

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 965

Not Speaking

First name: Sally  
Last name: Lawrence

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Make sure there is sufficient parking..cut costs through cutting back on certain books etc..

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** Don't close..

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Don't demolish..stabilize the bank and keep as a heritage building

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Don't close winter gardens or Cafe.. Aviary may be able to kept in a smaller capacity..

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Reduce number of baskets bit keep..they add colour,vibrancy and and life to CBD

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Not something I know much about..

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** If closing city one day a week then this should remain open or vice versa..

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Not really necessary..big carports are not preferred

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:** Needs to kept as a heritage building and needs to maintained

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### **Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Do all marae require same amount...could the money be juggled or proritised according to need and use..

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### **Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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### **Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Can't see any point in this..not broken,doesn't need fixing

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### **Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Not vitally necessary

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## **Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** As long as all options have been explored for each asset and public has further say on this

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** I don't want to see Council making arbitrary decisions without listening very carefully to the community

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1016

Not Speaking

First name:

Kit

Last name:

Lawrence

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

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#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
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**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 651

Not Speaking

First name: Teena  
Last name: Lawrence

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

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#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Further comments on service cuts:** 1. The Youth Council are a voice for Rangatahi, future Earners and Ratepayers and Tax payers 2. Youth have opportunity to engage in civic duties 3. Youth are able to engage in communities that can be neglected by adults. 4. Their budget is minuscule compared to expenditure to beautify our town. So don't cut their funding as their work is very important, and ditching your own investments that have taken years to grow to this level is saying you don't value our young people.

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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## **Asset Sales**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 840

Not Speaking

First name: **Billie**  
Last name: **LAWSON**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** I would love to see the building retained, but it does not need to be a theatre. Sell it for someone to turn into a residence, or art space, or something.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Theres enough birdlife at the lake already, get rid of the aviary and make it a picnic area or something.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I dont want to see them go, but happy to for a few years until the finances are good again.

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Glassworks is integral to our tourism and City of Design status. To make it private ownership runs the risk of it being closed on a whim, or altered from its core values and identity. If it aint broke - then DONT FIX IT

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Close it for 2-3 days? I would hate for the community to miss out completely, but one day probably wont save much money in the long run. More than one day might be a better compromise.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:** Do we need libraries in Whang East and Castlecliff as well? Isnt that what the library bus is for, to go into communities??

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## Proposed Future Investments

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Im not convinced that Council should be investing in a project like a hotel. Carpark - yes. Hotel - no. The flight school has already been a huge expense for little return, and the establishment of it exasperated the accommodation problem that already existed. Meaning: Whanganui Holdings played a major hand in crippling our commercial accommodation sector. Can we really trust them with this?

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

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**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:** Maraes will be essential during natural disasters. They absolutely should be funded for useful equipment.

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
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### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 134

Speaking

First name: Murray  
Last name: Lazelle

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

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#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** I note the intention to sell Glassworks in the near term. That it costs \$192,000pa to operate indicates that a sale will be difficult. I understand the desire to avoid the ongoing costs associated with supporting the entity but caution against making any quick decision. The Drews Ave

cultural precinct, in which Council has already made investments, is a significant visitor attraction. The Glassworks hot shop and store is an important part of the cultural offering in that area and a key Whanganui visitor attraction. We need to keep it operating and publicly available.

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:** Sarjeant Gallery I understand that Council is calling for Sarjeant Gallery to reduce its operating costs by 10%. In my view that is at odds with the significant investment that has already been made and the need to capitalise on that investment particularly in its first year to re-opening. The 2024 re-opening is a one-off opportunity to showcase the prize that has resulted from years of investment and hard work. We shoot ourselves in the foot if we undermine the promotion of this activity to the rest of NZ.

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## Proposed Future Investments

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** I was the financial controller of the company that built the 220 room Park Royal Hotel (now Intercontinental) in Wellington. The hotel proposed by Council is effectively a small boutique (code for expensive) hotel. Hotels need to have scale to support the full range of services that customers expect. Any hotel would need to have a management arrangement with a national chain in order to link with other centres. The manager gets all operational costs covered as well as a fee. The Building owner gets the residual, if any. Hotel ownership (as opposed to management) is a risky proposition. In the case of the Wellington Park Royal it costs \$220m to build, was sold soon after completion to National Provident fund for less than \$100m and has passed through various owners with the current owner having acquired it for \$50m before undertaking a major renovation in 2013. New builds might work in major centres, but they work better once the value has been significantly eroded. Spending \$32m on a hotel in a small regional community like Whanganui is a reckless waste of ratepayers money. It is aimed at the wrong market – visitors to Whanganui for sporting events, arts trail & masters games, need motel-type accommodation in a price range of \$125 to \$175. A 60 bed boutique hotel will do nothing to alleviate the problem. Council is already part of the problem – Council’s purchase of Collegiate motel and the former St Georges premises took viable accommodation options off the table.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

