels of service delivered to urban properties, and by contrast have been subject in the past four years to a sequence of council-enabled or sponsored proposals to alter our neighbourhood from semi-rural to industrial, with a concomitant loss of community values, community connection, amenity, security and quality of life. This costs to our property, neighbours and communities should be reflected in the rating proposal - communities within Palmerston North subject to plans such as PNITI or Te Utanganui should by default receive reduced rates charges relative to the irrevocable changes proposed by such development plans. Think of it as a development contribution to those who need it the most.

What provision is there for reducing rates in the event that property values decline upon revaluation? Can rates reductions be targetted, should properties in and around proposed industrial zones experience a change in value?

If targetted rates reductions are not an option, should a special targetted rate for industrial developments be considered, based on the impact of industry and freight transport on critical infrastructure? For instance, large footprint industrial developments and stormwater, or freight movements which increase wear and tear on roads? Or those industries which create a noise, light, vibration or dust problem be faced with targetted rates to address negative impacts on local environments or the enhancement of local amenity as an agreed community trade-off?

What provision is there for an increasingly aging population on fixed incomes, still living at home? In this event they become asset rich and cash poor, and likely less in need of a great number of the council services which are rated for.

## Community facilities questions

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

No

**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**

Now is not the appropriate LTP cycle to consider the luxury of spending three quarters of a million dollars on a new multicultural facility when existing council facilities such as the conference centre or the stadium should be capable of being used for this purpose. By all means plan ahead for a multicultural facility, and include the plan in a future LTP, but not now in the middle of a recession and cost of living crisis.

**Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building**

Do not support

<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project</b>	Again, not in this LTP cycle. Reconsider the proposal in three years from now.
<b>Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project</b>	No, not in this LTP cycle. Save another 3.6M, and help keep the rates increase to a minimum. Community is more than just a space. Again, this is a luxury when essential infrastructure requires significant upgrading. We need basic services now, community amenities can follow when we can afford them.
<b>Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project</b>	No, not in this LTP cycle. To even suggest these projects is to raise the question as to whether or not the council is serious about delivering the most cost-effective LTP budget possible, with the least possible increase in rates. Save the 29.1M now. Revisit the proposal in three years' time.
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project</b>	No, not in this LTP cycle. It is a good idea, and would be an asset to the city whenever it can be afforded, but not before the critical infrastructure issues are addressed. Currently nobody would be able to drive safely to the park for the potholes, drink the water out of the taps at the marae, or use the toilets without polluting the Manawatu. Get your priorities straight.
<b>Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project</b>	Again, not appropriate for the current LTP, when there are bigger issues. Delay the proposal for replacing Arena 5 until the next LTP. This is another nice to have, but decide instead to maintain and use the existing facilities to their full potential for at least the next three years.
<b>Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?</b>	Yes. Maintain the existing facilities, look to use these across the city to meet current needs of communities and groups, and look ahead to at least 2027 before contemplating significant community facility development. So much new community space is proposed in this LTP, but the key issue remains our essential infrastructure deficits. Delay this until the next LTP. Why plan to spend the thick end of \$100M when instead you should be looking at the basic amenity of the city, and whether or not the roads or 3 Waters are fit for purpose? Be ruthless with the budget, and cut luxury items which benefit only a small percentage of the community, while promoting the use of the variety of existing community assets across the city. Plan gatherings and events which fit those spaces. Work with community organisations to better understand the various needs of each community, and what they might have in common. Why, for instance, ask about work to the Central Energy Trust Area separate from, for instance, multi-cultural or community facilities, when with some co-design one multi-use facility could cater to a multitude of uses?

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

<b>Which option do you prefer?</b>	2. Only do the required seismic upgrades of these facilities in their current locations
<b>Please tell us why you prefer this option</b>	Keep the costs down now, and reconsider the work required closer to 2039. Consider the Regent Theatre in the next LTP cycle, if that work

needs to be addressed by 2033. Let's face it, most of the proposed upgrades fall outside of the current 3 year LTP cycle anyway. Revisit the work required in 2027.

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

Why lump all of these projects together into one LTP, when the real challenge is the upgrade of the water and wastewater facilities? Get your priorities - and expenses - aligned with what the ratepayers can justifiably bear in these straitened times. Much of the work is not required until the next decade, so why have it as a priority now? You can still explore co-funding and a collective approach to seismic treatments of buildings without adding to the rates bill for the next three years.

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**Do you have any other comments?**

Again, why include these project in the current LTP, when there are already other demands and pressures on the rating dollar, when much of this work is not proposed to occur until a subsequent LTP cycle or cycles? I do not understand why this has been presented for submission now, when the city faces much bigger issues.

## Development contributions questions

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**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?**

No

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**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?**

No

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**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

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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?**

No

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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.**

There are costs to the council and those neighbourhoods where development occurs, be it the use of essential infrastructure such as roads, or the potential adverse effects of a development on neighbours and the wider community. Large footprint developments will have a connection to the stormwater system. Freight and transport operations will damage roading more quickly than normal urban or semi-rural traffic. Developers can build costs into their budgets and tax returns. Any hint of cross-subsidization, especially when large rates increases are proposed, is an anathema.

## General comment areas

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

Let's start with the Governance and Active Citizenship Plan.

At this juncture I must express my appreciation for the work of the dedicated councillor (Pat Hancock) and the council officers who regularly work with our community on operational matters. This close association has effected some excellent improvements and initiatives to the services delivered in our community.

Where there is a deficit in democratic process relates to the ambitious

plans for where we live or work, in the village of Bunnythorpe and our surrounding rural areas. For example, significant planning workshops or meetings to determine master plans for the KiwiRail freight hub, the PNITI or Te Utanganui have all been held away from our community and without our knowledge. We hear only the echo of these meetings, supported by the PNCC, when finalised plans are brought to the village, when we are expected to welcome and accommodate the reality of large-scale proposals, compulsory land acquisition and the enclosure and bisection of our village.

At the moment my community is faced with:

- Loss of identity - even in this plan, Bunnythorpe is variously renamed according to the planned development - the PNITI, or Te Utanganui. These are not names or initiatives of our choice.
  - Loss of land. Development plans represent a sustained assault on local private property ownership. KiwiRail, NZTA and the PNCC are all proposing to rezone or compulsorily acquire privately owned land for rail, road, freight or industrial purposes. If individual property rights are still important, the problem is that the development plans are determining what private property rights should remain with individuals when everything else is taken away.
  - Loss of amenity. Each development proposal includes effects which serve to reduce individual and community quality of life - noise, light, dust, vibration, frequency and volume of traffic and rail movement, loss of land which might otherwise be used for housing or the production of food.
  - Reduction of Safety. Increased road and rail movements proposed for our village will create road safety issues for other road users, as well as local children walking or community to school. The existing safety issues will not be addressed - the volume of heavy traffic through a residential area, known lethal intersections along Railway Road.
  - Disconnection. Surrounding our village with industry, and cutting it in half with a proposed major freight road would disconnect Bunnythorpe from either Feilding or Palmerston North.
  - Inequality. There is much talk about removing heavy freight from suburban streets. Bunnythorpe is a residential area, yet the plans are for major freight movements right through our village.
- Loss of community. The plans for our village are marked by crosses, blobs and lines - where bridges are to be upgraded, general developments are proposed, and major freight routes are delineated. The presence of residential dwellings on these maps is ghosted out - people and their private land disappears on those maps which propose large-scale development. The only social impact assessment for our village is a facile desktop report prepared for KiwiRail which concludes that those who do not like the prospect of development can sell up and leave.

I therefor refer to the June 2021 proposal to create the Greater Bunnythorpe Community and Board, which was submitted to the PNCC in August 2021 and turned down. The determination of the subsequent appeal by the Local Government Commission in July 2023 (<https://www.lgc.govt.nz/our-work/good-practice/previous-proposals/bunnythorpe/>) recommended:

- That the Council liaise with the Bunnythorpe community, Ngāti Kauwhata and Rangitāne o Manawatū to establish a formal Bunnythorpe Community Committee;
- That the Council undertake a village master-planning exercise with the Bunnythorpe community; and
- That the Council encourage KiwiRail, Waka Kotahi and NZ Post to liaise with the Bunnythorpe community to address the specific issues of the community relating to each organisation.

It is now approaching three years since the original proposal was approved by the community, and one year since the Local Government Commission determination. It is now time for the council to work with Greater Bunnythorpe Committee to finalise terms of reference for the relationship between the committee and the council, and the level of support which the council will provide the committee.



I, for one, have waited long enough for action on this most simple of active citizenship initiatives. While this moves beyond the passive community engagement suggested in the governance and active citizenship plan, it is little enough to ask when considered against the significant developments and changes which the council continues to propose for our community. It is time that my community took an active part in the proposals, discussions, plans and designs for our collective future here in Greater Bunnythorpe. Please allocate the funds and resources - minimal, when compared with the scale and scope of the proposed developments - and give us a voice at council.

I contend that this is the base line - the Greater Bunnythorpe Committee with a formalised relationship with and supported by the council - required for our community to then realise some of the vision, goals and plans for Bunnythorpe, where every resident is able to enjoy the benefits of living in a village or semi-rural setting, with all the advantages of a big city. Some of the council's plans work against the realisation of that vision for our village - let us engage with the plans, modify and co-design them for our local conditions and needs, and move forward together. We want to get things done, not have them done to us.

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects**

I oppose your plans for transport when these:

- Promote road safety by the removal of heavy freight traffic from suburban Palmerston North, yet propose moving that same traffic to the residential heart of Bunnythorpe.
- Plan to fast-track and otherwise develop a main freight road through Bunnythorpe, despite assurances from the NZTA that designs and decisions would be made in liaison with our community.
- Budget for the replacement of bridges along Kairanga-Bunnythorpe Road at a cost of \$16M and the construction of roading to a cost of \$23 M around Bunnythorpe when the PNITI project has yet to be approved and funded.
- Advocate for the fast-tracking of the PNITI proposal
- Compulsorily acquiring private land for roading and set backs.
- Cutting our village in half
- Ignoring alternative routes for heavy traffic away from Bunnythorpe or other semi-rural residential areas within the city boundaries.
- Support the Te Utanganui proposal - not our name for where we live and work, not our preferred use for the highly-productive land surrounding our village, not the future which we might have chosen for ourselves or our children
- Denies alternative freight transport routes, areas for industrial development, or a quality of life for those living in and around Bunnythorpe.
- Excludes local residents from the planning, design and approval processes.

I do not agree that the existing transport network is well-planned. The ongoing problems with bus routes, potholes, and the debacle along Featherston Street deny this assertion. I also do not agree that transport planning is integrated properly with other proposals for housing or industrial development. Instead, it appears that areas of the Palmerston North map are coloured in, then transport options are diverted in an attempt to service these areas.

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

The delivery of 3 waters in Bunnythorpe remains substandard. While the dedicated work of the council teams to operate and repair our water supply, sewerage and stormwater is to be highly commended, the fact remains that our water supply is at times discoloured and creates buildups of limescale. The sewerage and stormwater systems remain problematic in times of intensive rainfall, backing up or blowing out raw sewage, or blocking the sewer lines to those with non-return valves. So much of our proposed sewerage and stormwater upgrades seem to be delayed because of other proposals for roads or development that we continue to pay high rates for third world service. Thinking back to the

questions on rates, I contend that the rural rating discount should be increased for those who receive sub-standard services until these services are upgraded to an acceptable minimum.

Here in Bunnythorpe we also have the issue of safety and security, with respect to our volunteer fire brigade and water pressure in the event of a power cut. This is an urgent issue for our community - pumps and electrical systems require urgent servicing, repair or upgrading.

I do NOT agree with the proposed \$10M for the North East Industrial Zone. This part of the city is now known by a variety of descriptors - KiwiRail's intermodal freight hub, the Central North Island Freight Distribution Hub, Te Utanganui. All of these remain just colours on maps, with no prospect of development in the three year cycle of this LTP. Remove this entry, save \$10M in the immediate future, and revisit this spending if and when there are any concrete plans for developments.

Nature Calls is the council priority. However, I do NOT agree with the proposed SPV and targetted rate. \$647M is indeed an eye-watering amount, so let's start meeting that cost by eliminating non-essential spending - upgrades to bridges and roading for non-existent freight movements and industry near Bunnythorpe, for one. \$35M saved right there. Remember that the PNCC cannot afford Nature Calls plus all of the other projects in this plan. Reduce and refocus the budget. Go through the other budgeted items and cross out the nice to haves. It might be a lean 3 years, but manage the assets, set aside luxury or vanity projects, and focus on what is really the core business of council. Let the next council reconsider what is essential and what is not for the next LTP round.

I, for one, am not willing to pay increased rates for projects which I do not consider essential, while at the same time paying a separate eyewatering targetted rate of \$1,000 per annum for essential services. This is what my rates should fund. Save the SPVs for some of those nice to have projects, if specific sectors in our community want something or somewhere.

I cannot believe that council is considering significant rates increases, reduced subsidies and SPV funding, all in the midst of the rising cost of living and an aging population. If the city honestly cannot afford Nature Calls, then why not enlarge rather than intensify housing space within the city and support the installation of septic tanks.

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

What exactly is the predicted demand for new housing over the coming 3 or 10 years? Is this due to population growth, population movement, or hopeful planning based on projections of new industrial development? Has anyone asked the people of Palmerston North where they would like to live, and why? What the preferred options for housing might be - space, or density? Do we really want to bring the problems of dense housing to Palmerston North, when one of the advantages of the city is space? And if you are planning to build new housing, then how does this match with where people will work, and how they will get to their workplaces and back? I see colours on a map, but little coherence or connection between these colours. Do your research before you put out a plan for consultation. Lifestyle, location, mobility, commuting patterns. Understand why people might choose to live where they do, and with what levels of amenity and community? Your discussion page ranges from homeless to dense to dream housing. The council does NOT need to cover all of these fronts. It strikes me that, once again, the council cannot actually afford a number of these initiatives, and relying on central government funding to achieve local visions includes the risk of perverse outcomes - being funded for only those things which meet central government requirements, at the expense (loss of amenity or increased cost) of the community.

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city**

The following statement is wrong: 'This is costly work – the infrastructure costs associated with this growth in our long-term plan total \$296 million.

There's also \$2 million in operational costs for investigations and modelling to ensure we're allowing development in the right place.'

Be honest - the area to the north-east of Palmerston North has been earmarked for industrial development since 2012 and before, whether or not it is actually suitable for the proposed industrial and freight operations.

None of this proposed work will guarantee increased productivity or new jobs. Moving freight about is the least profitable aspect of production and distribution, especially now that productivity is declining, and the export sector is weakening. To contemplate spending \$296M on infrastructure for growth, when there is no guarantee of a return, is irresponsible. Better to earmark this funding for Nature Calls. The council's priorities must be effective core services, not aspirational goals.

I have separately submitted against the Future Development Strategy, especially with respect to Bunnythorpe. I can only hope that my views will help to offset the louder statements from those who don't live in our community and will not have to live with any development.

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

I support recycling, and suggest that instead of collecting food scraps the council instead consider supporting composting initiatives. After all, waste minimisation starts at home.

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**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

I do not believe that the rate of increase for our rates will fall over the coming 10 years. Indeed, if the projected decrease is to be offset by targetted rates, then I oppose this approach completely. Instead, cut costs, eliminate proposals which fall outside of the delivery of core services, and sweat the assets for 3 years. Suggesting that rates increases will reduce in coming years conceals the extra costs will hit ratepayers in other ways - reduced reductions for rural ratepayers, increased costs for specific projects by means of SPVs.

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

This is an overly ambitious LTP in the midst of straitened economic times, involving far too much up front and delayed costs which are not accounted for in projections of future rates increases. Some of the hidden costs are the loss of private land associated with Te Utanganui and PNITI. The increased cost to those on fixed incomes. The delays in delivering urgent improvements in core services while other projects, such as industrial development and roading, are considered priorities.

I dislike the presentation of this LTP. The issues on which you wish to consult are not necessarily the issues which will be of greatest significance or impact over the coming 3-10 years should they proceed. Why are the submission boxes on transport, housing or Nature Calls at the end of this on-line form? These are the most controversial and expensive issues of the span of this plan. Why are these not the key issues posed from the outset?

Instead, we are asked up front about the rates review, community facilities, seismic upgrades and development contributions. The real issues are hidden - first at the back of the form, then on the dedicated web page, then in the related information. If you get that far, then some of the documents are presented as drafts with track changes - it is a lazy and confusing way of presenting documents for consultation. Sorry, but the process feels half-baked, and not to the standard of the consultation documentation for which I was responsible at another council in 2015. Our auditors in 2015 demanded no less.

In 2024, in Palmerston North, much is still to be decided, or investigated or approved, yet these issues are all in the LTP, while the big decisions (Te Utanganui or PNITI) appear to have already been made. All that is left is for the ratepayers to foot the bill, and communities such as Bunnythorpe to count the cost.

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

Rates letter or email

Social media

Newspaper

City Councillor

Other: Council Staff. Thank you Keegan for keeping us informed here in Bunnythorpe.

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Neil
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Last name	Ward
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## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
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Which option do you prefer?	4. Prefer not to say
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Please tell us why you prefer this option

Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	Neither the land value or capital value is any of the PNCC business nor do they invest or contribute to their value. These values do not necessarily align with the owner's ability to pay.
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Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	The best solution is a uniform rate per each residential unit with a scale to reflect large sections which could be subdivided.
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## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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<b>Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project</b>	This will be low cost and support many different groups and cultures.
<b>Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project</b>	Definitely needed to support this community in this area which are mostly low income households.
<b>Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project</b>	Satellite communities like this need these facilities.
<b>Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project</b>	Great to have this type of multi function facility out in communities.
<b>Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project</b>	This is "nice to have " but too expensive and remote to justify
<b>Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project</b>	Great multifunctional facilities which are well used and located now but need updating.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

<b>Which option do you prefer?</b>	2. Only do the required seismic upgrades of these facilities in their current locations
<b>Please tell us why you prefer this option</b>	Keep the cost down.
<b>Please tell us what you don't like about the other option</b>	Too much money which is not essential for the full other works proposed.
<b>Do you have any other comments?</b>	The library should never have maintained the DIC facade. Waste of money- don't need to live in the past as this is not a significant heritage building. The Civic council office building should never have been built there intruding into the Square grounds. It should be demolished back outside the Square

## 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?	Yes
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
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
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
Please tell us why you've selected these answers, and any other feedback you have about the proposed changes to our Development Contributions Policy.	Growth of population and the city is the single biggest problem for the city as it places pressure on all resources needed. It is only fair that this new population pays its share of costs which previous and current citizens have paid for.

## General comment areas

Please share any feedback you have about our vision, goals and plans	Good to see the "small city" as a goal. WE need to stop growing the city as all the problems are caused by growth as we rarely manage to adequately cope to provide solutions for growth. We are already running out of space and resources and infrastructure. This is changing the nature of our small city which is what makes it such a great place to live.
Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects	<p>The second river bridge at Maxwells Line and the ring road system is vital and should have been built years ago to get heavy traffic out of the city roads.</p> <p>The Stoney Creek road work so far is a disaster and shows no vision to intelligence by raiding engineers-it is the only logical link from Fielding/Bunnythorpe to Napier road and needs upgrade and design to bypass the school and housing. Bridging at Bunnythorpe is essential to avoid the rail crossings. The road from Fielding to Bunnythorpe and Ashhurst needs to completely avoid Bunnythorpe. This is a major link access to the new Tararua Range road to Hawkes Bay but in its present form is a disaster. The current bridges around Bunnythorpe don't need priority work but the rail bridge and bypass of the village is a vital development.</p> <p>Aokautere roading should solely be the cost to the residents there for their convenience not a cost to the rest of the city.</p> <p>A proper bus hub is essential and should have been built years ago, It should not be in the Square space. The new electric busses are a great initiative but need work to get more usage.</p> <p>Shared pathways and cycleways are important and those partly built = PN to Ashhurst and Feilding to PN need to be finished.</p>
Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for water and how we will fund Nature Calls	Water and wastewater are the biggest challenges to support growth which is a major reason why we should not continue to grow as a priority to "make our city great" as it will have the opposite effect. Whatever we do with water upgrades we will never catch up and will be very expensive. We should have embraced the Three Waters program proposed by Govt.

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

Council housing and social housing is not he job of local govt. and therefore ratepayers. This is a central govt. role.  
Need for housing is a consequence of "growth" which is the big enemy in many respects. We must avoid using quality soils and land for housing that must be protected for food production. Proliferation of "lifestyle housing" must be discouraged to protect good land.

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

Booklet in my mailbox



# 1062

## Long-Term Plan submission form



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### Your contact details

First name	Isabel
Last name	Guthrie
Email	
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### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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### Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
Please tell us why you prefer this option	It's the cheapest option for me - a superannuitant.
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	Too expensive
Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	It is already a struggle to pay as I'm a superannuitant.

### Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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	Wait until PNCC is in a better financial position.

feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project

Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building

Do not support

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

We are all Palmerstonians so the same facilities should be shared by all.

Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building

Do not support

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

Wait until PNCC is in a better financial position.

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

Do not support

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project

Unnecessary when we have a central library which is not far away and the proposal is ridiculously expensive!

Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Do not support

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

Unnecessary.

Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Do not support

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project

Wait until PNCC is in a better financial position.

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

We ratepayers have to live within our means and PNCC should not spend our money on non-essential projects.

## 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

Please tell us why you prefer this option

Priority should be given to essential work only, with the Central Library at the top of the list..

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

Lack of definite co-funding which is essential before further work is undertaken.

## 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?

Yes

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

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

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

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

They seem fair.

## General comment areas

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

The cost is frightening. Government assistance is vital.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing

Simplicity is building big blocks of rent- to - own apartments, of various sizes, in Auckland. I suggest you invite them to build on the Railway Land as there are no residences to be overlooked.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city

Buildings with 3 storeys are intimidatng for neighbours through loss of privacy, loss of sun etc. A large communal play area for children is essential.

Please share any feedback about rubbish and recycling services

I would encourage residents to put out recycling bins out only when they are full as that would reduce the cost of the service in time and fuel.

Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years

I will have to consider moving to the west coast of the South Island where houses and rates are cheaper.

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

Booklet in my mailbox

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Lisa
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## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
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Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
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Please tell us why you prefer this option	I see this as a fair option for ratepayers. You pay rates based on owning a little part of Palmerston North. Don't fix what isn't broken.
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Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	I find the correlation between CV and the "ability to pay more" is ridiculous. Rates should be charged based on the services you receive etc and not based on a loose assumption that just because you have a higher CV, you must have more disposable income to spend on rates increases compared to someone else. As it stands we are a family with 4 young kids, we have decided to put all our money into our home as we have valued putting a healthy home with room for the kids over getting nice vehicles and family holidays. Because of this we will be penalised massively under the CV or hybrid options and be forced to pay horrific increases on our rates, even though we are far from wealthy, just because apparently we can "afford more".....
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Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	Making a change like this negatively impacts people hugely and trying to implement such change through a period of incredibly tough economic times is going to put a lot more strain on the families of Palmy. Add on top of that the additional \$1000 expected on top of the rates increases. Living in Palmy is getting completely unaffordable.
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## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
<b>Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project</b>	Need to prioritise the necessities at this stage such as the wastewater which needs to happen and we have been aware of for some time yet still can't afford to do. There are already places around the city which can be used by multicultural communities. This is a nice to have that does not need doing at this stage. Need to tighten belts not spend up a storm.
<b>Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project</b>	Need to prioritise the necessities at this stage such as the wastewater which needs to happen and we have been aware of for some time yet still can't afford to do. This is a nice to have that does not need doing at this stage.
<b>Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Support with changes/comments
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project</b>	Can't afford it - This is a huge amount of money to spend for additional meeting rooms and a kitchen. A lot of spending in the LTP seems to be focused around additional community spaces in different areas of Palmerston North - At a time when everyone is needing to tighten their belts, it would be prudent to focus on expanding one of the existing facilities, instead of trying to do multiple spaces when there are other major infrastructure projects are going to have to be done regardless. Bill Brown park (location of proposed expansion and refurbishment of Pasifika Community Centre - Havelock Ave) is literally just around the corner from the Te Patikitiki Library (Highury Ave) - so why are both projects being put forward in such close proximity to one another and serving very similar purposes?
<b>Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project</b>	As above - this is massive cost and we can't afford it. Focus on earthquake strengthening existing library (which needs to be done) and save the use the community space from neighboring suburbs.
<b>Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project</b>	I like this idea and something worth investing in - just need to ensure that appropriate security in place so the place is a safe place to go and avoid vandalism etc
<b>Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks</b>	Support with changes/comments
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project</b>	I like the idea, but can this be delayed. Not a fan of the artificial turf at Massey as do not feel the community will get the benefit out of this. Nice to have.

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

As above - need to peel back the spending as trying to do way too much at once when we cannot afford it.

## 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

Please tell us why you prefer this option

The work needs to be done, but not the time to be putting resource into improvements, which will delay the projects and likely result in cost blow outs (as is always the case). Just get it done.

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

\$308k over 3 years just to conduct investigation and funding analysis - delays to the work actually being done, so buildings not up to standard for longer and huge amounts of debt required for construction, which will likely be more than predicted.

## 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?

No

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?

No

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?

No

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

No

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 do think that developers should contribute towards the costs of services, but including interest in the calculation is a bit ridiculous considering we should have planned the funding of essential infrastructure projects well ahead of time so additional borrowing wasn't necessary. Council needs to learn prioritisation of spending and stop putting beautification projects ahead of necessary infrastructure work.

## General comment areas

Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

Shared pathways (including Manawatu to Ashhurst River and Palmy to Feilding) are nice to have - can be done in the next LTP once water infrastructure and earthquake strengthening dealt with. Cycleways - if Featherston Street is anything to go by, I strongly disagree with spending on these. Has created a hazard which is not safe to pedestrians, cyclists or vehicles, which is likely going to cost ratepayers big dollars to fix. Sinking another 31m across the city on more of this is irresponsible. Work needs to stop on city centre street upgrade as we don't have the money to be doing this at the same time as the big rate hikes!! Am all for safety improvements to Kelvin Grove Road and Stoney

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

The fact that needing to increase the max debt limit to borrow to fund water projects says how much excessive spending is evident in this LTP - The large levy will be a huge burden on the ratepayers and is a kick in the guts after the years and years of poor planning by Council, with such a heavy focus on "beautification", "nice to haves" and treating ratepayers like an ATM. We are legally required to get this new consent - so why have we not been acting like this has been the number 1 priority? It is not like it is new information!! Surely there is a way that we can borrow less (by being prudent with spending outlined in the LTP) so that the interest costs on the borrowing can be reduced.

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

Council should not dabble in real estate and/or subdivisions - this should be left to property developers.

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**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

I feel the proposed annual increases in total rates is misrepresented as does not actually include the cost of the levy needed for water. I also feel that with proposed changed to the way rates are calculated (Councils preferred method being hybrid) is not factored in. I feel the hybrid method is a sneaky transition to full CV over time so would love to see how many properties are actually modelled to increase per the LTP proposed increases (as bet it isn't many).

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

Council website  
Social media  
City Councillor  
Family or friends

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# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name Tom  
Last name Santing  
Email  
Phone

## 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:** 5.30pm to 7.30pm  
**Thursday 16 May:**  
**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  
Which option do you prefer? 4. Prefer not to say  
Please tell us why you prefer this option my most favorable out of the three is the current as its basic and consider just the land wich is the same everywhere  
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options it is unfair to charge based on the building wich i have no idea how you detarmin the value the same style improvement have diffrent dollar alue on the same item its like if the value of the car changes based on where its parked  
Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the My opinion is that rates should not be based on the value of land or



rates review?

capital value (CV), as these factors do not necessarily indicate the ability to pay. For instance, I bought my house for 195k with a CV of 175k, but now that my house has a CV of 590k, I am still struggling to pay my mortgage. Furthermore, the value of improvements does not always correlate with the value of the property. In many cases, houses of the same style in different areas have different values, which does not seem fair. Houses, regardless of where they are built, should have the same value.

I believe that rates should be a flat rate, determined by factors such as the number of people living in the house and the number of cars they drive. Rates should be based on the level of pressure a household puts on infrastructure.

Therefore, if I had to choose from the three options, I would prefer to keep the current system and work on improving it.

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support with changes/comments
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project	why dose the council not plan to own the building and than lease it for revenue if a cultural group want a place they should be paying for it
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed
Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Support as proposed
Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park	Support as proposed
Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks	Support as proposed
Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?	as long as financially viable its ok to go a head bt when high ates increases are on the horizin im not sure its the right move

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

Which option do you prefer?	Prefer not to say
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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	Don't know / no opinion
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change?

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**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

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**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

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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?**

Don't know / no opinion

## General comment areas

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects**

The biggest issue with transportation is the way it's managed. The recent redesign of the junction at Rangatikei and Featherston is actually causing more harm than good. It's reducing the number of lanes, leading to longer wait times and slowing down traffic. Better planning is needed to ensure smoother flow and efficiency.

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

for the safety of our city a city wide CCTV network is important one that monitor cars and faces especially in high crime areas also a demand from police to have foot patrol especially in the city center during the day to increase the safety of the shops and shoppers

in every location there is a sign lock it or lose it should be monitored

a request from businesses to have cameras in car parks to monitor

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

Other: friend

# 1065

## Long-Term Plan submission form



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### Your contact details

First name	David
Last name	Faiiuaso
Email	
Phone	

### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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### Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
Please tell us why you prefer this option	It's the cheaper option for my family.
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	Costs more
Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	No

### Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support as proposed
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any	The multicultural community need a space for their events.

feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project

Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building

Support as proposed

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

The Pasifika Community has outgrown the current facilities and therefore needs a bigger space.

Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building

Support as proposed

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

It's run down and needs refurbishment.

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

Support as proposed

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project

This would be a good investment for Awapuni and all of Palmerston North.

Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Support as proposed

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

This would be great for Palmerston North.

Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Support as proposed

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project

I support this change as it will be more useful for the communities.

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

No

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

Which option do you prefer?

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

Please tell us why you prefer this option

It appears a better option

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

I just prefer the other option

Do you have any other comments?

No

## 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?

No

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**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

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**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?**

No

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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?**

Don't know / no opinion

## **General comment areas**

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

Booklet in my mailbox

Social media

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# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Lance
Last name	Keall
Organisation you represent	Lance Keall Auto Repairs Ltd
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Business owner who rents my business location in Palmerston North
Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
Please tell us why you prefer this option	It works
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	Will cost rate payer more
Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	Leave it alone

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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	Cost to rate payer when there is already substantial vacant buildings in Palmy
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project	Again cost
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project	Once again cost
Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project	We already have a main library, money wasted again
Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project	A tiny percentage of our population want this but we dont need it, again if we had heaps of spare cash maybe but not at the moment.
Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project	Not a priority at the moment, its working as it is, havnt seen any publicity about it being run down.
Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?	As long as they are safe and well maintained no need to spend big dollars just as a feel good thing for the councillors.

## 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
Please tell us why you prefer this option	Current locations are fine, plenty of electric buses now so easy to get to. We dont want to spend money necessarily when we dont have to. Only do what is needed
Please tell us what you don't like about the other option	To costly without guaranteed funding

## 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
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<b>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?</b>	Don't know / no opinion
<b>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?</b>	Don't know / no opinion
<b>Do you agree that we shouldn't charge a fee for non-residential development that has no connection to the water or wastewater network?</b>	Don't know / no opinion
<b>Please tell us why you've selected these answers, and any other feedback you have about the proposed changes to our Development Contributions Policy.</b>	Don't know enough about these developments to comment, would need more time to look into it.

## General comment areas

<b>Please share any feedback you have about our vision, goals and plans</b>	Sounds good but its going to be hard to deliver with the current councillors as is shown in the Featherston St debacle. No common sense shown by a big percentage of councillors, all got there own agendas and not working enough together for the betterment of Palmerston North.
<b>Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects</b>	Reginal freight road is the top priority here.
<b>Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for water and how we will fund Nature Calls</b>	The big problem here is trying to satisfy Horizons. I think the best option here is to go down the same path as Watercare in Auckland has done. Whether that is a option i don't know?
<b>Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing</b>	Agree with the need for more social housing as long as it is given to the people who really need it and the ones who will look after them. Rate payers don't like wasting money on repairs caused by scum bags in these houses.
<b>Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city</b>	All for growing the city as long as its done properly, no dumb ideas like the Featherston Street debacle. need to expand into safe building areas with the right infrastructure in place
<b>Please share any feedback about rubbish and recycling services</b>	We need to have reliable collections for all types of waste otherwise it will be just dumped everywhere by the scum bags in our society. The recycling is working for us and a food scraps pick up would be a great idea as long as the costs are not to great.
<b>Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years</b>	Don't mind rate rises as long as the money is spent for the betterment of the city and its people. Needs to be spent on keeping infrastructure up to scratch and not on statue type things. As long as gutters are cleared lawns mowed and city gardens are looked after thats what matters.
<b>Please share any additional feedback you'd like us to consider</b>	Survey is very long which i suspect will put a lot of people off doing it. They will start off with good intentions but never get around to finishing it.
<b>How did you find out about our long-term plan?</b>	Booklet in my mailbox Radio





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# Long-Term Plan submission form



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Related form version	5

## Your contact details

First name	Stefan
Last name	Speller
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Resident but not a ratepayer (eg, rent or live with family or friends)
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?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support as proposed
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project	I grew up in this area and have seen the current buildings used regularly and heavily for our pasifika community. The current facilities are outdated and not fit for this growing and active community.
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support

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

The changes do not add anything to the library or add additional book space. It makes it into a community space, which is already available across the carpark at the Highbury Whanau Centre. I have used the HWC several times, it is cheap, tidy and available to community outside of its primary use.

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

Support with changes/comments

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project

The process of buying land, before consultation of the project shows a clear ambition for this to go ahead. With the land already purchased, and as an option for a main library, when central is updated, going ahead now makes sense.

The land should have not have been bought as it has forced the decision, outside of the spirit of democratic consultation. I would have preferred that the current facilities were maintained until a later date, and think the project should be pared back to as simple as possible.

Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Do not support

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

The split in funding between council and Rangitikei does not benefit the council and ratepayers. We have other marae and CBD centres for visitors. We have the square and other places for significant events. This is squarely a 'nice to have project', and should be delayed. If it goes ahead there should be a better cost split, rather than council taking the majority.

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

Please tell us why you prefer this option

We do not currently have the financial bandwidth to do more than maintenance. The offer to seek cofunding for future projects and redevelopments remain on the table.

## 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?

Yes

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

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

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

## General comment areas

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

- Council website
- Booklet in my mailbox
- Social media
- Radio
- Newspaper
- City Councillor
- Family or friends

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# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Alison
Last name	Livingston
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
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?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Prefer not to say
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any	I think upgrading the library could be great, but \$27.1 million is far to

feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project

much with many households struggling to cope with the cost of living right now. It seems like a very unwise fiscal idea in this economic climate.

I think this idea should be parked until there is more room in the budget for it, or a more financially viable option is proposed.

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

Do not support

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

In general I understand the rationale of the council wanting to improve Palmerston North with these projects, however in the current economic climate many households are struggling with the day to day cost of living. In the current economic climate the focus needs to be on necessities not nice to have. These projects are all nice to have ideas, but are very unwise in the current financial state of the council. If the funding was already there that would be different, but many Palmerston North residents do not want to see their rates continue to increase while struggling with the day to day cost of living to fund extravagant projects by the council that they can't afford.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

Which option do you prefer?

Prefer not to say

## 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 feedback you have about our vision, goals and plans

I applaud the council wanting to make Palmerston North a great place to live. I certainly enjoy raising our three small children here, as I feel like there is a lot for them to do.

My main concern with the current plan is that a lot of spending is going on non-essential things. While I enjoy things that make Palmerston North a 'creative and exciting city' I question if 22% of the budget should be going here. If the economic climate was different and the council had the budget for it and people had surplus income I would be all for it. However with the council's level of debt and households struggling with

the current cost of living I think the council needs to re-evaluate its priorities to focus on the essentials to run the city rather than the nice to haves. I would rather council step back on non-essential spending to stay within budget. Looking at the latest proposal it seems that the Council has an unlimited budget.. With the current proposed budget rates are set to rise over 30% in the next three years and double in the next 10 years, this is simply unacceptable and a complete failure of the Council to maintain fiscal responsibility in budgeting.

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects**

I don't support the spending on the shared walkway/cycle way from Palmerston North to Ashhurst and from Palmerston North to Feilding. This is non-essential and seems like a luxury that cannot be justified with the \$55 million price tag.

I do not support the \$31 million being spent on cycleways in the city. For over 5 years I did not have a car in Palmy and cycling was my main mode of transport. I felt that cycleways were satisfactory. \$31 million is a lot to spend on something that isn't broken. In fact if it is anything like the disaster of the upgrade that is currently being done on Featherston street, it will make it so much worse for the general population of Palmerston North.

\$88 million seems a lot of money to be spending on low-cost measures to meet government direction, surely there is a way to reduce this. Currently I see the majority of the buses travelling around Palmerston North with very few, or in fact no one on them. I question if it was a sensible move to buy so many electric buses.

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

I'm not against social housing, I think it's very important that everyone should have a house to live in. I wonder if it is possible for the cost of this to be lowered?. Perhaps it could be taken over by a developer. At the moment many Palmerston North residents are struggling to meet the cost of living and many would be paying upwards of 50% of their net income on housing costs. It is no secret that many people are going without, having to have boarders, taking breaks in kiwi saver contributions and not living in warm or dry homes in order to meet the cost of living at this point. I am concerned that with current proposal the already high rates are going to continue to rise for Palmerston North rate payers (some of whom have very little income left at the end of the week). For me it feels conflicting that some rate payers are financially worse off, living in worse homes and are subsidising social housing for people who would be financially better off at the end of the week. I'm not against the council providing social housing I think it is very important to provide housing to people who have barriers to getting into a home. I am just wondering if there is a way to do it with a lower cost to the council.

I support the rezoning of land, to help provide more houses for Palmerston Norths expanding population.

I support the pilot initiative to respond to homelessness. I don't like the thought of anyone being without a home.

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**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

The proposed rates increase over the next 10 years is very large and will be a struggle for many rate payers. I understand that there are essential and expensive projects such as the upgrading of the water ways that need to be done. I feel the things that need to be done should be prioritized and anything non-essential should be suspended for the moment.

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

Council website

Social media

Radio

Family or friends

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Aaron
Last name	Kearns
Organisation you represent	Please select
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
Which option do you prefer?	2. Capital value (CV)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	Seams more fair for all

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Do not support
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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project

need to find better options, multicultural centre working with churches or use current buildings/halls etc. especially considering all the other main service costs increases that city has to cover.