**Submitter Comments:** I do not agree with an expensive back-of-house renovation of the Opera House. We do not need state of the art facilities in regional entertainment hall and the town cannot afford it. It will make no difference to the community audience and offers to increase on revenues, but leaves ratepayers with long term costs. My view is that the work should be deferred if possible.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** I think this ought to be the preserve of Central Government so that all Marae get a fair opportunity and the government can assess the environmental risks and plan accordingly. A recent report has highlighted deficiencies in our national response to crises and Government is best placed to allocate resources.

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Electric bikes enable cyclists to travel further but we cannot afford to give long range recreational riders special bike lanes. The cycle network within Whanganui is the priority. In relation to a route beyond the city boundary, I would prefer completing the Upokongaro loop down the State Highway back to Whanganui

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**Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**How would you strike the balance?****Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:** Pilot School In 2015 WDC bought the Manawatu Flying School. By June 2022 it had spent \$5.6m on planes/simulators and significant funds on buildings. In support of the venture Council bought Nazareth Rest home, the Collegiate Motor Inn, the former St Georges premises and bought its maintenance provider AeroCare. The ambitions for this empire have no bounds: In 2020 it had agreed to buy 22 aircraft for US\$17m (later cancelled) and in November 2023 it looked at buying the Hawkes Bay Flying School. The major contract appears to be with a low-cost Indian airline, Indigo. The airline sources pilots through a number of international providers including Australia and USA. Pilot training is an internationally competitive industry and I am not sure what natural advantage Whanganui thinks that it has. Indigo will have many pilot training options and these arrangements typically end up in a race to the bottom as providers compete on fees and equipment. At June 2022 the school's liabilities exceed its assets. WDC's investment now relies on turning the business around. The company has defaulted on its financial filing obligations and I assume that was because the auditor was questioning the viability of the business. So should the ratepayers. A pilot school is not a core business of Council. The current LTP provides for the preparation of a strategic plan for the airport. This ought to have been done before council committed to this high-needs business. Whanganui ratepayers being asked to make difficult choices about which community facilities services and events they will have to give up. It's disappointing that one of the contributors to this is an unnecessary effort to get into the aviation business. It's a reminder that council's role is to facilitate the environment that will attract business, not be the business. I don't know what the exit strategy is, but I hope for ratepayers sake that there is one.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 46

Speaking

First name: **Murray**  
Last name: **Lazelle**  
Organisation: **Whanganui Musicians Club**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**How would you strike the balance?****Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

Yes

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1079

Not Speaking

First name: Dani  
Last name: Lebo

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** It would be good to know the number of patrons that go to the library on its lowest average day. I am hesitant to close the library at all. It is a place of learning and safety for many in our community.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** It is much loved and well used by the rangatahi over in East. We want to be promoting outdoor activities for young people, not limiting them.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Provide recycling points but not rubbish points. Why are we paying for people to dump green waste that could be composted or recyclables. Their poor consumption and waste management habits should not be funded by ratepayers. Happy to support rural recycling points though.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** I would rather find better public transport options than pay for a car park. If a hotel was a good business investment than private individuals should fund it.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Build a waharoa with carved po at the entrance to Pakaitore and provide educational signage about the significance of the site, but do not alter the road.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** It really depends on which assets are to be sold, but worth looking into.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1172

Not Speaking

First name: Kathy  
Last name: Lee

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1053

Speaking

First name: **Stephen**  
Last name: **lee**  
Organisation:

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** If we want to keep this in Whanganui there needs to be local ownership

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Something else (state below)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** More info required -as I don't believe these options should be this black and white.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Simply not a priority in today's economic conditions

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Please be advised that click and Drag function does not work.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1255

First name: iva  
Last name: leonard

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
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### **Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## **Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

### **Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 696

Not Speaking

First name: Catherine  
Last name: LeSage

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I think at the moment all libraries could close for 1 additional day as you are expanding the Davis library anyway which wasn't mentioned to the ratepayers. So when that is complete then close all other libraries and have the 1 hub, our town does not need so many libraries as we are not big enough.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Sad to say as I spent my life swimming at this pool but because it hasn't been properly maintained over the years it's time to close it. An outdoor pool should have been put in at the splash centre when that was built!