For too long city has spent \$ on item/projects that are not vital to general



running & maintenance of assets or replace of them.

**Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building**

Support with changes/comments

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

Similar to above. Pasifika & groups need to source a large amount required

**Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building**

Do not support

**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project**

All library jobs & requirement need to be considered with the overall plan of re strengthening main library.

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

Do not support

**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project**

as above

**Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park**

Support with changes/comments

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

Similar to pasifika centre. Get funding from Rangitane or other iwi?

**Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks**

Do not support

**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project**

defer and work on maintenance of asset and plant

## 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

**Please tell us why you prefer this option**

the cost of these needs to be looked at first. Do you re strengthen or demo/re-build

## 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**

Don't know / no opinion

New Zealand already do this. Do you agree with this change?

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 feedback about our proposed transport projects

Get on with Ring road and get large traffic off urban streets.

Current plan doesn't work. Fitz ave going up to Ferguson st which is now 4 lanes in places. then goes Princess st or Pitt around to Grey then up Rangitikei. How are large trucks supposed to safely get around, but more importantly others with these trucks?

Similarly will have large truck movements on roads and neighbourhoods not designed or built for. Example: Park road - Botanical rd in to Featherston or Tremaine ave, all these street roads have many schools - parks - shop and narrow bridges etc.

Action is need to getting main outer ring road started. The city has been expanding in areas that can't handle this traffic. again example development of warehouses etc near airport but no additional roading, this was started 25 years ago. How long do you have to wait before any action

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

Get National government to fund as part of there Water done better

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing

Need to plan roading - parking - Stormwater/Waste water so these multi storey ghettos don't add extra pressure to system

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city

Need to get on with Streets for everyone! not just cars  
Nothing wrong with Featherston st road redevelopment.  
watch some of the meeting regarding revolt. Most of the comment had no evidence. Example: Bus stop in live lane. why is this a issue? If a bus stops at pedestrian crossing it would be a similar time, these new bus system you should just get on or off having all ready paid.  
What was the congestion time before? was it increasing over the last few years?  
Why was the phasing of traffic lights not fixed as work started? How long do they need to plan for this change, with tech these days it should be a major?  
Why stop when near completion, possibly incurring costs? seam to allow whingers to put hold but didn't open this others who spent time during design phase.

Need to get on with master plan of making all streets safer! I see so much speeding- running red lights and dangerous maneuvers while getting around using multiply methods of transport

Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years

Need to stop just increase year on year. maintain the main services required.

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Council website

Booklet in my mailbox

Social media

Radio

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# Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on	8 May 2024, 10:13PM
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Related form version	5

## Your contact details

First name	Jane
Last name	Swift
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North rural area
Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
Please tell us why you prefer this option	It seems to be straightforward.
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	Capital value seems to really increase prices.

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support as proposed
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project	PN has a wide range of people from local born and bred to immigrants and refugees. We are a diverse community and need to support each other. A space to use for events will be fabulous.

<b>Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project</b>	Libraries are essential for our suburbs, not everyone can make it into the city centre. It also fits with improving literacy.
<b>Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project</b>	As above, libraries are an essential part of our community.
<b>Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project</b>	This would be fabulous and make this lovely part of our rohe even more attractive.
<b>Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project</b>	It seems to be a well used facility.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

<b>Which option do you prefer?</b>	1. Preferred option: Build on our existing planning and continue work to look at the buildings as a collective project and explore co-funding opportunities
<b>Please tell us what you don't like about the other option</b>	We need to grow our city and this includes continuing to grow, upgrade and expand our lovely facilities so they are used even more.

## Development contributions questions

<b>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?</b>	Don't know / no opinion
<b>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?</b>	Yes
<b>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?</b>	Yes
<b>Do you agree that we shouldn't charge a fee for non-residential development that has no connection to the water or wastewater</b>	Yes

network?

## General comment areas

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

It sounds great.

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects**

We need to keep people safe on our roads including people walking, cycling and driving. Anything that improves what we have now is for the good.

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

Please do something about roads flooding in heavy rain, particularly fitzherbert Avenue near Ferguson street.

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

We need more housing, please consider roads and infrastructure when rezoning. I'm in summerhill locality and the roads and junctions are very busy.

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city**

As above, it's one thing to grow our city however it seems to be done without any consideration for infrastructure. This needs to advance along with everything else - roads, schools, healthcare.

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

We are way behind other areas in regards to green/food waste. Make it happen.

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**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

No comment

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

Palmy is a great city to live in and I really enjoy the development along the river with the new bridge (not so new now).  
I'd love to see a cafe near to the river, to enjoy in winter. The coffee carts are great in summer/warmer weather.

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

Social media

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# Long-Term Plan submission form



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Related form version	5

## Your contact details

First name	Margaret
Last name	Tennant
Organisation you represent	Palmerston North Heritage Trust
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
Which option do you prefer?	1. Preferred option: Hybrid (a mixture of land and capital value)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	Seems fairer given subdivisions of sections in recent years

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support as proposed
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed

<b>Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project</b>	Can serve as a community space as well as library, and provide overflow space when main library is refurbished
<b>Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project</b>	Such an important historic and cultural site - will be an asset to the city in many ways.
<b>Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project</b>	Plenty already spent on this

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

<b>Which option do you prefer?</b>	1. Preferred option: Build on our existing planning and continue work to look at the buildings as a collective project and explore co-funding opportunities
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## Development contributions questions

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

## General comment areas

<b>Please share any feedback you have about our vision, goals and plans</b>	I strongly support the proposals in the Arts and Heritage and the Library sections of the plan and the ideals of a creative and connected city which preserves its own unique heritage.
<b>Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects</b>	Support the regional freight ring - there are far too many big truck's on the city's streets. Support cycleways, efforts to enable pedestrians to use the city centre

more safely, and general attempts to slow traffic speed. Also recommend attention to roundabout designs - many, with their wide concrete berths encourage the overtaking of cycles and are consequently extremely dangerous.

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

Nature calls project is essential, as are attempts to mitigate flood risks. As a city on a flood plain we are at prime risk from the consequences of climate change.

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

Mostly support housing plans, including social housing but have concerns about medium density housing unless on their own distinct blocks of land with strict rules about shade and light

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

Support waste reduction measures though would like to see individual household composting/worm farms encouraged before food waste collection.

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**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

I consider the rates proposed rates rise to be acceptable in comparison with other places. It seems necessary given the big issues facing us. The affordability issue can hopefully be dealt with by means/income testing for rates rebates?

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

I feel the city needs to be bold and deal with its big issues now, before teh costs rise even more.

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

Council website  
Booklet in my mailbox  
Social media  
Newspaper



# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Alec
Last name	Mackay
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
Which option do you prefer?	1. Preferred option: Hybrid (a mixture of land and capital value)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	More balanced

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support as proposed
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed

Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Support as proposed
Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park	Support as proposed
Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks	Support with changes/comments
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project	Of the six this is one I would like to suggest is a lower priority . I would like to see the development of an indoor 50 m swimming pool initiated before the replacement of Arena 5 is advanced.
Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?	Like the mix of initiates, putting a side the time frame for the Arena development and no progress on a indoor 50 m pool .

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

Which option do you prefer?	1. Preferred option: Build on our existing planning and continue work to look at the buildings as a collective project and explore co-funding opportunities
Please tell us why you prefer this option	It is well thought through addressing the issue head

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

## General comment areas

Please share any feedback you have about our vision, goals and plans	ok
Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects	ok
Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for water and how we will fund Nature Calls	ok

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

ok

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city**

ok

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

ok

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**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

Understand the pressure the city is under. Rates are still small in comparison to income tax

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

Rates letter or email

City Councillor

Family or friends

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Aaron
Last name	Oliver
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
Which option do you prefer?	2. Capital value (CV)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	Council advice is that this is a fairer system, so it would be my first choice, however I also agree with the recommendation of a hybrid system, so that the transition can be a more manageable for those who may pay more.

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support as proposed
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project	While I'm submitting as a ratepayer, I've also worked in social and health services since 2003. In order for the council to meet it's goals, and in particular the way that a connected, safe and vibrant committee supports the economic goals of the city in attracting residents, visitors and business, community facilities rank alongside infrastructure in meeting

those goals. Having a space that welcomes, celebrates and supports our diverse cultures to participate and contribute their talents to the vibrancy and economics of our community is an infrastructure investment I support.

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**Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building**

Support as proposed

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

Similar to the above, refurbishing this existing asset seems best practice and responsible infrastructure management. We all like having safe and familiar places where we can be welcomed, supported and celebrated; something that can attract people and events to help grow a flourishing, vibrant city.

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**Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building**

Do not support

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**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project**

I love libraries; they're such hubs and engines for growth and development and Te Pātikitiki looks like a lovely building. What I haven't understood is why both Te Pātikitiki and Awapuni Community Library projects are included in this plan; there seems a duplication, in that they are libraries close to each other, seemingly an uneven distribution of community services. If there is some history or context to retaining Te Pātikitiki, I wonder if it could still serve as a useful space for our communities, once the Awapuni hub is operational, managed with the more modest cost of maintenance as opposed to expansion.

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

Support as proposed

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**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project**

As above, libraries are a rich taonga, a vital vessel of knowledge with the power to transform lives, with this infrastructure and investment in an area of our community in which the services and purpose of a hub could help weave together the talents, aspirations and resources of the community, along with providing a safe haven in times of need.

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**Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park**

Support as proposed

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

Kei te tautoko ahua tēnei kaupapa ātaahua. Ka mau te wehi! What an inspiring and beautiful project to support. There are so many ways in which this is a step forward together; he manaakitanga tēnei, this is manaakitanga. I'm so hopeful of what we can achieve when we manaaki each other, as was, I understand, the aspiration of Māori to have been in 1840. I've been so encouraged and enriched by the council's efforts to manaaki more and for people to, literally, see it: the bilingual signage, documentation and design in our infrastructure and processes contribute to restoring mana, from which you can witness the growth that flows from the mauri. I am Pākehā, and to return to the city of Te Rangiotū, Te Peeti Te Aweawe and Mātene Te Whiwhi, to Te Marae o Hine; when I see us beginning to fulfil these early hopes and aspirations; I feel the mauri flowing like the Manawatū. I see us at our best, rising to our potential; that is something I want to invest in.

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**Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks**

Support with changes/comments

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**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project**

I can see that parts of this project have merit or are necessary, I'm just not sure of the extent of the work. It seems necessary to replace Arena 5 and I have enjoyed six-a-side football on the fields and turf behind the stadium. The LTP also references Massey facilities, which seems like an excellent facility to be supporting. I support the provision of sports and recreation infrastructure. The current location of the Central Trust complex, close to the CBD also seems to have merit. I'd also support

changing rooms and toilet facilities. I'm unsure of the merits of more turf, given the additional cost; the current mix of field and turf satisfies what I want from these facilities.

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

As a community health worker, I urge Councillors to consider the cost of not investing in these community facilities; they are vital to the health, wellbeing, growth and wealth of our communities. It seems much harder, and more costly, to try and fix later what is damaged, than to both preventing that damage, so that we may grow strongly.

I'd like to make a special mention of the Blueprint maker space, who's staff have been so lovely and helpful, but also to those who have the vision to see how removing so many barriers and providing such open access to these tools, technologies and resources creates a catalyst and incubator for innovation.

Returning here from seeing the enriching, protective resource of community hubs in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai / Lower Hutt and Te Whanganui-a-Tara / Wellington endorses our decision to invest in the opportunities for safe, connected and enriched communities that Te Papaioea / Palmerston North has to offer; it is the kind of leadership we want to see in our papakāinga / the place we call home.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

**Which option do you prefer?**

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

**Please tell us why you prefer this option**

There is one exception to my support for these works; I support 7 of them as offering social and economic benefits to our community. I have reservations about Caccia Birch House. I'm unfamiliar with its merit or value, as a community facility and, though I've lived here from some 11 years in total, it's possible I've only accessed this facility once, if at all. The current functionality would seem like purposes that could be met by the other planned community infrastructure projects or a different provider / owner. It's listing as heritage building offers only a mediocre link, for me, to it's heritage value in Palmerston North. The other projects I support my rates contributing to for their social and economic value. In contrast, I don't like the idea of my rates going to what seems a possible monument to our harmful history of colonisation and exploitation. I can't see much information online that justifies it's merit; I'm not sure what information would suggest it has more merit. It's current purposes seem more suited to private ownership or council management than a ratepayer funded enterprise. I'd much rather my rates go toward Te Motu o Poutoa.

## 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?**

Yes

**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

**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

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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?

Yes

## General comment areas

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

[Thumbs up emoji here]

Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

I couldn't see much detail about the planned projects using the link provided, but I'm massive fan of the recent improvements to public transport, including the fleet, and the current low cost of bus fares. I favour options, such as cycle lanes and sustainability, whereby we can be more active in how we move, e.g. cycling, and have effective, sustainable, low emissions mass transport in order to help lower carbon emissions and move to an economy that reverses carbon emissions. If these apply to the City Centre Transformation then I support those aspects of the street upgrades. I'm unsure what further transformation is merited or what social, economic or wellbeing purposes other works would serve.

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

I support the efforts the council is making to balance the massive costs. I don't support delaying investment; I'd rather action is planned for costs to be managed over time, than to delay and incur massive, debilitating costs later.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing

I support density, rather than sprawl, supported by good public transport and active transport options, such as cycle ways. Sprawl reduces productive land and increases emissions. Density, similarly, offers the possibility of more active transport, e.g. walking and fewer carbon miles, with the additional economic boost higher population brings to businesses in the centre of town.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city

See housing.

Please share any feedback about rubbish and recycling services

Thumbs up for waste minimisation, so I support efforts to achieve this. We use a council bag, and generally separate our waste streams, including recycling and composting. I support work to help separate, reuse (e.g. compost), recycle waste streams.

Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years

I like that the plan is for them to trend down, to what seems more reasonable levels around 4-5%.

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

Council website

City Councillor

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# Long-Term Plan submission form



Submitted on 8 May 2024, 10:46PM  
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Related form version 5

## Your contact details

First name Alec  
Last name Mackay  
Organisation you represent Palmerston North Surf Life Saving Club  
Email  
Phone

## 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:  
Thursday 16 May: 5.30pm to 7.30pm  
Friday 17 May: 5.30pm to 7.30pm  
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  
Which option do you prefer? 4. Prefer not to say

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which Yes



regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?

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

Prefer not to say

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

Prefer not to say

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

Which option do you prefer?

Prefer not to say

## 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

Submission from the PNSLSC to the PNCC Long-term plan  
First, we would like to thank the council for their ongoing support for the regional life guard service at Himatangi Beach and the inclusion of funding for the coming season in the long-term plan.  
We would like to see that funding secured for a three-year term. The cost of the Regional lifeguard service is shared between the Palmerston North City Council and the Manawatu District council and the Club requires certainty over the medium term to supply this service.  
The purpose of the regional lifeguard service is to

- provide a safer beach for the community to enjoy as they know that they are being patrolled by trained lifeguards when swimming between the flags during the busy summer days leading up to Christmas and

throughout January.

- prevents swimmers getting into difficulty through preventative actions, prevent injury on the beach and provide first aid.
- spend time educating and talking to the public about where to swim and the hazards that can occur. This can also help prevent situations and incidents escalating until someone is at risk.

In the current season (2033/24) three lifeguards were employed from Monday to Friday from mid-December for 6 weeks to patrol at Himatangi Beach.

Over the last 10 years the Regional lifeguard services has completed 59 rescues, 5481 preventive actions involving nearly 25, 000 members of the public

The regional lifeguard service costs approx. \$30,000 per year. This cost has been shared equally with the Manawatu District Council.

The Palmerston North Surf Life Saving Club provides a volunteer service on weekends starting in December and finishing in March.

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

Rates letter or email

Newspaper

City Councillor

Family or friends

# 1075

## Long-Term Plan submission form



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### Your contact details

First name	Michael
Last name	Mason
Email	
Phone	

### Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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### Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
Which option do you prefer?	2. Capital value (CV)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	Land value seems to keep soaring up but the CV is more manageable
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	The other options seem to have unfair increases especially to anyone with a bit more land or those who live out of town with a house on a lot of land

### Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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	Not a necessary use for rate payer funds at a time when interest rates are soaring

<b>Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project</b>	Not a necessary use for rate payer funds at a time when interest rates are soaring
<b>Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project</b>	Not a necessary use for rate payer funds at a time when interest rates are soaring
<b>Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project</b>	Not a necessary use for rate payer funds at a time when interest rates are soaring
<b>Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project</b>	Waste of rate payers money in a hard time and for a space that is fine to be left as is
<b>Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project</b>	Not a necessary use for rate payer funds at a time when interest rates are soaring
<b>Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?</b>	For such a big investment isn't it important that there is a bigger return on investment. Shouldn't and renovation to the area be covered by events it holds

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

<b>Which option do you prefer?</b>	2. Only do the required seismic upgrades of these facilities in their current locations
<b>Please tell us why you prefer this option</b>	Not a necessary use for rate payer funds at a time when interest rates are soaring While given extensions from the government it would be better to push out the work further until better options are available

## Development contributions questions

<b>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?</b>	Yes
<b>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</b>	No

the project. Do you agree with this change?

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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?

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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?

## General comment areas

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Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

With the pause to the controversial roadworks and terrible bus stop concrete blocks out in the middle of the road. Hopes that there will be a stop to this and other projects that for no reason want to have bigger expenses then needed to re arrange road layouts and make traveling in this city worse. I meself bike alot and with children too and prefer to do it on out nice wide roads as they are previously not oddly layed out making them worse for everyone at a bigger expense

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Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing

Developers should bare majority of the costs for the development. And then when developed new owners to pay rates

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Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city

Developers should bare majority of the costs for the development. And then when developed new owners to pay rates

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Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years

With a struggling economy and people feeling the pinch, we should not borrowing oit of pocket for things that do not need to be done. Just like we have to maintain our propert and plan within what we can afford.

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

Social media  
City Councillor  
Other: Other residents

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# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name Ariana

Last name

Email

Phone

I am under 18

## Hearing

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

## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you? Resident but not a ratepayer (eg, rent or live with family or friends)

Which option do you prefer? 3. Land value (LV) – current system

Please tell us why you prefer this option It would be a cheaper option for my family.

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

Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review? No

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities? No

Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services Support as proposed

<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project</b>	I would love to support the Multicultural Centre project to allow them to reach out to the community and also grow.
<b>Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project</b>	As a Pasifika I use this space a lot and a lot of other Pasifika do too. It needs to be expanded in order to create a space for Pasifika to grow as a community.
<b>Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project</b>	Yes I support it as the building needs a lot of repairs as it is quite old.
<b>Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project</b>	I use the Awapuni Library a lot to study and to issue books and it would be great to have a space to do that as well as a space for the community.
<b>Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project</b>	I support and think it would be a good opportunity for the people of Manawatu.
<b>Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project</b>	Yes, It would also be a good opportunity for clubs, sport and etc.
<b>Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?</b>	No

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

<b>Which option do you prefer?</b>	1. Preferred option: Build on our existing planning and continue work to look at the buildings as a collective project and explore co-funding opportunities
<b>Please tell us why you prefer this option</b>	Because it would be better in the long term.
<b>Please tell us what you don't like about the other option</b>	I like the first option.
<b>Do you have any other comments?</b>	No

## Development contributions questions

<b>We're proposing to increase the contributions for residential</b>	No
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development and decrease the non-residential fee to more equitably distribute the cost of growth. Do you agree with this change?

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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?

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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?

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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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## General comment areas

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

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Good job.

Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

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Sounds good.

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

Social media

Family or friends



1077

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name Deanna

Last name Walzl

Email

Phone

## Hearing

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

## Rates review questions

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

## General comment areas

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city As per attached submission

Supporting information



5 May 2024

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Dear Elected Members

**2024-34 LONG TERM PLAN SUBMISSION: KIKIWHENUA**

This submission is in relation to the growth plans for Housing and Development as indicated in both the PNCC Long Term Plan (LTP) and PNCC and Horizons Future Development Strategy (FDS). These plans indicate a requirement across Palmerston North of 400 new homes per year for the next 10 years and beyond.

The council have indicated a strong commitment to provide for residential development to the west of the city. This commitment was backed up by the rezoning of approx. 22 hectares of land in 2019 to residential. This land is known as Kikiwhenua.

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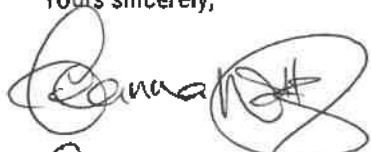
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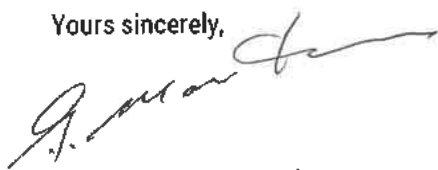
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<b>Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?</b>	No
<b>Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project</b>	Cultures should be encouraged to use the current facilities so they are not separated / segregated out in the community. A multicultural facility will create this separation. This may be a want for some groups but it is not a need and the council should be concentrating on reducing spending in these areas.
<b>Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project</b>	Again this is encouraging separation / segregation. When Pasifika groups have to share facilities with non Pasifika groups this forces interaction between that is important. there are more than enough council facilities that these groups can use without creating an exclusive one. Again this is a want not a need and the council needs to reign in it's frivolous and negligent spending practices.
<b>Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project</b>	Again there are projects that need money spent more than this such as our wastewater. I agree that maintenance needs to be undertaken but expansion is not a need it is a want. Any earthquake strengthening needs to be carried out if economically feasible but should be delayed while more critical projects are funded.
<b>Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project</b>	This is a waste of money, if the central library need to close for a time then there are spaces that can be leased. Even if a scaled down version of the central library could be used for a time. We would end up with two big libraries within a very small distance of each other which is just wasteful use of ratepayer money. Again this is a want not a need. The money allocated for this project could be used to fix the central library.
<b>Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project</b>	ANZAC park is a place that is very special to me and my family. I go to this park every week. I view it as a memorial to our soldiers and placing an unneeded visitor centre (visitors will use the central visitor centre, ANZAC park is too far out of the way). Likewise a Marae on this site I feel will make it more exclusive, currently anyone can use this space and feel welcome. I think any of the proposed changes will desecrate the memories of our soldiers after which this place was named. I fell like a broken record but again this is someone's want it is not a need. Our current Government has stated that councils should be concentrating on needs not wants.
<b>Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks</b>	Do not support
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project</b>	I don't believe this is a need at this time, and we simply cant afford this project without creating a lot of debt that will require the rates to increase putting undue pressure on all home owners / renters.

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

If we are struggling to afford the things we need to do, then we should not be spending on wants. No financial advisor would suggest this level of spending to a home owner / business owner with the levels of debt that will be created. It is completely irresponsible for our council to think they are any different.

## 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

Please tell us why you prefer this option

Believe it will be the most cost effective option, we need to spend money on our failing wastewater system and cutting spending in these areas will free up some of the necessary funding.

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

I believe that this could include selling assets which is short sighted and will cost more in the long run, whoever buys will need a good ROI or they will not buy these assets. The question is ambiguous it is not really clear what this option involves.

Do you have any other comments?

Do what is needed only to help get our debt. / overspending under control.

## 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?

No

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?

No

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?

No

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

No

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 believe if I have understood this correctly the changes outline above will make shift too much of the cost to ratepayers and off the developers.

## General comment areas

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

Consider all spending with a focus on needs not wants. You want to "upgrade" the central city with redevelopments that are expensive and unnecessary. We don't need a transit hub. Roads around the city are full of potholes that are not getting repaired, this is where money should be spent rather than just making streets look "pretty" such as the Cuba street upgrade.

Keep the 200% borrowing on revenue. This will give us a buffer in case of disaster.  
No more irresponsible Council spending leading to a greater debt / rates increases.

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects**

No more inner city cycleways. I am a cyclist and most of these cycleways are unnecessary. the inclusion of these cycleways is leading to traffic congestion. Featherston St is a prime example of a disaster that has ruined traffic flow and created more dangerous areas than were there before this "upgrade". I like to be able to drive from one side of the city to the other in 15 - 20mins, it is part of the reason people like to live in Palmy and you are ruining this.  
You are making it difficult for those that are old / disabled to move around the city. Consider improving safety without ruining traffic flow.

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

I don't believe we need to discharge onto land, if we can clean up the wastewater enough to discharge into the river with no adverse environmental impact. This can potentially save a considerable amount of money and not ruin good land that can be used for farming. If the council can cut it's spending in the want areas we should be able to do this without off book funding.

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

I believe that the Government should be covering more of the social housing not the responsibility of the council / ratepayers. The money the council is spending on social housing would go a long way to paying for our necessary wastewater upgrades.

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city**

While being conscious of retaining and much productive farmland as possible. We need the city to spread out not create a urban slums of multi story housing leading to more pollution, noise and straining our infrastructure. We are not a big city, we shouldn't pretend we are and ruin what is good about living in Palmy.

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

Again choosing expensive options. We should be encouraging people to bury food waste in their own gardens. It's not hard and breaks down and feeds the soil. Collecting this waste is just promoting laziness. even if there was a free dumping site for this waste would be better than having to collect it all.

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**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

Council need to concentrate on getting debt. down. Our the rates increase will be forcing people out of their homes because they wont be able to afford these rate increases. Get the interest rates on the debt to a manageable level and rates will not need to increase by over 100% in the next 10 years.

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

Consider what people like about Palmy and don't ruin this city we love by implementing schemes and racking up unsustainable debt for unnecessary projects.

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

Other: Concerned residents meeting at QEC

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# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

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Last name Shaw

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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:** 5.30pm to 7.30pm  
**Thursday 16 May:**  
**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

Which option do you prefer? 3. Land value (LV) – current system

Please tell us why you prefer this option Its consistent and what we know. It is also fairer.

Please tell us what you don't like about the other options It feels like it is penalising for someone improving their home. Wealth or not. A lot of people borrow money to make improvements and to make their house their home - this doesnt make everyone who improves their home wealthy. I also wonder if this would reduce the standard of housing in our city if rates increase the more pride you take in your home.

Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the Rates should be reduced based on the quality of services provided by

rates review?

the council until such time they services are brought to the same standard as the rest of the PNCC residents. For example, Bunnythorpes water quality (drinkability, colour and hardness which is ruining taste, clothing and appliances) and pressure (including the ability to have adequate pressure for firefighting which in the current state puts our community at risk should a house fire happen). Additionally when we have power cuts out here we do not have an automatic power generator which means the water pump at the bore stops working reducing the pressure even further.

## Community facilities questions

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

No

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

Prefer not to say

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

Without discouraging growth - please delay. Rates increases with such high cost of living, these projects can wait until things have eased.

Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building

Prefer not to say

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

Without discouraging growth - please delay. Rates increases with such high cost of living, these projects can wait until things have eased.

Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building

Prefer not to say

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

Without discouraging growth - please delay. Rates increases with such high cost of living, these projects can wait until things have eased.

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

Support with changes/comments

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project

Without discouraging growth - please look at the cost of building and understand if something different can be achieved with less money. If the land had not already been purchased my comments would have been different. I would prefer the land be used for housing and the existing library refreshed.

Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Support with changes/comments

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

Without discouraging growth - please delay. Rates increases with such high cost of living, these projects can wait until things have eased unless a higher co-fund can be sought.

Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks

Support with changes/comments

Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project

Consider completing the minimum required to bring up to standard.

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

I have always been a big champion of the facilities available to us. But the proposed increases are so large that they would not be sustainable

for homeowners. Cuts need to be made somewhere even if it means delaying or not having the Ferrari standard when the current model of car works just fine and needs a new paint.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

Which option do you prefer?

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

Please tell us why you prefer this option

3 years to get advice and then come back and consult with us is ok - this means that majority of the increases for this will not be in the immediate few years and gives time to have more information to give feedback

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

I actually like the other option of only seismic upgrades as it is likely cheaper but open to hearing what it could bring

## 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 feedback you have about our vision, goals and plans

Goal 3 - connected and safe community. Please don't forget Bunnythorpe. I know we are relatively "new" but we are a part of Palmerston North. It's not safe to have weird 100km signs halfway down a street or wide enough roads outside our cemetery to swing a couple of cats (or cars). It's not safe to have open culverts or pathways that don't go a whole street.

Being a connected community means to keep that community, some of the proposals like PNITI are effectively driving a line right down our community cutting one side off from the other. I have personally been grateful for the focus on our community lately, we're making some good inroads, but I feel there are some small tweaks that can be made like directing large amounts of traffic AROUND Bunnythorpe rather than through that would really help foster our community connectedness. How can I safely bike with my child to the green grocer truck on Saturday mornings, or to the bakery or dairy, let alone the school, with semi-trailer trucks running through our roundabout and community - it's already a reality. Please consider putting something in place to stop this happening.

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects**

Please avoid going through our Community for PNITI or any roading projects- find ways to go around. Its dangerous enough as it is for our children and elderly. It doesnt foster community collectiveness when you have large trucks and high traffic go through the suburb, we are effectively cut in half. Please ensure there are safe pathways to get from edges of Bunnythorpe to our school and bus stops and shops

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

On the SPV - I would prefer multiple one off payments than a rates increase.  
I support all of the Bunnythorpe upgrades - bring us up to the same standard as the rest of the city. 135,1677,2250,2280,2298,2322,2509

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

I agree with the plans for housing. I think more social housing/council flats are needed. And releasing/developing more land for housing.

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city**

I have already given feedback on Te Utanganui. Please go around Bunnythorpe. Save the community we already have. I understand KiwiRail (I purchased knowing this was going ahead) but I really would love the council to protect what is here for the residents. I understand growth may happen and the industrialization may go ahead but if that is to happen please protect this unique community as much as you can.

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

Give us the option to opt out and reduce our rates from the green waste collection. We have compost and chickens and dont feel the service is necessary. I like that you do waste collection. We currently pay a private company to do this - happy for alternatives to be explored.

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**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

Far too high. I'm not excited about this. Families are struggling as it is. And a potential \$1000 per year per household for 30 years for the Nature calls - absolute insanity. While I called out before that a SPV for this I would prefer to be separate rather than an increase in rates - this was not what I had in mind.  
We have all had to make cuts in places to make things be a bit more cost effective. I assume that you've already changed the moccona for the pams, only offering 2 types of milk in the tea rooms, stopped council funded morning teas and social/business drinks etc have all been looked at? While some of these activities wouldnt save a whole heap - the perception should be considered, especially when a lot of people are going through redundancies and cost saving measures in their own lives or businesses.

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

1828, 265, 2057,2256, 2357 I agree with.

2354, 2359 I agree need attention and work but not because of PNITI. If you are only doing it because of PNITI please dont do it and move the ring road/PNITI AROUND Bunnythorpe

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

Council website

Social media

City Councillor

Other: Bunnythorpe Community Meeting

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1082

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

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## Hearing

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

## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you? Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North rural area

## General comment areas

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city As per attached submission

Supporting information



This appears to be in conflict with the funding proposed to provide the required infrastructure to service the development, even if staged. This is evident in the proposed budget for the supply of drinking water to the development where a budget of only \$550,000 is included in the 2024/25 year and then a further \$513,000 in the 2025/26 financial year. This by the Council's own estimates is insufficient for the proposed stage one, of only 30 lots.

Wastewater budget projections do not see any funding being provided until 2025/26 with a budget of \$308,000. The previous LTP had a budget of \$344,000 in 2024/25 and a further \$337,000 in 2025/26 in addition to the previously mentioned \$368,000 in 2021/22.

The current budgeted expenditure is timed for after the expected first 92 sections have been developed. Further funding is budgeted for 2026/27 of \$3,158,000, 2027/28 of \$2,160,000 and 2028/29 of \$2,214,000. It is understood that timing of expenditure can be moved, as advised by senior Council Officers.

Both the timing and quantum of budgeted infrastructure spending does not appear to match the proposed development expectations for the Kikiwhenua development to achieve the city's growth expectations.

As one of the owners of the land we have been asked to fund the water infrastructure under an interest free loan arrangement to a total of \$1,300,000 with expected repayment from Council in the 2025/26 financial year. This amount varies from the funding allocated in the LTP which is a total of \$1,063,000 as shown above.

Given Council's strong commitment to develop Kakatangiata as the next major residential growth area for the city, Kikiwhenua is the initial component of this, and the development will be watched with interest by the current landowners, within the proposed Kakatangiata development zone, as to how easy it will be to be able to undertake a sizable development.

Council's current 2024 Development Contribution Policy document, which is also currently out for consultation, includes under the Transport section the following:

New Programme 1681 Kikiwhenua (\$21.7m): this programme includes:

- Land purchase of Te Wanaka Road to facilitate additional road reserve to meet a connector road standard.
- Intersection development of Te Wanaka and Pioneer Highway.
- Land purchase for new collector route from Te Wanaka to Grand Oaks.
- New bridge to facilitate access across the Mangaone stream for the connection of Te Wanaka and Grand Oaks.

There do not appear to be corresponding budget lines within the LTP that match this proposed expenditure, or other infrastructure budgets that would support this work being completed. Clarification around this would be appreciated.

Currently the Kikiwhenua development is stalled due to a number of factors including:

- Three years of delays in the issuance of a Resource Consent for an initial 30 lot subdivision that can be serviced off the current wastewater infrastructure. Fresh water supply as indicated has not been addressed.
- Urban design considerations with numerous iterations to meet urban design requirements of an external Urban Design Consultancy employed by Council, at a significant cost, that appear to be over and above the general requirements of the operative District Plan and relevant structure plan.
- The requirements of the Council's regulatory planning team are to provide a full civil engineering design for the proposed 300 lot subdivision, not just the initial 30 lots that the resource consent has been applied for. This comes at significant cost and time especially when trying to meet overzealous urban design requirements, and no real commitment that a resource consent that is workable will actually be approved.
- Urban design requirements that place significant design constraints on the design of stormwater solutions and the development of economically viable sections that are considered marketable based on the location of the development. And the timing of the release of sections to the open market.

- Traffic safety issues related to the exit and entrance from the state highway on to Te Wanaka Road, the feeder road to the development.
- Required pedestrian, cyclist and mobility user linkages across the state highway

Through the delay in the getting the subdivision out of the ground Council are foregoing significant short term and future perpetual income.

Under the proposed updated Development Contributions (DC's) policy that is also currently out for consultation. The proposed Kikiwhenua development would see DC's at an estimated \$20,000 per lot. Which on Councils projections would provide \$1,840,000 of DC's on the first 92 lots within the first two years and an additional \$3,760,000 for the remaining 188 lots by 2029. Current plans prepared for the site indicate an additional 20 lots could be achieved making an additional \$400,000 of DC's.

The additional rates that would be able to be collected once lots are available and then built on will provide ongoing future income. Based on the proposed hybrid rating system for an average 500 square metre section. With a ratable value of \$400,000, based on a comparable section in the recently completed Council developed Tamakuku subdivision. This would see \$2,500 per lot, per annum, added to the Councils rates. An additional \$750,000 per annum for the proposed 300 lots. This would be prior to building any homes which would see a further increase in the annual rates especially with the hybrid rating system taking into account land value and improvements value.

The further delays in not having funding allocated in the LTP to both the appropriate timeframes, but more importantly to the provision of the required infrastructure could see the Kikiwhenua and other developments not progressing.

The Council have made commitments to support the development of a certain level of housing across both the 2021-2031 and the 2024-2034 LTP timeframes, but also in the Development Future Strategy.

However, the budgeted financial support does not seem to match that. Councils desire to provide additional facilities across the city at a considerable capital cost could be redirected to the provision of much needed infrastructure to enable the future housing development that the city needs.

While putting pipes in the ground may not appear to generate an immediate return, the future income streams from providing new sections for development of much needed housing will provide income for proposed *future* projects, like the provision of an additional library at the cost of \$20,000 a square metre, or the development at ANZAC park at a cost of \$12 million to the rate payers.

The legacy of the current Council may then be seen as that of a progressive Council that had the foresight to invest in much needed infrastructure that engendered confidence in developers to undertake large scale developments in the city rather than look elsewhere for easier opportunities. That would then allow the Council to provide cultural and community facilities through an increased rating base, rather than just increasing rates.

In summary we ask that that in order to give effect to the City Growth Plan forecasts:

- 1) That Council aligns the funding forecasts required over the next ten years in the LTP to provide for the required roading upgrades and services extensions for Kikiwhenua, to enable development to progress in line with your projections.
- 2) That Council dedicate a program/fund to provide for the completion of the speed limit review of Te Wanaka Road and Pioneer Highway to a 50kph residential environment.

Yours sincerely,



Lewis Jones  
GM OF CATERING  
RACE INC



1083

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

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Organisation you represent Moneywise Manawatu  
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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:  
Thursday 16 May:  
Friday 17 May: 9am to 12.30pm, 1.30pm to 5pm, 5.30pm to 7.30pm  
How would you prefer to give your feedback? In person

## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you? Prefer not to say  
Which option do you prefer? 4. Prefer not to say

## Community facilities questions

Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services Support as proposed

Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building Support as proposed

Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building Support as proposed

Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library Support as proposed

Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park Support as proposed

Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks Prefer not to say

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

Which option do you prefer? Prefer not to say

## 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 feedback you have about our vision, goals and plans

Moneywise Manawātū is a Charitable Trust that provides a free and confidential budget service, working with individuals and families to educate, support and empower them on their financial journey.

We have been helping people in Palmerston North and the wider Manawatu for over 60 years. As an organisation who is committed to being Te Tiriti lead we are in strong support of the continuation of Maori wards and the existing partnership opportunities between PNCC and Rangitane.

We are supportive of the investment in free events and recreation opportunities in the city. Many whanau who have financial restrictions look to the library, parks, walkways, playgrounds and city events as opportunities to participate in the community without cost being a barrier. When times are tough economically these may be easy things to cut

from the city budget but we would urge you to look elsewhere.

We are supportive of the investment in planting trees across the city, particularly fruit trees and would encourage the continual promotion of this so whanau know what fresh kai is available to them in their local community.

We are supportive of the increased density proposed for some urban areas and the investment in social housing. With limited land available we agree that it is a good idea to utilize some council land for this purpose.

We are supportive of the investment of community centres across the city particularly when they have a multi-use approach.

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

Our organisation is supportive of decreasing waste and having compost bins for houses allows us to start supporting more aiga and whanau in reducing waste and cost to their own waste.