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Very silly removing them but at your ridiculous cost for them it is not worth it at all.

### New Zealand Glassworks

**Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** There's fly tipping anyway, closing them won't make much difference and the rural owners can do a dump run when they come into town, it's that easy! They choose to live rural so can pay for the dump like every one else

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Maintaining the current SHOULD be enough, no excuse why it isn't really!

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:** Seek an operator or do nothing at the moment and re-visit it in 3 years

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:** The prices are too high, get cheaper quotes first!

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:** The iwis can pay for it themselves they have plenty of money, these marae's are not used enough to warrant ratepayers forking out!!!!

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:** Lifesaving is a necessity, need I say more!

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:** THIS IS AN ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS IDEA!!!!!! I'd like to know who the moron is that suggested it!

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:** What?? Ratepayers pay for the dozen people who would use them? Stupid idea again!!

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## Asset Sales

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return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** I would be interested in knowing which assets

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Hmmm my comments wouldn't be very nice so no comment

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1408

Not Speaking

First name: **Bill**  
Last name: **Leslie**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Some savings at least

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** There is a nowhere else handy for kids that side of town

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Some cuts need to be made unfortunately

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Enjoyed by too many, maybe get more volunteers to help.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Unfortunate but a saving

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** None

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Well needed by rural ratepayers who don't get much else

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Perhaps could of closed two or three days and saved more

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Just to good to loose, there are other options in other places

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** There needs to be a saving, as not all ratepayers benefit

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**Further comments on service cuts:** No

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Core duty of council, can't cut

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Must not happen, far from a core duty of council and if viable outside interests will step up. Wish list only

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

**Submitter Comments:** We should not be even considering the full monty in this tight economic environment.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Not general rate payers concern, let those who gain from it pay. The government has paid out enough, not for ratepayers to start next.

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** Needed but lets not build something outrages as this council seems to achieve. Have a full say in design and functionality before you commit.

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** How can that expense be justified, if its that desperate to have a dedicated crossing paint some lines on the road, enough of speed bumps in this town and waste of our money

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** General road safety for a busy road and leave it there

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** A good idea

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
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### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Ratepayers no matter where cannot keep up this high increases in their rates, otherwise you will drive out people especially the older generations from their homes. Councils were formed way back for water, roads and drains and not grand construction. Until we are funder in a different way other than this continual yearly increases well above inflation we must keep to core duties and forget about the grand plans

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1397

Not Speaking

First name: Coralie  
Last name: Lett

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The Wanganui east pool is a great place for families to go in the summer. The splash centre is too smelly and humid in the summer. I believe Wanganui still needs to have an outdoor pool as an option. My kids learned to swim at Wanganui east pool. As they also attended W.E school. Put the money into keeping this pool open and not that stupid raised crossing down by Motoua Gardens or as other people like to call it now Pakatorie - this is not used enough to warrant such an exorbitant expense. Honestly how many councillors use these gardens - it is only used for the commemoration of the occupation - and your certainly not made welcome during this time - very intimidating

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Why would you want to remove these baskets - I'm sure they contribute to our win of one of NZ's beautiful city and they make the main street look welcoming

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

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**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** Would depend if the grants are being used wisely. Do you follow up to see how it has been used

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Iwi can be responsible for upgrading their own maraes. More important areas to spend 3.5 million. Perhaps you could use some of this to build the raised crossing at motoua gardens seen as they want to have a connection to their/our river

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** There is no need for a raised crossing. The raised crossing at the Dublin street bridge is hardly ever used. If you don't know how to cross a road without the need for a raised crossing then.....the only time this would perhaps be used is Saturday market MORNING!!!

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would

return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
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### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1466

Not Speaking

First name: Sheryl  
Last name: Lewis

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1464

Not Speaking

First name: **Robert**  
Last name: **Lewis**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** School pools are closing and this pool needs to be kept open to teach kids to swim. Also this property should revert to Wanganui East School as it was a gift to the city.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** What is the \$150000 being spent on at the aviary as I believe a lot of the work is done by unpaid volunteers and not council.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is what visitors comment on - the amazing mainstreet displays as a backdrop to the heritage buildings. It adds so much to the city.