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

Other: Through our Org. Board

1084

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

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Last name	Robinson
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Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
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?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support as proposed
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed
Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Support as proposed
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any	Sensible to have somewhere to focus when the Central Library is out of

feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project

action. Will be a great asset to the Awapuni community

Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park

Support as proposed

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?

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

Please tell us why you prefer this option

Future focussed.

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

Delaying the problem.

## 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?

Yes

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

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

## General comment areas

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

Materials that tell our city's stories are vital taonga. They are used by, and important to, a wide cross section of our community; historians, genealogists (of which I am one), academics, authors, school students and teachers, to name a few. These materials are currently overseen by the Ian Matheson City Archives and the City Library. Unfortunately, these organisations are part of both the Arts and heritage plan and the City Library plan within the Long Term Plan, so a cohesive plan and funding is not readily apparent. However, collecting, preserving and protecting these materials must not be compromised by the current tight budgeting, as these items are irreplaceable. I strongly support adequate funding of the City Library and/or Te Manawa to safely accommodate these materials in the Ian Matheson City Archives here in the city, in a way that is accessible to all. I concede that in the current climate not everything can be funded, so curation of these materials (possibly including digitisation), access to them and promotion and celebration of them may need to be reduced for a year or two. Indeed, I note in the City

Library Plan that item “777 – City Library – Heritage Technology, Equipment and Markers for Public Discovery and Access to Archives and Local History” has zero funds for 2024/25, which is disappointing, but understandable given the circumstances. However, I strongly urge increased funding to be allocated in the future to minimise barriers to access and to promote and provide education about our local history and heritage. This should include a fit for purpose building in the city to house the Archives and at a minimum a full-time staff member for digitisation.

In summary, funding for our unique heritage, stories from our city’s past, community stories and knowledge of local history must be allocated to;

- Gathering, collecting, preserving and curating
- Supporting people to contribute
- Making accessible to all, in original format and digitised
- Providing information and education
- Promoting, celebrating and sharing

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

- Council website
- Booklet in my mailbox
- City Councillor
- Family or friends

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

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Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
Which option do you prefer?	1. Preferred option: Hybrid (a mixture of land and capital value)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	It seems to be a fair option and doesn't advantage those with high land values and cheap houses or vice versa.

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support with changes/comments
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project	My only comment is: are there council owned buildings that could be used? This would be preferential over leasing from an external body.
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed

<b>Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Support as proposed
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project	Community spaces are important.
<b>Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library</b>	Support as proposed
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project	This seems like a good project - anything to create a space where the community can come together will have benefits for the community.
<b>Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park</b>	Support with changes/comments
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project	I support this in principle - more progress needs to be made on the project so we can see what it will be and how it will function. Being a resident of the summerhill area, I'm hoping this might be a space that can be used by the local community.
<b>Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks</b>	Support as proposed
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project	The important thing will be making sure that the replacement for Arena 5 meets the needs of the many and varied sporting, recreation groups that might use the facilities, not just the ones already doing so. For example, it might be a suitable indoor space for archery. It would be good to have a good roller skating facility.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

Which option do you prefer?	1. Preferred option: Build on our existing planning and continue work to look at the buildings as a collective project and explore co-funding opportunities
Please tell us why you prefer this option	Haven't given this a lot of thought

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



## General comment areas

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects**

Exploration of another bridge should be underway with plans to build this in the future. We saw what happened to bridges during Cyclone Gabrielle and any damage to the Fitzherbert Bridge would have major consequences for the city.

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

1. This seems really expensive and the idea of an ongoing levy for such a long time isn't going to go down well with rate payers.
2. This project hasn't been peer-reviewed - this needs to be done so we know we have the right approach and that what we are paying is appropriate.
3. In comparison with other waste water projects around the country, it seems expensive, especially for our population size.

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city**

The city is growing a lot in the Summerhill area where I live. There is a need for some kind of community facilities out that way. There are no Schools or Churches within the Summerhill area and no where for community groups to meet.

An example of the lack of suitable community spaces is that last year in Election2023 the Voting Place ended up being in the private dining room in the Hilltop Bar as there are no other community facilities available, IPU didn't want to hire out their spaces so we were left with a space that was way to small for the population of the area.

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

One easy, practical change that could be made is improving the "what goes where" website that explains how to dispose of or recycle items listed. More specific items could be added, for example Rollon deodorant bottles - what happens to these? - create a listing to explain how to recycle them in line with Council policies. Other ones might include: pump soap dispensers, metal bottle and jar lids. At the moment it has very broad categories. Being more specific might help people know what to do with their waste and recycling.

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**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

Having a \$ value increase each year might be preferable to a %. If the % is of the current rates and that compounds each year - rates will continue to grow exponentially. In 10 years time we'll probably be paying double.

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

In summary:  
Consider adding a plan for a community facility in the summerhill area  
Explore a second bridge option and get that into the long term plan  
Peer review the Nature Calls project and make sure that it is good value for money and we aren't overspending.  
Do your homework and consult with all the sporting groups to make sure that a replacement for Arena 5 is fit for purpose for the wide range of users.

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

Council website  
Social media  
City Councillor  
Family or friends

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# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Bernard
Last name	Williams
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
Please tell us why you prefer this option	HAS SERVED THE CITY WELL.
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	Capital value or mix does not encourage home improvement.
Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	Yes - they are becoming out of proportion to tax for the living along or dad working with stay at home mum.

## Community facilities questions

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	Let the groups buy their own space, as the Chinese did years ago.

Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project	we can't afford it.
Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project	Ten minute bus ride from the city library.
Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project	No private enterprise would entertain building this.
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
Please tell us why you prefer this option	Whatever you do will not be enough when the BIG one comes.

## 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?	Yes
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?	No
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
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
Please tell us why you've selected these answers, and any other feedback you have about the proposed changes to our Development Contributions Policy.	User pays.

## General comment areas

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

How can there be any uncertainty? This is the city's problem, the council should have been planning this for years. Suggest lobbying the government to refund the GST on rates if the council match the 15%, to make 30% of all rates each year being spent on the water plan.

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

Sections - minimum 300sqm. Max - 2 storeys.  
Sell all council owned housing - why are the rate payers subsidizing others.

**Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city**

Stop all further expansion of the city, until the east/west traffic problem is solved. In the last ten years, Tremaine Av, Featherston St. have tripled in traffic, I can't imagine what they will be like in the next ten.

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

Love to know what happens to the contents of my recycling bin. I suspect it all ends up at Bonny Glen.

**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

Rates levels have become a major burden on all ratepayers. In the early 1900's the USA introduced SALT (state and local taxes) could be deducted from the tax payable on Federal tax. Now has a minor problem with many socialist states charging more tax than payable to the government.

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

Sell the PNCC shares in the airport. I suspect there is little or no return on the council's investment.

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

Booklet in my mailbox

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# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

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Last name	Kaisami
Organisation you represent	Manawatu Tuvalu Community Trust
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Resident but not a ratepayer (eg, rent or live with family or friends) Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North urban area
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Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
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Please tell us why you prefer this option	Land Value is increasing at an unaffordable rate
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Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	NA
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Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	Yes, bring it down to a reasonable value. I know the value is determined by the market to some extent, but council can still put a cap on land value to make it affordable to new house buyers.
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## 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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<b>Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services</b>	Support with changes/comments
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project</b>	We use the Bill Brown Pacific Centre from time to time and it is the only center we find most suitable for our community needs. It is important that Council continue making the center available for all Pasifika communities to use, as it is today.
<b>Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Support with changes/comments
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project</b>	The Pasifika population in Palmerston North and neighboring satellite townships is growing by the year. The center is the focal point ideal for Pasifika communities to use from time to time for our cultural and community gatherings.
<b>Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Prefer not to say
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project</b>	I hardly use this Library so I will leave it to those who see the need for its expansion to state their case.
<b>Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library</b>	Prefer not to say
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project</b>	Know little about this facility
<b>Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park</b>	Prefer not to say
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project</b>	Again, I rather reserve my comments and leave the others to comment.
<b>Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project</b>	Yes, totally agree. This facility needs upgrading and it is for the better of Palmerston North residents and outside users
<b>Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?</b>	As a Pasifika leader of the Tuvaluan community, I would like to see that the Bill Brown Hall is made available for my community to use including other Pasifika groups. The facility unfortunately is too small, and it is high time that PNCC stick to its promise to expand and upgrade the Hall for the benefit of our people.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

<b>Which option do you prefer?</b>	Prefer not to say
<b>Please tell us why you prefer this option</b>	City transformation and seismic upgrades should be best left to those with the expertise on these subject areas. I do not think I have the expertise to contribute constructively at this point in time.
<b>Please tell us what you don't like about the other option</b>	NA

Do you have any other comments?

No

## Development contributions questions

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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?

No

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

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?

No

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

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

If you can source funding elsewhere to help our city and local population, then by all means do so as this should lessen the burden on our residents.

## General comment areas

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

You seem to have all the important information required - so no further comment

Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

Get heavy transport out of the city if you can, otherwise everything seems to be included in your planning

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

As long as you do not tax water usage, I am fine with everything you are doing at the moment with water

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for housing

The rule of supply and demand dictates that increase supply ultimately reduces prices. Speed up regulations that hampers the acquiring of new lands. Streamline bureaucratic services that creates bottlenecks in decision making, to ensure more efficient delivery of services from planning to delivery of houses for both residents and non-residents of Palmerston North.

Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city

I will leave this to the experts

Please share any feedback about rubbish and recycling services

Again I will leave this to the well informed

Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years

Common Sense dictates that you keep rates within a reasonable level if not cheaper than those in other cities in NZ, making it more attractive for people to come and stay in Palmy. The flip side OfCourse is for people to vote with their legs.

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

Make Palmerston North a competitive place to live in, compared to other urban centers around NZ. Perhaps a goal of making it the multicultural center of Aotearoa could become a reality worth aiming for. Different cultures have their own attractions that could help grow Palmerston North.

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

Council website

City Councillor

Family or friends



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# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

First name	Jenny
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Last name	Sowman
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Email

Phone

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Resident but not a ratepayer (eg, rent or live with family or friends)
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Which option do you prefer?	1. Preferred option: Hybrid (a mixture of land and capital value)
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Please tell us why you prefer this option	If we pick a hybrid option for rates, as a renter it means that I am less likely to be hugely affected. As a single occupant of a house with 2 bedrooms, renting a larger home is important to me and for my independence especially as a grandmother of 4.
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## Community facilities questions

Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Support as proposed
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Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Support as proposed
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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project	Over the past year, we have been advocating for the refurbishment of the Pasifika Centre, known as Bill Brown Park Hall, to accommodate our growing community. The proposed \$3.88M investment in refurbishing and expanding the Pasifika Community Centre signifies the Council's commitment to valuing our Pasifika people and investing in future generations.
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Our pasifika community continues to support council for free through Pasifika Reference group, cultural language weeks with staff and performances, etc. We are humbly asking our Council to now invest in our clear growth in numbers.

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<b>Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building</b>	Prefer not to say
<b>Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library</b>	Prefer not to say
<b>Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park</b>	Support as proposed
<b>Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks</b>	Support as proposed

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## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

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Which option do you prefer? Prefer not to say

## Development contributions questions

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<b>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?</b>	Yes
<b>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?</b>	Don't know / no opinion
<b>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?</b>	Don't know / no opinion
<b>Do you agree that we shouldn't charge a fee for non-residential development that has no connection to the water or wastewater network?</b>	Yes

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## General comment areas

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

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

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Last name	French
Email	
Phone	

## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Prefer not to say
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Which option do you prefer?	2. Capital value (CV)
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Please tell us why you prefer this option	Decades ago, I became aware of a centrally-located old house in Christchurch. Its owner had lived there many years. She has the right to remain there for all her life. But if the rates become too high then she would be forced to move. Rates were becoming high because the land value was increasing and not the value of her house. So she might have been forced out by now to make way for modern development. This should not happen. The capital value (CV) option would keep her rates lower than the land value (LV) option. The same sort of thing applies to where I am living in Palmerston North.
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Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	With regard to the "compromise" hybrid option, is the PNCC certain that it is a legal option? Advice for councils is available here: <a href="https://oag.parliament.nz/2022/setting-rates">https://oag.parliament.nz/2022/setting-rates</a> If it is legal, it still does not lower (my) rates as much as the capital value system.
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Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	Has the PNCC informed the public of "all" of the possible consequences of a rating system change?
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## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?	No
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Multicultural Centre: Lease space for multicultural communities to use for activities, events and services	Do not support
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Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd	Nothing personal. We just don't have the money at present. Having said that, it is
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like to provide about the Multicultural Centre project	the least expensive (at \$0.75M) of the six new projects. So if one of the six new projects has to go ahead, based on cost, this should be the one. But if it doesn't go ahead, there are possibly other buildings - in businesses, schools, or tertiary educational institutions - that can be searched for, identified, recorded on a list, booked by groups, and used.
Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Pasifika Centre project	Sorry, the PNCC does not have money at present for new projects as it is paying off increasing debts. Having said that, at a price of \$3.9M, the cost is similar to Te Pātikitiki Library (\$3.6M), so it is "second place equal", as far as costs go, should a decision be made for some of the new projects to go ahead.
Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project	As mentioned above, the PNCC does not have money at present for new projects as it is paying off increasing debts. But the cost of \$3.6M puts this new project almost in "second place equal" (of the least expensive) with Pasifika Centre (\$3.9M) if a decision is made for some of the new projects to go ahead.
Awapuni Community Library Hub: Build a new hub, which includes expanded community space within a new library	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project	At \$27.1M, it is the second most expensive of the six new projects. The PNCC does not have money at present for such a new project due to future legally-required water-related projects. Keep the small library branches, and keep the major library resources centrally located to serve all. If/when the Central Library earthquake upgrade occurs, I suggest that central library services be relocated to central building(s) waiting for new lease agreements. What is the issue, if any, with the vacant former "IRD/NZTA" building on Ashley St? I am wondering whether any issue can be resolved with PNCC's assistance? For example, could a mutually beneficial agreement be reached that would lead to: 1) that building's issue being resolved; and 2) the building being used as a temporary library? Would the PNCC like to investigate this? It might be a cheaper option than building a new library at Awapuni. Also, owners of other centrally located vacant buildings could be contacted, and their buildings considered.
Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park	Do not support
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the project	The high cost (\$19.1M) is the main consideration but, also, does a marae-type situation mean access to the area will be less free than it is now... as a marae possibly means people need to be "invited on"? Both Europeans and Māori have "gone to war" so, to the extent that ANZAC Park is a memorial, access needs to be equal for all. The PNCC should keep in mind also that people went to war to fight for freedom; this contrasts with the PNCC increasing its debt level (e.g. to help fund this project) which will financially enslave future generations.
Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks	Support with changes/comments
Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project	This is the most expensive (\$36M) of the new projects but, as you say, hirage fees help pay for maintenance. Do what you have to do, to cover maintenance and issues like earthquake standards. Personally, I am content with the current Pascal St arena facilities, e.g. for badminton, volleyball, and basketball. My main concern is that the PNCC avoids any unnecessary expenditure and avoids increasing debt. Personally, I do not need money being spent on new turfs.
Do you have any general feedback about community facilities for us to consider?	I have two main comments relating to proposed new community facilities: 1) money (debt); and 2) future "plan-demics". ----- ----- This "Long-Term Plan" is like none other. Legally required water-related work is needed "over the next decade" with a huge "price tag of around \$1B", including the "Nature Calls" wastewater project with a cost of "up to \$647M". This could mean "at least \$1000 per year, for 30 years, for all property owners on top of... rates, starting... at least four years away." It is NOT "business as usual". Furthermore, an unforeseen civil defence emergency could worsen the financial

situation - there was a major flood in this area in 2004 and "Palmy is considered a high seismic risk area".

You state: "If this funding cannot be secured, we will need to... consider stopping or delaying other Council projects..." This submission agrees with "stopping or delaying other Council projects". The PNCC needs to save up for, at least, the foreseen big expenses and, also, the unforeseen expenses.

It seems that the PNCC has already approved raising its debt level; I do not agree with this. Palmerston North should aim to be attractive because of its low debt and low rates (in addition to other attractions).

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"Plan-demics": Some believe that there are global corporations/organisations which seek to manifest another profitable "plan-demic". If they succeed (hopefully they won't) then - as already demonstrated by PNCC management during the Covid-19 "plan-demic" - the PNCC cannot be relied upon to preserve access to its facilities (libraries, swimming pools, stadiums) for all citizens without mandating ineffective masks and unsafe jobs that have killed people. That means that the new PNCC proposed community facilities - if approved - might one day also become inaccessible to many Palmerston North citizens, and possibly for a much longer period of time. Therefore, I am also reluctant to wholeheartedly support the funding of these new "community" projects on the grounds of likely future PNCC discrimination against sections of the Palmerston North community.

## 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

Please tell us why you prefer this option

Seems simpler, and ratepayers are less likely to pay more. Also seismic upgrades might be able to proceed sooner. The statement in the "Cons" column that "this could see a cost over time as the impacts of climate change become felt" is nonsense, and best ignored. The PNCC needs to be wary of its being brainwashed by "climate change" propaganda.

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

More complex, and debt repayment and interest costs will increase a lot. Unforeseen circumstances could see seismic improvements delayed. We are not in a "business as usual" situation. With upcoming legally-required very expensive water-related projects, debt increases must be avoided. It is time to wake up.

## 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 feedback about our proposed transport projects

I have comments about two proposed transport projects: 1) Vogel Street (a particular "passion" of mine); and 2) Featherston Street. I have uploaded 3 images relating to "Vogel Street" and 2 images relating to "Featherston Street". [This form allows a maximum of 5 uploads.] My comments follow:

Vogel St: I live near Vogel Street, and I have a suggestion with regard to proposed changes to this street; in particular, with regard to the Featherston St/Vogel St intersection and the Haydon St/Vogel St intersection. "Vogel Street safety improvements" were discussed at PNCC's "24 April 2024 Economic Growth Committee meeting", as detailed on pages 169-182 [Item 13] of this "Agenda" document:

[https://palmerstonnorth.infocouncil.biz/Open/2024/04/EGCCC\\_20240424\\_AGN\\_11218](https://palmerstonnorth.infocouncil.biz/Open/2024/04/EGCCC_20240424_AGN_11218)

I suggest you also play the first 15 minutes of the "Watch online - Part B" video which covers the "Vogel Street" agenda "Item 13":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o63p6BUJ8hg> . There you will hear an honest overview of submissions by Bryce Hosking. He expressed design difficulties with regard to the Haydon/Vogel and Featherston/Vogel intersections; I quote Bryce: [2:07] "The Featherston Street and Haydon intersection with Vogel requires a little bit more work. It's a very tight dogleg of intersections there. ... It does just need a bit of design work to be done. We may need to purchase a little bit of property for instance to make that done safely because it is quite a tight turnaround ... and quite a narrow road width ... to be adding turning ... bays." and [6:32] "It will require a little bit of design work to get the best outcome we can." and [7:36] "There could be some physical alterations. Essentially you'd almost end up having to do back to back right-turn bays. So you'd have one if you were heading towards Napier Rd... turning right into Featherston St; you'd then equally have one if you were coming in the opposite direction turning, dead smack on the back of that, to turn into Haydon St. Currently in both directions you're stopping in the live lane. My reflection is, I suspect we may need to try and purchase a little bit of property, or reclaim some of the berms for instance, to be actually able to do that safely, that's its going to allow the free flow outside of the right turn bays, and I'm not convinced at the moment of how simple that is."