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Your figures are so misleading. How can closing one day a week save \$1 and closing totally only saves \$12.50.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Hotels are not a Council core business. Stay out of it!!

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Paint a pedestrian crossing on the road, a no brainer on this busy heavy traffic / high load route.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Sell the Velodrome to the cycling club, it is a big white elephant that should have been roofed when it was built. It appears to have very little used beyond the cycling fraternity. The cost over-runs on the Art Gallery are a criminal waste of money. Items in the original price have been changed 2-3 times with subsequent price increases, for no obvious reason. There seems to be nobody accountable for these obscene decisions. Price increases are inevitable these days but changing one's mind willy nilly should be stamped out immediately. Also, local products should be specified, not fancy stuff from Italy or wherever.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1314

Speaking

First name:

Sharon

Last name:

Lienert

Organisation:

Stone Soup - Champions member of the community

led development steering committee

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** 1 - The health, educational, literacy benefits 2 - Economically marginalised community with high health and social needs; this hub (community) library indirectly contributes to - health, safety and connection for an aging population, and also for youth and families. It's wide range of activities, its promoting of literacy, a safe place to connect and socialise, is indispensable to the cohesive functioning of an often overlooked undervalued community. The library indirectly and directly the health and safety needs along with cohesion, belonging and development.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Explore cheaper alternative. Potential facility?

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Keep exploring more cost effective options!

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** I propose further research into possible options for each proposed budget cut proposal

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 99

Not Speaking

First name: Lisa  
Last name: Lightband

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The library is an essential part of the community and growth. People use the library for many services - for some access to the computers is the only way they can contact businesses and organisations in an increasingly digital world. This helps the community with digital literacy and people can only attend on days / hours that work for them. The organisations they are communicating with do not stop just because it is Monday. For many the library is a refuge, contact with people, a community and a place to go, a place to escape. For some it is a warm welcoming environment where they can learn, engage, participate, study. Reducing the week days. Weekends would be better but some people only have time on the weekend

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** The pool is essential and well used. There are alternatives. There could be fund-raising done to help with the upgrade costs to minimise the impact on ratepayers. There are other ways to make this happen without lumping the cost on ratepayers. I am sure pool users would have a lot of ideas on how this could be achieved. Local businesses and schools could participate

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** I think the theatre is significant and has both current historical value. The retaining bank needs stabilisation and options should be explored to build the new theatre without lumping the charge on ratepayers. Again this should be a mission of those most passionate about this area. We need to think outside the square to retain the cultural and historically significant community led organisations such as Rep Theatre

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** The Aviary needs to be kept open, there are other options sponsorship, collaboration, volunteers, events that could be explored to keep it going rather than yet again lumping it on ratepayers

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**Mainstreet hanging flower baskets**

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The hanging baskets make the city beautify and uniquely whanganui, removing them will remove what makes Whagnganui special

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**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Glassworks is an attraction in its own right, people come from around the world to see the wonderful work being done

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** User pays I say! It should not be put on the rest of the city. How much money is spent on fly tipping? Giving people a cheap way of disposing of their rubbish and this problem would be solved leading to less fly tipping the money saved could offset the ability of rural residents to get rid of their rubbish. Rubbish should already be provisioned in our rates - we pay way more than other towns that include rubbish collection for free in our rates and that is downright wrong!

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Winter gardens are beautiful and attract visitors to the lake and wider imenities.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** People have to start getting creative and find alternative sustainable funding

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**Further comments on service cuts:** Hitting ratepayers in the pocket is ludicrous when you are funding stupid things that would save us a fortune

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## Proposed Future Investments

### Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** Infrastructure is hugely important and has been under funded for years. If it had been maintained correctly it would not be costing us so much. Short-sighted cuts have led to this position. Again ratepayers pay significantly for these services, and if a hotel and other ridiculous ideas like a token crossing by Motua gardens are funded the critical infrastructure will suffer. Priorities!

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### Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

### Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

**Submitter Comments:** If a hotel chain have not funded the hotel it is because it is not viable - it will become a money pit like the upgrades to Sargeant Gallery. We should not be in the business of building hotels - that is what the accommodation sector is for. This will bite the council and us ratepayers if it goes ahead

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### Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** If the local brass band can for the Tartan club to help fund band activities, then a similar concept could help fund the full upgrade - isnt that what the 'friends of the opera house' is for? Again shouldnt fall on ratepayers!

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### Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

### Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

**Submitter Comments:** Ratepayers should not be funding maraes full stop! Govt should fund crisis providers as crisis occurs. User pays again!