A simple straightforward solution to the above is to "fine tune" my earlier submitted (2023) design on Vogel St which is pictured on page 182 of the Agenda. The main feature of this design is two "Give way to right-turning traffic" signs placed on Vogel Street and - I know that it might appear shocking - WITHOUT right turn bays. In more detail, place two "Give Way" signs on Vogel St: (for traffic heading from Tremaine Avenue to Napier Rd) a Give Way sign just before Haydon St; and (for traffic heading from Napier Rd to Tremaine Avenue) a Give Way sign just before Featherston St. [Please note: My design's inclusion of raised crossings is not the main feature of the design; please feel free to locate raised crossings elsewhere on Vogel St, if you like.]

The "inspiration" for this design is the clever Botanical/Tremaine/Gillespies intersections where there is a roundabout. For Vogel St, there is no room for a roundabout, but the effect of my suggestion would be similar. Traffic coming from all directions - up Featherston St, up Haydon St, up or down Vogel St - would all be giving way to traffic coming from their right, just as if there was a roundabout there. There would be no need for the PNCC to buy property, no need to reclaim berms; there would be plenty of room for bicycles, no inconveniencing of residents driving in/out of their property, the Horizons "106" bus could move between Featherston St and Haydon St unhindered; and Bryce's team would not have to spend a huge amount of time trying to design for "dogleg of intersections". Also, as this is a relatively simple inexpensive solution, the change could be made in the same year that raised crossings will be constructed for Vogel St, rather than a year later that was indicated at the meeting.

One of the aims of the "Vogel Street safety improvements" is to keep Vogel Street traffic within the 50 km/hr speed limit. Having two Give Way signs on Vogel St is consistent with this aim. It will be no more "inconvenient" to drivers on Vogel St to slow down for Give Way signs than to slow down for the raised crossings that the PNCC has already agreed to proceed with. And the drivers on the way to work via Featherston St and Haydon St (which leads to the industrial areas of Keith St and Kelvin Grove where they work) will be thankful - no more delays, no more being late to work - as they will have the right-of-way to proceed.

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Featherston St: The planned changes should be reviewed. My comment relates in particular to the city's collection point for non-fluoridated drinking water. I have looked at the document "PLAN NUMBER 6365 FEATHERSTON STREET CYCLEWAY DETAILED DESIGN"

[https://www.pncc.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v1/documents/services/transport-amp-roading/featherston-street-safety/featherston-st-cycleway\\_final.pdf](https://www.pncc.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v1/documents/services/transport-amp-roading/featherston-street-safety/featherston-st-cycleway_final.pdf) Pages 13, 24, 35 show the proposed removal of three crucial car parks near Papaioea Park that serve those, such as myself, collecting non-fluoridated drinking water. The PNCC proposes to replace those parks by constructing a raised crossing and cycle way.

At Papaioea Park, there is an "alternative" parking area near Rangitira Avenue which is impractical as it is some distance away. From the "nearest" of several parking spaces there, I counted 144 long paces to reach the fluoride-free water tap. This is a long way to carry 10-litre or 15-litre containers of fluoride-free water back to my car. For example, recently I filled 30 x 10-litre containers (while allowing other water-seekers to use the tap ahead of me). In addition to first carrying the 30 empty containers from the car to the tap, if I carry one water-filled

container (30 times) from the tap to my car, then that's about 30 x 144 long paces (= 4320 paces). If one pace is 0.75 metres then that is 3.24 km of walking. In contrast, if I walk just 28 paces to the second of the current three Featherston St parks [the first park being signposted as "P10 Water Collection Only" so unsuitable for the length of time that I needed to be there], then that is 30 x 28 long paces (= 840 paces) or 0.63 km of walking, or about a fifth of the amount of walking.

In terms of Section 11 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, which states "Everyone has the right to refuse to undergo any medical treatment", as fluoride is a "medical treatment", does the PNCC feel that it meets its obligations with regard to the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 by creating future difficulties in accessing the fluoride-free tap? It is great that the tap is there; so please review your plans.

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

Citizens need better access to fluoride-free water. Fluoride is a "medical treatment". The PNCC needs to support its residents who wish to "refuse to undergo" this medical treatment. Section 11 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 states "Everyone has the right to refuse to undergo any medical treatment." Possibly additional fluoride free taps need to be made available for its citizens.

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city**

Please refer to my submission of 3rd May 2024 on the "Future Development Strategy".

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

My submission on the "Waste Management and Minimisation Plan" was submitted on 8 May 2024.  
ENM: I support PNCC funding for the Environment Network Manawātū (ENM) located at 145 Cuba St, especially their "free seed distribution" work and their "promotion of local gardens". It is important that locals be encouraged to be more self-sufficient by growing their own food. Locals should keep their food scraps for their gardens, too.

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**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

Palmerston North is an attractive city in which to live and work and in which to easily drive around to all parts of the city. This submission proposes that capital expenditure be minimised so that Palmerston North is also attractive because of its low rates.

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

The Square: Maintain it as it is. There were plenty of changes made to The Square several years ago. No need to spend money on further changes, with one exception. I do not want more CCTV cameras but with regard to the cameras already there, there should be more signage indicating "CCTV in operation". This will help lessen any person's fear of being in The Square at night. It is also consistent with Privacy Commissioner guidelines regarding CCTV usage, detailed here: <https://www.privacy.org.nz/assets/New-order/Resources-/Privacy-and-CCTV/Privacy-and-CCTV-A-guide-October-2009.pdf> Guideline 4.1 states: "Erect signs both near the CCTV cameras and at the perimeter of the CCTV system's range (before individuals enter the range of the cameras) to notify people that cameras are operating." People should also be encouraged to acquire self-defence skills at places like The Fight Shop in Church St. That will save the PNCC some money.

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Cuba St: Similarly, Cuba St is OK as it is. Do not make further pavement changes, etc. Save money. What's more, brick pavement surfaces are not friendly towards my foot-powered scooter.

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Libraries: I support the retaining of current library services, especially the Roslyn Library which I use. During the recent school holidays, the presence of the library has given children from our street an opportunity to be involved in library activities.

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

Family or friends

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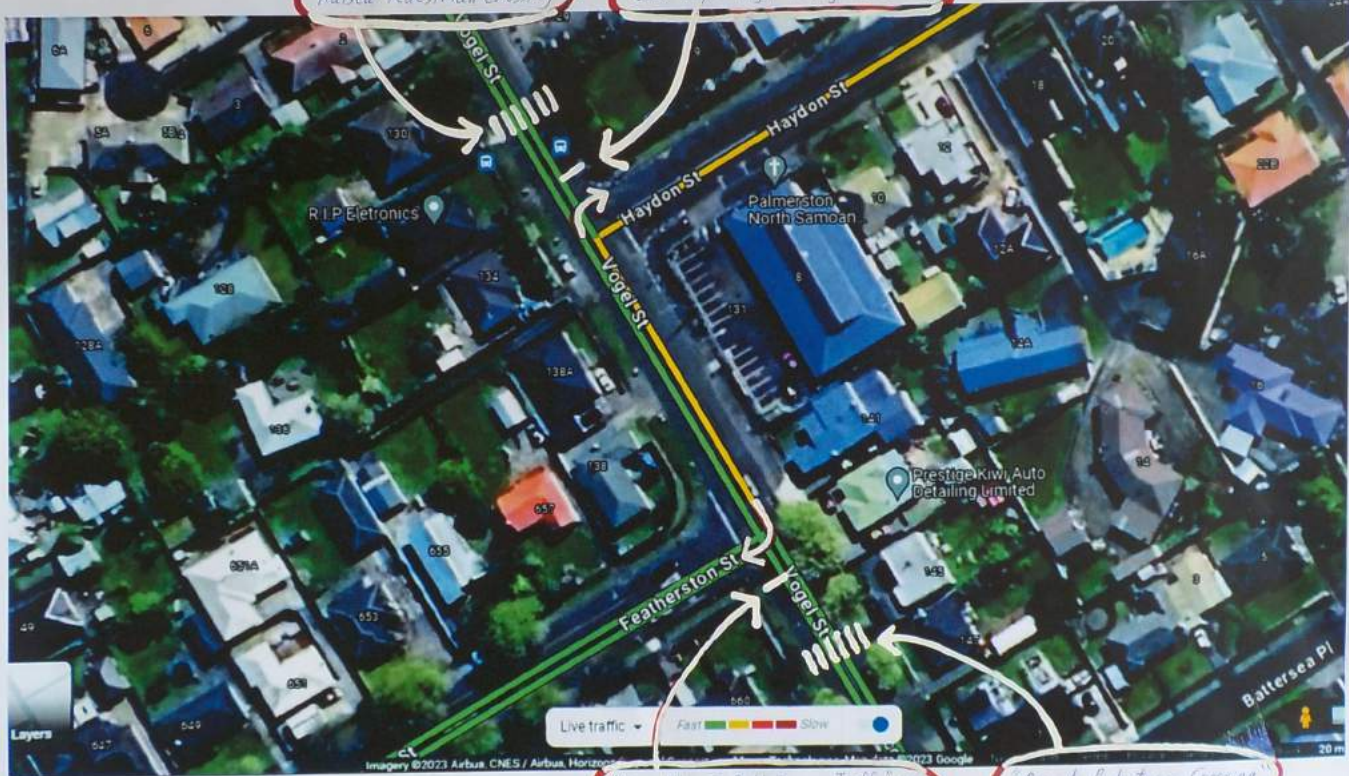
**Supporting information**





Raised Pedestrian Crossing

"Give Way to Right-Turning Traffic" sign



"Give Way to Right-Turning Traffic" sign

Raised Pedestrian Crossing

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Ashhurst

Proposed new bus routes  
of Horizons Regional Council

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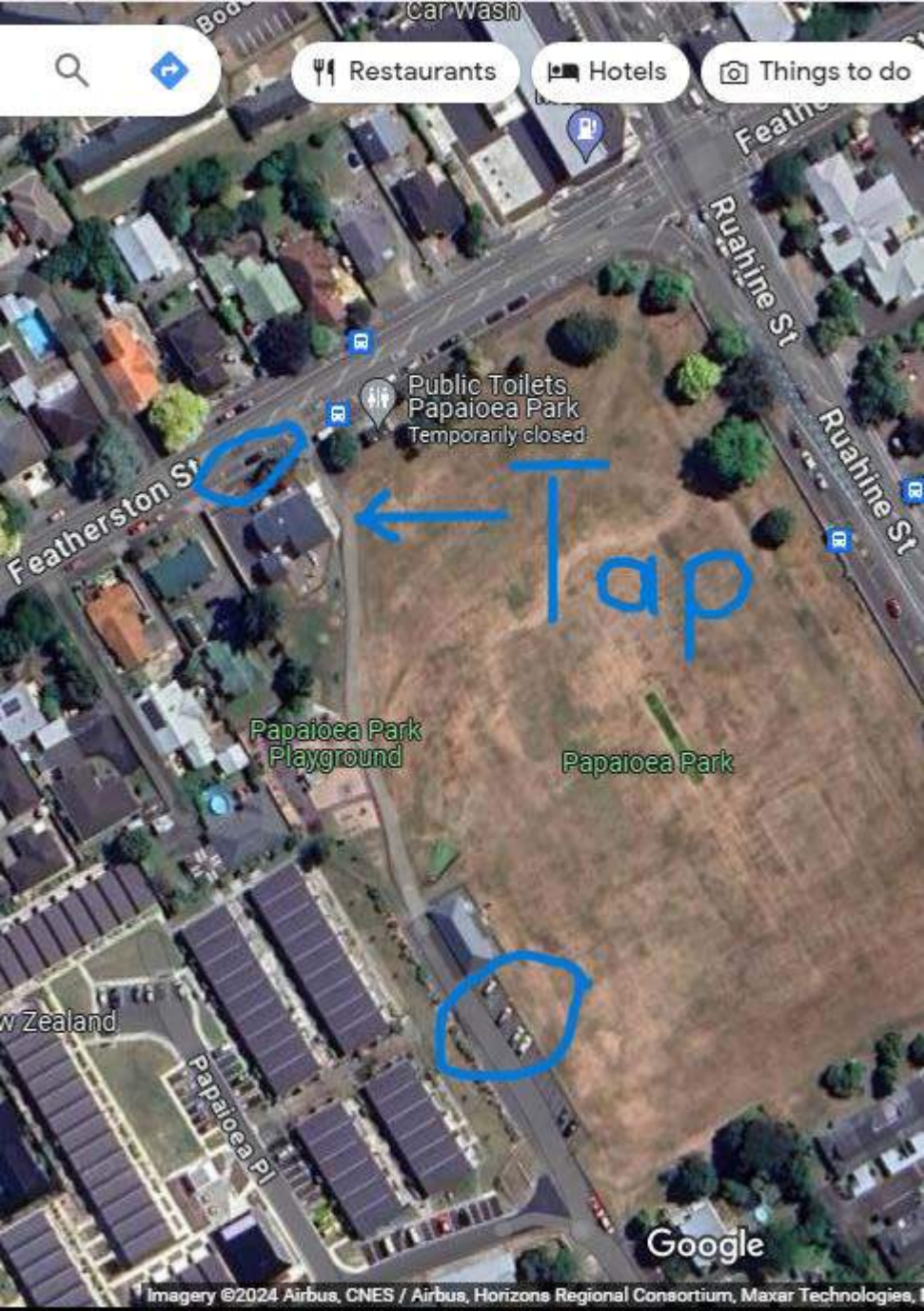


bus traffic  
to/from Haydon St

Vogel St

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Car Wash



Restaurants



Hotels



Things to do

Leather

Ruahine St

Ruahine St

Featherston St

Public Toilets  
Papaioea Park  
Temporarily closed

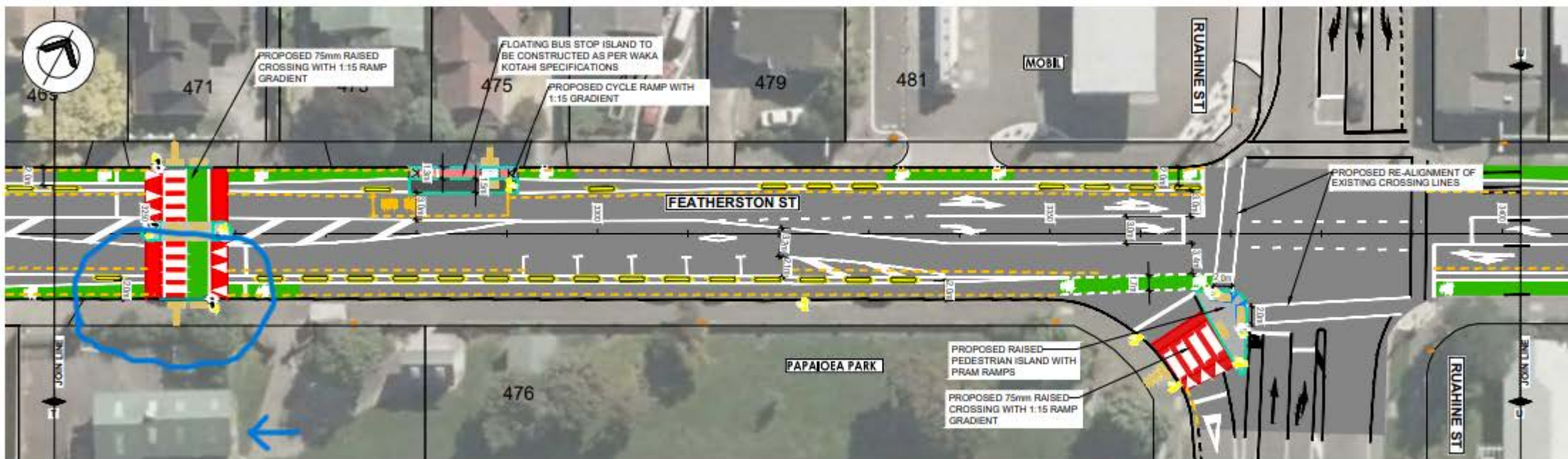
Papaioea Park  
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- NOTES:
1. All road marking and signage to be in accordance with TCDM standards and supplemented by MOTSAM Part 1 and 2 where necessary.
  2. Warning and directional tactics to be set out and installed in accordance with RTS14 guidelines.
  3. New and existing storm water sump grates to be cycle friendly.
  4. A streetlighting review and design is to be undertaken to ensure the position and luminance requirements are met.
  5. Cycle separators are 3m long with 2.0m gap.

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# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

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Last name	O'Hara
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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	<b>Wednesday 15 May:</b> 9am to 12.30pm, 1.30pm to 5pm <b>Thursday 16 May:</b> 9am to 12.30pm, 1.30pm to 5pm <b>Friday 17 May:</b> 1.30pm to 5pm
	I am flexible on days and times
How would you prefer to give your feedback?	Via an online live video

## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	Ratepayer who lives in my home in the Palmerston North rural area
Which option do you prefer?	3. Land value (LV) – current system
Please tell us why you prefer this option	Ultimately it does not matter what way I prefer, What I don't agree with or do agree with as all options are stacked against me. You wish to up Lifestyle sections rates while offering nothing in return, while you continue to spend wastefully. What exactly do you propose to offer for the rates increase to Rural Manawatu? You don't offer rubbish collection,



recycling collection, food scrap collection, you DONT supply water to my property, you DONT collect any septic waste, the only utility to my property is power which I pay a premium and have just had an increase on. The roads are not an excuse, I pay road users, registration and fuel levies, we are preferred dog owners and have been for 10 years, we help out in the community, we don't do any damage and all you are doing is trying to screw us financially. Do you not realise your rates payers are struggling financially with all the increases? or are your pay packets that much better than the common worker that you simply don't care?

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

Again, as above, it does not matter what way I think is best, the best option for Manawatu right now is not any increase in pricing, and if there is increases you need to explain what benefits are included because currently there is a large increase proposed with no additional benefit to Me and my property. Your wasteful spending has caused the lack of funds, not the lack of rates premiums on offer.

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

Right now in the middle of a financial crisis how on earth do you think rates increases are a good idea. Are you that deluded that you can't see the majority of your rates payers are struggling? Can you not see that the increases are going to cause many to loose their homes due to the rates not being affordable? Are your salaries that large that you can not see the impact you are having on the people who pay your salary in the first place? Right now the best thing to do is to leave it as it is. You are not providing lifestyle sections or rural properties with any additional value in their rates, but trying to put us in financial ruin.

## Community facilities questions

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

No

**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**

Money is not available right now, Rates money should be spend on Needs, not wants. What needs to be fixed or upgraded right now, compared to what would be nice going forward. Financially this is not the time to be spending when so many are struggling. If these venues need to be built, let the immediate community and there supporting businesses raise the capital to do this, why hand out money that is not available to be handed out at the expense of every ratepayer which many will never get to enjoy.

**Pasifika Centre: Expand and refurbish existing building**

Do not support

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**Te Pātikitiki Library: Expand and refurbish existing building**

Do not support

**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Te Pātikitiki Library project**

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to be built, lets fundraise and if there is a need for these buildings to be improved, let the community who use the buildings, and/or the businesses they associate with support the rebuild. I have not attended a Library in over 20 years, and I don't understand why I or anyone else in my position should be funding this project. I support a number of community projects that I have interests in, which the council and rates payers contribute very little to, but also don't expect people with no interest in my projects to fund these.

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

Do not support

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**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Awapuni Community Library Hub project**

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**Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park**

Support with changes/comments

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

This is a project I can support, but within reason. While the economic challenges are still present, the rates payers contribution should be minimalised until we are in a better position.

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**Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks**

Support with changes/comments

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**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project**

Sports grounds are very important to the community and should be supported. Again within reason in terms of the impact to the Rates payers in the current economic climate. Fundraising and business partnership should be sought first to minimise the outgoings effecting the rates payers in these tough times.

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

I understand that Dr Ra Durie with support of some significant businesses are proposing a major sporting facility upgrade. While I don't know all the details of this proposal, this may be a better solution to build a community facility incorporating many of the above proposals you have put forward. While this facility may be years in the making, why would you consider a massive spend on infrastructure that may be out of date over the course of the next decade. In the current financial crisis, it would be better to think ahead, save cost for the rates payers and spend where it is required like street lighting, roading improvements (not Featherston Street project as that is an utter fail), and community necessities. Needs not Wants are what is required in these tough times

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## **City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities**

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**Which option do you prefer?**

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

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**Please tell us why you prefer this option**

Our history should be restored as much as possible, however this needs to be done economically not wastefully.

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

Only doing what is required will open many of our abandoned or unusable buildings, but we also need to future proof to prevent spending on the same asset several times.

## Development contributions questions

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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

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

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?

No

## General comment areas

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

The current roading plans you have are ridiculous and as you have seen on social media are not supported by the majority of the community. If cyclists wish to have more influence on the design of our roadways, then a bicycle registration or road user charge should be introduced to them. I am all for safety of kids on the roads, but have also grown up in Palmerston North and cycled all my schooling life as well as socially since without any fear or noticeable events. The issue may not be with the roads, but with the cyclists and the entitled attitudes they have. Cycling 5 wide on the roads only causes frustration, accidents and injury, yet every morning cycling groups can be found actively participating in this practice.

Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

EV busses have been a fail as well as the new routes you have introduced. While I understand your desire to have an EV fleet, and can see some of the potentially savings longer term, who is paying for the charging of these busses? I would imagine the small fare you receive for each customer will not cover costs to charge the busses, therefore Rates payers will be picking up a portion of the invoice. This is again unfair to those of us who don't use the busses, not because we don't want to, but because we do not have them available in our area. The plan around our roads also needs consultation and agreement. Featherston Street was met with 90% negative feedback and has proved to be a disaster, yet you still look to proceed.

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

For the rural community who depend on tank water which we collect ourselves, why are we forced to contribute to town water supply? I am not sure what the answer for town supply is, however I have invested in my supply, without any rate payers assistance, why am I now forced to support town supply upgrades with rates increases.

Please share any feedback about rubbish and recycling services

There is no rubbish, recycling or food scrap collection at my property. I accept this and have no issue around this, however with your rates



increases I see there is levies associated with these collection services. Services I simply don't receive. This is not acceptable

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**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

Now more than ever the rates need to stay stable, and should not be increased to the rural and semi-rural community, the economic crisis means many of us are struggling and you wish to increase costs. Are you trying to put more people on the streets and out of homes?

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

Council website  
Booklet in my mailbox  
Rates letter or email  
Social media  
Family or friends

# Long-Term Plan submission form



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## Your contact details

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## Hearing

Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
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## Rates review questions

Which of these describes you?	<p>Resident but not a ratepayer (eg, rent or live with family or friends)</p> <p>Landlord of a home in Palmerston North who lives here</p> <p>Landlord of a business/commercial property in Palmerston North who lives here</p>
Which option do you prefer?	2. Capital value (CV)
Please tell us why you prefer this option	It costs me less in rates, not counting the proposed \$1000 levy per year for 'Nature calls'.
Please tell us what you don't like about the other options	Each rental unit increases over \$1000 more in rates than in the CV option.
Do you have any other comments you'd like to make about the rates review?	Yes - I do not believe that the PNCC has been as assiduous as it could be in lowering rates. There is too much fat built into the Long-Term Plan that is NICE TO HAVE rather than NEEDS TO HAVE. I have identified some of these in the discussion going forward.

## Community facilities questions

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation which	No
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regularly uses, or proposes to use, one of these facilities?

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Do not support

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See General Feedback below.

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See General Feedback below. Maintenance only.

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**Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park**

Do not support

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

See General Feedback below. A waste of money at this time and just a vanity project with no practical benefit for the city.

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**Central Energy Trust Arena: Replace Arena 5 and build new turfs, toilets and changing blocks**

Support as proposed

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**Please tell us why you've selected this option, and any feedback you'd like to provide about the Central Energy Trust Arena project**

This is a valuable and existing facility. I support this project for the following reasons:

- a. It is an existing facility and therefore if it needs maintenance then we should fund it.
- b. Palmerston North is known for its stadium, and it brings in money from out-of-town visitors.
- c. Earthquake proofing is a government mandate to council so we cannot avoid it.
- d. Improvements to facilities are needed and overdue.
- e. The facility is multi-use for all the community and needs investment if it is to retain its utility.

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

My parents were children during the Depression and had an abiding hate for debt. They would either save up to buy what they wanted or go without. If they needed something urgently and had to borrow the money and could not save for it, then they moved heaven and earth to pay it back as quickly as possible. While by no means misers they were not

profligate with spending money. This has had an impact on how I look at money.

On page 2 of the Long-Term Plan (LTP) it is acknowledged that we live in constrained financial times for both the PNCC and more importantly the ratepayers and renters of this city and its environs. The rate rises proposed are 34.8% over three years and 106% over ten years that will place an inordinate financial strain on ratepayers, renters and businesses that face that maximum assessment. On top of this there may be an additional \$1000 levy on each ratepayer - which will also further impact on rents also.

According to the LTP the PNCC itself has incurred about \$300m of debt (p.51). Currently they are paying \$12.6m in interest and only paying down \$6.3m annually on the principal borrowed. Further, debt is expected to rise progressively to over \$600m by FY 2009/2030 according to PNCC projections. The above projects (excepting the stadium) are not a priority. THEY ARE NICE TO HAVE, NOT A NEED TO HAVE. Unfortunately, Palmerston North cannot afford these projects at present and perhaps they would be better considered once the PNCC financial position improves.

Faced with these facts the community projects proposed (less the stadium) by the PNCC add \$54.45m to council expenditure, and that's just the current cost without projected future blow-outs nor the annual maintenance, staffing and other overhead costs these projects would accrue. It would be better to delay these projects until the financial position of the PNCC has become better and the books are in better shape. Furthermore, none of the community projects - less the stadium - provide Palmerston North with much revenue and would, as admitted by an earlier iteration of the digital copy of the Long-Term plan, have to be supported financially by the PNCC, which means the ratepayer/renter, and therefore are financial loss-making projects.

By not funding these community projects the PNCC wouldn't need to borrow money to fund these projects, which means ratepayers wouldn't have repayment costs, nor continue to fund them after they have been built. Any money would be better spent in going towards financing core council functions rather than impose further impositions on the ratepayer and renter. Or better still allocate more money to pay down the debt.

Ratepayers/Renters through the PNCC cannot afford these projects at this time and the PNCC should be economizing to only concentrate on core functions in these financially reduced times.

## City centre transformation questions: seismic upgrades of landmark facilities

Which option do you prefer?

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

Please tell us why you prefer this option

This may reduce the council owned property footprint in the city, reduce costs by operating in rented buildings, at reduced costs to the ratepayer. There seem to be enough vacant properties around the city centre that could be utilized and would help revitalize the city centre. At least let's explore the option.

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

Certain buildings might be found to be surplus to requirements but we are still stuck with the cost of occupation and upgrade - especially in this time of limited financial resources.

Do you have any other comments?

No

## Development contributions questions

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Yes

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

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

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

Nature Calls: This is a provisional 'Yes' provided the type of PPP is not so onerous on the ratepayer.

No connection to water/wastewater network: The user only should pay. If a property does not enjoy the service provided then the owner should not have to pay that charge.

## General comment areas

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

A lot of buzz word waffle and no substance.

Please share any feedback about our proposed transport projects

\$69m to improve key streets: If the Featherston Street debacle is anything to go by then the PNCC should revisit this area to see that the actual modifications and improvements are practical and efficient for transport. Certain councillors with their anti-car derangement should be let nowhere near this area. For instance, the reduction of parking in the city centre is having an adverse impact on businesses. Some of these 'improvements' are more impediments to efficient movement, to business and to the progress of this city.

\$55m pathway to Ashhurst and Feilding: This is a waste of money in a time of financial hardship. This is a NICE TO HAVE, not a NEED TO HAVE. Cancel this project.

\$31m on cycleways: There are already enough cycleways in the city placed on narrow streets already restricting the movement of traffic. The main transport arteries have already been covered. The money is better to be spent on core PNCC functions or paying down council debt than filling the ideological transport delusions of some councillors and planners.

\$22m Street Upgrade: Only if it improves trafficability. Abortions like Featherston Street and the denial of vehicle access should be avoided. Ditch the 'Streets to People' 'upgrade' as this will make these streets virtual ghost towns where businesses will fail. This will, in the long run, reduce income through reduced rates to the PNCC.

\$12m on Safety Improvements: Not if it goes to anything like the Featherston Street debacle. If the team that planned Featherston Street

planned these improvements, then the plans need to be revisited. Featherston Street went from being moderately safe to grossly unsafe under the new 'safety upgrades'. Even most of those councillors who voted for it admitted it was a mistake.

\$2.6m Transport Projects: Found this in an obscure place under Parks but with no description on what this is about. Ditch any projects under this as no information was provided what this would entail so I can not make an informed decision on this.

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

This is a core function of the PNCC. This is, as I understand it, a MUST HAVE. If you need to borrow money, then things for example like the community facilities or cycle lanes have to go by the wayside no matter how PC or ideologically wedded to these programmes you are.

We should mitigate the costs as much as possible through various funding vehicles, allying with other collocated councils, etc.

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

We currently have 442 Council Social Houses. How many do we need? Can we off-load some of this to charities like the Salvation Army to mitigate costs or with a partnership with a developer?

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**Please share any feedback about our proposed plans for growing our city**

The city really needs the Ring Road to expand. We are the 8th largest conurbation in the country yet we have largely been ignored. All the other projects mentioned in 'Mapping the Future' depend on this critical part of infrastructure and would increase PNCC income, as well as an increase infrastructure that the PNCC will have to look after. Hopefully with careful planning the income will increase over expenditure.

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

The service should be retained as it is.

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**Please share any feedback regarding proposed rates over the next 10 years**

The PNCC should look at cutting more NICE TO HAVE projects until the financial situation stabilizes. The plan makes little provision for this. We have too much debt and we must reduce this.

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

Booklet in my mailbox

Rates letter or email

Other: Residents Group meeting, word of mouth



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How would you prefer to give your feedback?

In person

Via an online video link

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- Business owner who rents their business location in Palmerston North
- A developer of residential properties
- A developer of commercial properties
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Please tell us why you prefer that option

IT IS FAIRER - INCOME DOESNT ALWAYS CHANGE BCT LV & CV CAN.

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

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BUS STOP- POLES NEED TO BE  
COLOURED SO WE CAN SEE THEM



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Support as proposed

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WE HAVE ENOUGH AREAS THAT CAN BE USED AT THE  
MOMENT — COST TOO MUCH TO BE SEEN TO BE PC CORRECT.  
NOW IS NOT THE TIME —

**Pasifika Centre** Expand and refurbish existing building

Support as proposed

Support with changes/comments

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KEEP IT REASONABLE

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WE HAVE A LOT OF COMMUNITY SPACE THAT IS NOT BEING USED CORRECTLY NOW. - USE ALL SPACE FIRST BEFORE SPENDING WHEN NOT YET NECESSARY

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Support as proposed

Support with changes/comments

Do not support

Prefer not to say

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MAKE MORE PARKING BEFORE EXPANDING ANY THINGS ELSE - PARKING IS A BISMAR - SHAMEFULL THAT THERE IS NOT ENOUGH WHEN ALL FACILITIES ARE BEING USED.



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

NEVER ENOUGH PARKING NEAR MANY FACILITIES

NOT ALL PEOPLE CAN WALK. —

IF NO PARKING THEN NOT  
GOING OUT

# City centre transformation - landmark facilities and seismic upgrades

Which option do you prefer? (select one)



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**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

WE NEED THE WATER DONE SO UPGRADES CAN BE PLANNED DOWN THE TRACK

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

Do you have any other comments?

STOP WASTING MONEY ON SLOWING TRAFFIC. PUT THAT MONEY ON NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS

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HOW DO WE GET MORE HOUSES IF THEY ARE COSTING MORE

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FASTER TRAFFIC FLOW.

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STOP FOLLOWING LARGE TOWNS IDEAS & WORK ON OUR OWN.  
TO GET AROUND TOWN NOW IS TERRIBLE. — I HAVE STOPPED  
DRIVING TO CERTAIN PLACES BECAUSE OF THE TRAFFIC CHANGES  
THERE SHOULDN'T BE TRAFFIC JAMS FOR 5/6 HOURS A DAY

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plans for **Water and how we will fund Nature Calls**

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BETTER PARKING WITH HOUSING (BUILDINGS) OF STREET  
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CONTRACT WORK OUT SO LESS TRUCKS ON THE  
STREETS. —

~~SHARE~~ THE LOAD & KEEP ALL COMPANIES  
GOING. ZONE THE CITY. EACH COMPANY  
HAS AN AREA TO PROCESS.

LESS FUEL ← FUMES — OZONE SAFER.

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

1-HYBRID

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Commercial properties will have big increases with the capital value option.

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?

Rural rates should not be increasing so much, we don't get any council services. No buses, no rubbish collection, no recycling, no water, no sewerage.

Rural should be separate as limited use of town, I now avoid town as there are fewer parks in town. Cuba St is a mess with ridiculous bus park in the middle of the road.

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Too expensive. There is no money!!



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Why are rate payers being asked to fund a business venture  
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Scale down. Limit the work to ~\$10m.  
We can't afford \$36m. Have until 2034 to  
re build Barber Hall, review in 3 or 3 years time.

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

No need to do massive upgrade on Awapuni library as part of city library seismic strengthening. Rent ~~one~~ of the many empty buildings in the city centre to cover during this time.



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**Prefer not to say**

Please tell us why you prefer that option

Caccia Birch House is a timber framed building with no earthquake issues. \$6M is a complete rip off. who's 'family consultants' are in on this one?

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

Central library was earthquake proofed during its original makeover, perhaps government regulations need to get more realistic. \$65M is insane! Come on people, show some common sense.

There is no money, stop spending it!

Do you have any other comments?

I don't believe the values put on these are realistic, dodgy consultants are creaming it again. Council offices are an eyesore, is \$17M realistic?

And we know these budgets always blow out massively. These are all crazy figures.

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*What sort of business has no water or waste water network?*



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All new residential builds should have a rain water storage tank. This would reduce the pressure on the water supply.

Over the top building regulations, HRS etc are making building too expensive, this is showing with ~~less~~ fewer new builds. Will slow growth.

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NO more messing up the central city, keep the current parks.  
Don't need a new bus stop, current one is fine.

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Proposed expansion out Aokautere area needs to fix the transport problem at Old West Road / Summerhill Before any new residential areas are added.

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

Water tanks compulsory for all new builds  
Higher density housing areas means more concrete & less water filtering ability. Rainwater into water storage tanks instead of stormwater.

Water tastes terrible with all the chemicals.

Waste water plan using productive farmland is a bad idea. Why are iwi demanding all the requirements that cost super high amounts. As 'guardians' of the land, water maori are not exactly a shining example. Rape, slavery, mass slaughter & extinction of both their predecessors & wildlife does not give them any rights to preach about having such great values. Get real. Discharging to land means 'iwi' will never allow it to be used for production again.



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

higher density housing means less green areas, not so pleasant for residents, increased crime, pollution.  
PN is great for families, easy to drop kids off at sports etc. If the city is made up of ridiculous roading with cycle ways as the main form of transport this will no longer work.  
We don't have much traffic congestion generally, it seems the new Featherston St debacle has made it more like Auckland. We don't want that!

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Keep traffic flowing. Develop cycle ways along the river tracks away from main city streets.

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Do not need green waste collection. Total waste of money. People can compost their own food scraps.



Water notes.

Discharge can not continue 100% of the time due to water logged soils, where does it go then?

What is the protocol? Does it goes into the river??





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*To hard on comercial properties,  
even more business's ~~not~~ going broke.*

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?

Rural rates <sup>Increase</sup> are unjustified, we don't get full council services and just because town is expanding & getting closer to us doesn't mean we go to town more. In fact going to town is the last thing I want to do.



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*So multicultural centre groups can learn what it cost to own ~~own~~ & run such a facility if they want there own.*

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*Money is to tight in these time's its just a want not a need.*

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Good plan, but again wrong time to ~~to~~ do it, need to be careful with spending. Only spend on need's for the next 5 to 10 year's



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

Streng Our library is awesome, ~~its~~  
it needs to be done, but a temporary  
leased option is sufficient.

Maintanace on existing facilities is  
of course important, any upgrades will  
have to wait untill the economy ~~is~~  
has improved.

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Which option do you prefer? (select one)

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**Prefer not to say**

Please tell us why you prefer that option

Seismic grade's are of course important, but some are just taking the piss. I've been a builder my whole life I can have worked on ~~A~~ Caccia Birch house and know timber construction. Caccia Birch house is OK as is.

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

Our Central library is an Icon, but these upgraded seismic strengthening doesn't add up, there seems to be a racket or some kind of sinister plan. Only do the nice't most important ~~pr~~ buildings. ~~A~~ Money is very tight.

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*Residential  
Any useable <sup>or</sup> land should ~~be~~ have some to  
\* pay something.*

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Increase both contributions.

Keep collecting & put aside seperately.



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Traffic restrictions on centre city are negative, It's keeping people away.  
Existing bus stop in ~~a~~ square works well ✓.  
In lane bus stop's just dumb, too dangerous  
Cycle lanes sound good but in reality no one's going to start riding a bike.

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

Much needed roundabout at Old West Rd.  
Summerhill Dr before ~~any~~ any more residential growth.

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

All new builds should have rainwater collection, I have lived on rainwater only for my entire 61 years.



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High density housing should be spread out,  
not congested.

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Second bridge needed Awapuni Maxwell  
line. Cook St would have been better  
Bus station in Square is practical ✓.

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No need for green waste collection,  
Composting & growing your own veges  
should be pushed.

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

Rate's should ~~stay~~ only increase slowly  
untill the economy improve's, masive  
increase's, Rural for eg. will destroy  
more property ~~owne's~~ owner's, meaning  
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This System The original System Works Well  
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Please see attachment.

Land Value (LV)

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

Unfair.

A person with pride in their home ends up paying more for the same services.

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

35% people voted left  
election.

no rating system changes  
were mentioned.

Councillors do not have  
a mandate to change.



# Community facilities questions

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

Yes

No

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**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

See Attachment

**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

See Attachment

**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

See Attachment.

**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

See Attachment.

**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

I am ok with highlighting  
New Zealand / Maori Culture.

**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

See Attachment.



# 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.

**Prefer not to say**

**Option two**

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

Please tell us why you prefer that option

Do not upgrade  
— sell 'as is' see attached

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

Cannot afford.

Do you have any other comments?



# 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.

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper]*

# 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**

- Affordable city.
- less cycleways, more car parks.
  - Only spend on critical infrastructure

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

No more cycleways

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

Cost all 'nice to have'  
Spending and pay for out  
of Savings.



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

Longburn / Ashhurst  
Do not put any more houses  
over the Massey side of the  
River. We don't need a 2nd  
bridge to pay for too.

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 [pnc.govt.nz/FDS](https://pnc.govt.nz/FDS)

Growth should not come at  
the cost to present rate payers  
⇒ 100% user pays.

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 [pnc.govt.nz/wasteplan](https://pnc.govt.nz/wasteplan)

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

See file attached

Rates will be unaffordable.  
- Please stop spending now.

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

Please spend less, defer or  
Cancel all projects that  
are not essential.

Submission: Rural rating 'discount' review

Preferred rating system option: Maintain current rural property discount.

Submitter: Steve and Sandra Rowe

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The PNCC City Council have said they intend to reduce the level of discount that is currently provided to Lifestyle type properties within the Palmerston City boundary. Under the councils' proposals, our rates for our home on Milson Line will raise over 60% this year.

We live on a 2.2-hectare property on Milson line and are perplexed at the thought that we currently get some sort of rates discount for services we receive from the city. The council proposal implies that lifestyle block owners are in some way receiving a free ride from other urban ratepayers. The rural block holders currently actually subsidize their urban rate payers. The council is now proposing that they further penalize the rural sector with not only taking away this 'discount', but also moving to a new hybrid rating system that that will make the situation worse. Rural properties generally have a higher CV because of the requirements to include all services such as waste/water.

Let's be very clear here so there is no misunderstanding, we do not receive any services at all from PNCC.

We do not get the following council services:

- No council water.
- No Council wastewater/sewer
- No council rubbish collection
- No council wheelie bin recycling.
- No street lights.
- No footpath
- No cycleway
- No leaf trucks.
- No roadside curbing
- No public transport on our section of Milson Line.

Some people may say we have access to the city parks, library or lido. We do not use any of these facilities. Even Milson Line where we live, 99% of all traffic on this road is not from locals. The road is maintained for transiting people first and foremost and not residents. People who own and live on lifestyle properties generally spend a lot of their spare time on their block. They mow larger lawns, gardens and look after pets and livestock. They do not need to travel into town to use the parks and other facilities. Even fly tipping in the rural area, this is not rural people doing this but city urban people dumping their city rubbish.

If the council was to collect data so a better-informed decision could be made, you probably would find the more people from outside the city, for example from area such as Tokomaru, Rongotea, Sanson and Bulls that use these facilities more than PNCC rural block owners do. Maybe the council



need to target this group through greater user pays than targeting the Palmerston North rural folk as some sort of easy cash cow to rob.

We currently pay PNCC rates \$1819.90 for the previously mentioned no services. ie for nothing.

The Council is now proposing to increase our rates by over 60% (removing the rural discount and changing to Hybrid system) to \$3017.54 for the coming year. Again, for no services.

Using the Councils own projected rate increase figures for the next 10-year period, under the new proposals, our rates will increase from the present (for no services) of \$1819.90 to around \$8000 in 10 years. And for no services.

Even under the current status quo, ie Rural discount and LV rating system, in 10 years' time we will still be contributing rates of over \$5000 to the council annually. Every cent that the council gets from us is pure profit. Is there any urban rate payer out there the pays so much for so little?

#### **Are rural rate payers getting off lightly?**

On the surface, as a figure, what we presently pay appears a bargain compared to other city rates payers. The devil is in the detail.

Our rates are only a fraction of what our actual service costs us in comparison to our urban brothers.

We must pay for and maintain our own services at no cost to the council because the PNCC does not provide them.

#### **- septic waste system**

Maintenance on our system approximately 4 years ago cost us \$28,000 to replace part of it. As part of our Council consent, an approved septic tank maintenance person must service the system every 6 months. This costs us a further \$400 per year. This makes the Councils Nature Calls project look an absolute bargain for urban ratepayers.

**-Stormwater pipes and drains.** We have paid for and had council consented drains installed at full cost to us.

**-Water tanks, pumps and catchment systems.** We have two pumps, and both have been replaced in the last few years at a cost of over \$5000. Our house rainwater collecting gutter was replaced at a cost of \$7000.

**-Rubbish disposal.** We pay for a wheelie bin at a cost of \$574.80 per year.

**- Larger proportion of Horizon rates** compared with our urban brothers. Horizons view lifestyle property owners a bit like the PNCC council do, a cash cow to milk to subsidize other rate payers. Our proposed Horizons rates for this coming year is \$1725-00. And honestly, for nothing.

The above work and systems that we require because the council do not provide them, tend to raise our CV property value too and under Hybrid rating proposal will lead to further distorted rate increases for rural properties.

Under the council bylaws, we cannot subdivide our rural lifestyle blocks to help lower our CVs. Lifestyle block owners pay the council development and consent fees up front even though there is no cost to the council. There is no extra load on the city's infrastructure. The council is using lifestyle block owners to land bank rural land for the future needs of the city. Very few rural property owners will benefit from this council land banking as any zoning changes take years to happen. Our particular

property will never be rezoned in our lifetime. On the council plan, rural properties form the biodiversity corridors. Rural block owners provide a real service to the council, be it floodway, beautification around the city or just the above-mentioned land banking free for the council. In some obscene way though, we are charged for this service that we provide for the city despite not receiving anything in return.

Future rural lifestyle blocks financial viability regarding our home in 10 years.

Projected rate if rural discount removed and hybrid model used \$8000 per year.

Add in Horizon, this year proposed at \$1725, in 10 year \$3000 per year.

Add house insurance, currently \$7300, possibly in 10 years will be \$12,000 per year.

Add in our basic septic/water/rubbish costs of \$3000 per year.

Basic cost if we want to stay in our home will be \$26,000-00 per year. \$500 per week as we enter retirement. Doesn't appear the pension cheque will go far. We do not believe that this is sustainable, and we feel we are not alone.

We can opt not to pay the insurance (stupid as that sounds) but the rest we must pay.

What will happen.

Rural block owners may be forced from their blocks. Blocks will be picked up by buyers with the ability to service these added loaded costs. They will rent the house out and use the land as commercial outdoor storage. An example of this is the rural block on the corner of Rangitikei and Flyers line. This block is now being used as an outdoor commercial truck/machinery/junk yard by PTS Logistics. This is not a home business; they are a multimillion-dollar business and the owners do not live on the property. This is an eye saw in the council's own biodiversity corridor and is on the main entrance road into the city. Not a good first impression to our city. This is an example of what will happen.

Another example is at **7(2)(a) Privacy** Commercial storage/junk yard, non-resident owner.

Please do not force us from our homes with either the removal of the rural 'discount' or by changing to the unfair hybrid rating system. We are not asking to pay no rates, but we ask for the continuation of the current status quo of the rural discount and Land value (LV) rating system as this is fair considering the services we receive.

Rural resident property owners provide true benefit to the city at no cost. The city needs us.

Here is an idea. Maybe the council should spend less, then they wouldn't need to steal our money.



Steve and Sandra Rowe

**7(2)(a) Privacy**

Palmerston North.



Submission: Rating system review

Preferred rating system option: Land value (LV) – current system.

Submitter: Steve and Sandra Rowe

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Palmerston North rating system needs to be fair, just and equitable. Everyone understands that we live in a user pay environment these days and rates should be targeted to reflect this. Everyone should contribute/pay their own fair share.

The LV rating system originally came about to encourage the subdivision of larger land lots within the city. It was not intended as a wealth tax to redistribute costs. We believe other neighboring Councils such as Whanganui, Horowhenua and Tararua all use a Land value rating system as this is seen as the fairest system.

The Central Government through the Inland Revenue Department is responsible for deciding people's ability to pay/contribute their fair share of taxes to society. It is not the Palmerston North City Council or certain Councilor's job to self-appoint themselves as some form of modern-day robin hood. To hold the view that a higher Property Capital value equals wealth and therefore a lower Property Capital Value must mean hardship is very subjective without data to back this theory up.

The Palmerston City Council has not provided any data, research, facts or objective information to back up their feel good, distorted discussion information. Much of this council provided information and reasoning is at best selective, subjective, and at worst, deliberately miss leading.

Both proposed new rating systems (Hybrid & CV) will see a reduced increase or even a reduction in rates from Commercial property owners, undeveloped land bankers and rental property owners. This seems very strange as these three groups have the best ability of any rate payer group to pay. Remember, these three groups own property to make a profit. The Councils proposal is to counteract this lost revenue by unfairly increasing rates from individuals or families who own a property with a higher Capital value. This group is generally not in property for profit. A lot of these people are more likely to be entering their retirement years with less ability to pay. They do not have KiwiSaver (which is relatively new) or savings. They may have a freehold house but will only have the pension to survive on.

If we look at the residential property market, data suggests that approximately 65% of homes are owner/occupied, therefore it could be expected that the remaining 35% of residential property is investor/rental stock. These properties usually fall under the medium price and will be the ones that will best benefit from any of the new proposals. This seems extraordinary to even consider this rating system change for this reason alone.



We looked up all three rating system types for an average Tremaine Ave rental type property. Both the Hybrid and the CV method's new rates came in at less than the current system. Both new proposed systems will unfairly take money from older people generally who own one property and subsidize profit driven rental property owners who may have multiple properties and therefore a higher total property portfolio value. This will not help struggling tenants as rents are solely set by supply & demand. It is totally conceivable that half of all properties at the lower end of the market are investor/rental properties and will have their rates subsidized by other rate payers. How does the council believe this to be fair on the other non-rental property owner ratepayers that use the same services?

Our rates for our Milson Line home will rise by over 60% this year under the Councils Hybrid system and reduced rural discount. Using the council's own rate raise projection figures, this will rise to approximately \$8000 annually in 10 years' time. We will receive nothing for this in return.

Under the current LV system, we would still be pay over \$5000 annually, but at least this would be fairer considering we receive no services.

We have a friend who lives in the same house that he built 40 years ago in Palmerston North. He has chosen to spend his spare money on world travel, visiting Europe and America on multiple occasions. We have instead invested our spare money in our home and not travelled. He has spent his money overseas, we have spent ours in Palmerston North. He has a lifetime of 'wealth' in travel experiences, we have a lifetime of 'wealth' slowly built up in our home. It is a free choice people make. Both our friends and our incomes going into retirement will be similar, so why does Palmerston North City Council believe that a person like our friend is entitled to cheaper rates for the same services that we receive?

We would like to remind the PNCC City councilors that only approximately 38% of the residents voted in the last local body elections. Rating system changes were not mentioned. We believe the current council does not have a mandate from the rate payers to progress and change the rating system for Palmerston North.

Our submission is that the current LV rating system remains as the status quo.



Steve and Sandra Rowe

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Palmerston North



Submission: Long-term plan Community facilities

Submitter: Steve and Sandra Rowe

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We have read the PNCC long term plan and can see what different individuals and groups have been requesting of the council. All the projects seem very nice and may well add to the city in some way but rate payers as a group cannot afford them in the 10-year plan period. Palmerston North is a good sitting to live in now, you could say we are a 10-minute city now. Let's keep it affordable.

The Nature calls project is not a nice to have, but a critical infrastructure project that is vital to the future of the city. This is the number one project for the next 10 years and all focus should be here.

The PNCC must address and fund the Nature calls project that funding is not yet secured for. No responsible person, group or business would ever carry on borrowing and spending on other nice to have things, before first having funding approved and in place for critical work that must be completed.

All non-critical spending needs to stop or be deferred until the project is completed. A large project like the Nature calls one is likely to see the budget blow out as there are many unknowns at this point. The council/rate payer will end up funding any blow-out through increased rates or finance. Rate payers are under pressure now and rates will go up substantially even with out the nice to have projects. It may well be a city for future generations, but their parents won't be able to afford to live here. People will be force from the city and Palmerston North may end up the most unaffordable city in New Zealand. Not a title anyone wants.

**Palmerston North City Council should be focused on the people that live here now.**

It is of utmost importance that we ask that the council cancel or defer the projects below.

27m – Streets for people. One of the best things about Palmerston North is how easy it is to drive around and get a car park. This detracts from our mobile city culture.

55m Shared walking and cycling pathways. Palmerston North to Ashhurst & Palmerston North to Feilding. Nice to have for the few cyclists that may use it, but for the bulk of the Palmerston North residents a waste of money now.

31m Cycleways in City. We just can't afford it at present. This could also give time for the Council staff to reflect on some of the previous cycleway disasters.

5.7m Cuba st upgrade. Not essential.

29.1m Awapuni Library Hub. Cannot afford this and we need to start asking if we need old style expensive libraries at all.

88m City-wide transport upgrades. Unless there are some critical parts, needs to be deferred and completed once Nature Calls is funded/completed.

0.75m Multicultural Centre needs to be cancelled. We should be acting like a community and not pushing individual cultures. It is good for people to know where they came from on a personal level, but we are all New Zealanders now. Use the Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park for our national cultural identity.

3.9m Pasifika Centre. This should be privately funded like the Indian/Chinese communities do. This is not for rate payers to fund. Rate payers are helping to fund Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park as that is our national culture of New Zealand, but shouldn't fund individual immigrant cultures.

3.6m Te Patikitiki Library. Cannot afford this and we need to start asking if we need old style expensive libraries at all.

36m Central Energy Trust Arena. A lot of money has been poured in here over the last few years. We need to stop and that a breather until the Nature calls project is finished.

67m Te Manawa. This is one of the councils' endless bottomless pits. Needs to be cancelled and negotiations undertaken with private companies to provide the Te Manawa experience.

65m – Close the library, sell the building. Outsource the library on a reduce scale/size to a private group. Rate payers cannot afford old style expensive libraries any longer. The world is changing with the internet. Do we still have hitching rails in the square to tie horses too?

We have identified over 400m in costs to cut out of the 10-year draft plan as a start. This will result in 400m less to be borrowed with **minimal effect to most people's lives as most people in Palmerston North will never use any of the above things listed.** We suggest the council use/keep this year's rate increase as proposed under the current LV rating system. Pay all current long-term debt off. Once the Nature calls project is finished, then maybe look at some of the above projects again in future once funds are available. Please can I ask councillors to remember, you are spending rate payers hard earn money, not you own, and unfortunately as individuals, most people have limited means.

Steve and Sandra Rowe

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Palmerston North,







# Council's Long-Term Plan Submission Form

Have your say by **4pm, 9 May**

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](http://pncc.govt.nz/LTP)
- sharing feedback on our social media channels
- emailing us at [submission@pncc.govt.nz](mailto: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: *Julie*

Last name: *Dacre*

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:

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.

	9am to 12.30pm	1.30pm to 5pm	5.30pm to 7.30pm
Wednesday 15 May	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday 16 May	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friday 17 May	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please select here if you are flexible on days on times

How would you prefer to give your feedback?

In person

Via an online video link

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](http://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

View your proposed rates at [pncc.govt.nz/ratesreview](http://pncc.govt.nz/ratesreview)

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

I agree that rates will need to increase over the coming year, and that more ways will need to be found for this. I think the full Capital Value approach is much too much of an increase.

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

LV approach is too much of an increase.

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

Lined area for providing comments.



# Community facilities questions

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

Yes

No

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**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

Ensuring there are lots of community spaces is important. My only question - are we fully utilising existing spaces eg. Ferguson St Community Centre?

**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

We want to keep ~~the~~ facilities we currently have at their best to ensure they can be fully utilised and support the needs of all groups.



**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

Agree Awapuni needs a useful library space, but is the proposed space right for the community. Looks very large and more comprehensive than Central library which is a space I'd prefer is funded for <sup>extensive</sup> improvement.

**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

Swap response with previous (Te Pātikitiki Library)  
I fully support improvements to Te Pātikitiki

**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

I think this is a fantastic idea, creating a very useful facility for lots of people and encouraging community involvement while also making use of a currently under used & dodgy park.

**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

As long as we don't lose the gym facilities there.

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

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**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

Future planning for our city is important, and considering these projects holistically ensures we're not missing the long term implications and costs.

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

Not thinking of the broader picture when assessing costs.

Do you have any other comments?

I like the existing library building and would hate to move from there! But agree considering all facilities as a whole is key to costs.

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I am sure there are <sup>existing</sup> Council owned properties which are under utilised that could be used for a multicultural centre and not spend \$750k.

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I think if the Pasifika community want to expand their existing building they should be fund raising themselves to contribute to the cost.



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The cost of this building is too much for ratepayers to pay for a Community library. Is there a need for such a large building on such a grand scale. What about <sup>including</sup> some steps to bring in an income.

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I think Rangitane should have a fund raising barometer at their marae in Maxwell's Line and not expect the ratepayers to almost <sup>fully</sup> fund this grand project.

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Support with changes/comments

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I fully support this project as this is for every citizen in P.Nth and it brings in revenue into the city.

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

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Please tell us why you prefer that option

Continue to prioritise building for earthquake strengthening.

Would it be more cost effective to re-build some buildings eg. library, Te Mana-oa.

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

As this city with a population of approx 90,000 already has ~~450~~<sup>442</sup> social housing units we should NOT be building any more. Housing is a central government responsibility not poor ratepayers. There are so many core business expenses for ratepayers to fund e.g. water, waste water, earthquake strengthening council buildings, parks, reserves, street lighting, rubbish collections etc.

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

Be prudent ratepayers are not  
bottomless pits of money.

Stick to core business not all  
these nice to haves.

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Do NOT build any more social  
housing units. The units we already  
have is enough for a city of approx  
90,000 citizens. It is not just  
building more houses it is the annual  
cost of maintaining what we already  
have. Lots of cities for example  
Hamilton which has a larger population  
than PNH has sold off their social  
housing.

Social housing is a central government  
responsibility not a poor struggling  
council with so many demands on  
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- 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

It is the cheapest rate system for where I live.

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

The Capital Value system is the dearest option for me. I am OK with the present Land Value system as it is only \$6.35 p.a. dearer than the Hybrid system.





# 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

If the new Awapuni Community Library Hub goes ahead why cannot the Multicultural Centre use these premises.

**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

I don't support a Fate.



**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

If the Awapuni Community Library Hub goes ahead why cannot the community utilise these meeting rooms.

**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

This is a lot of money & I understand the new building will be 15 times the size of the existing Awapuni library. I don't support such a big new building for the community as I think a lot of the space will sit idle for much of the time.

**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

I would only support this if Rangitāne provided more of the funding.

**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

The Central Energy Trust Arena brings in revenue to the local economy.

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

I would like to see Palmerston North community facilities used by any group based in Palmerston North & not this centre is for Maori, and this centre is for Pasifika and this centre is for Multicultural & that centre is for everyone else.

# 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.

**Prefer not to say**

**Option two**

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

Please tell us why you prefer that option

*This spreads the cost more evenly over ratepayers.*

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

*This places a bigger burden on the ratepayers during the decade.*

Do you have any other comments?



# 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.

On the face of it these proposals seem to be fairer.

# 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**

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

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

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

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](http://pncc.govt.nz/FDS)

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](http://pncc.govt.nz/wasteplan)

I think the food scraps collection service is totally unnecessary.

The present recycling drop-off is fit for purpose & I don't see a need for a new site.

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

For ten years (2008-2018) the rate increase I incurred was not above 5.6%. The last 5 yrs (2019-2023) had only two years with rate rises above 8%. I think the Council needs to have a conservative long term plan for the next decade because the cost of water upgrades will be huge.

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