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### Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

### Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

**Submitter Comments:** Doesnt KFC fundraise for lifesavers? Could not business collaborations help fund it? \$1,000,000 isnt that hard and shouldnt be lumped on ratepayers

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is a ridiculous waste of money and the money could be best spent elsewhere

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** How many people use the current trails - user pays!

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Selling assets is what got our country into the trouble it is in! Very short sighted to sell assets

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## How would you strike the balance?

**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1414

Not Speaking

First name: Lumi  
Last name: Lightband

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** the library is one of the only places left to go without the expectation of spending money.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** i don't understand how demolishing a building saves money. it would make more sense to sell it

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** remove the baskets until it is possible to bring them back.

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** there are plenty of places to stay in whanganui.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1348

Not Speaking

First name: **Shey**  
Last name: **Lile**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** Close for two days one weekday one weekend

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

### Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

**Submitter Comments:**

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

### Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** Keep it open and charge for it

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

### Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

**Submitter Comments:**

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

### Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

**Submitter Comments:**

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Put a charge on it

**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Further comments on service cuts:****Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:****Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Close it down

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Train high school students as part of service for Duke of ed ect

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1084

Not Speaking

First name: **Layton**  
Last name: **Lillas**  
Organisation: **Showcase Entertainment Group Ltd**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

### Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1658

Not Speaking

First name: Claire  
Last name: Lilley

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The cost savings are minimal and whilst not a strong user of the library myself anymore, these facilities provide a hub for other members of the community who might otherwise struggle to access them. +

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** I feel that this is a facility that generally serves the community who value a very affordable, safe summer activity. More could be made of it, and repairs and maintenance to make the facilities more user friendly would be great. For those families or users who don't drive, and perhaps cant access the splash then this is a local option where is pretty much just costs you a picnic to keep the kids happy all day. We have very few places within Whanganui for a family to spend an active day and as we are trying to encourage active participation in recreation, to close the pool seems counterintuitive. I have myself watched young boys dive off the diving board and marvelled at their ability - better here than at the wharf or off the bridge in town. I am happy to pay the \$23 to keep it open for others to enjoy.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The costs projected for stabilisation seem very low and in order to keep an historical building then i feel that is worth it. i do not believe it is for rate payers to fund a new theatre when we have a perfectly usable opera house and there is also Amdram for those who wish to partake in events. If the building can be sold for a private venture or for an alternative purpose then it seems to make sense to stabilise the bank for that as the bank will require stabilisation regardless of whether there is a building there or not.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** I don't think we should be actively seeking to increase or widen the birds here in captivity however housing birds that would otherwise be destroyed seems to be the most humane

outcome. There has been little to no improvement in the aviary since the previous referendum so an improvement in the look and feel of the aviary would be good. Again this is another 'free' provision for the community that helps to elongate time spent outside and in nature which i support.

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**Mainstreet hanging flower baskets**

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Surely we can get private sponsorship for the hanging baskets - its not a huge amount of money required and they do provide a mark of difference for the town.

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**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** I am not sure that these dropoffs are necessarily used only by the rural community and therefore are little more than subsidised rubbish dumping. Town residents either have to pay for a service or pay for dumping. I get that rural residents don't have many other rates benefits but i think the disposal of rubbish in this way encourages additional rubbish.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Same reasoning for the this library as the Davis, it provides a service to a community that might otherwise not be able to access it.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is something that i know we regularly 'show off' to visitors and is a point of difference for our town. Happy to continue paying for it,

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** To be more honest, additional information about what community money is given would really be needed before fully taking this option but grants are available in the wider sector and not necessarily a function of local authorities. How closely is the use of the funds monitored and what wider benefits are received,

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## Further comments on service cuts:

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### Proposed Future Investments

#### **Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### **Submitter Comments:**

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#### **Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Whilst i think council has a part to play in encouraging a large hotel player into town, with help in facilitating the process etc, i don't believe it is a core function for council to finance - when we are having to make tough calls elsewhere. if the situation weren't as bleak financially perhaps there is the flex to take a risk such as this however whilst we are tightening our belts in all areas, this is a gamble that i dont think we should afford. If a large hotel was viable and potentially profitable, then a private enterprise would be jumping at the opportunity to sop up all the extra cash that is being projected. i just don't see that as a reality. Does the lack of available beds limit events, yes, possibly but what are the stats on the realistic number and profitability of events that we have missed out on due to the lack of them. I would rather see investment in more assured areas of economic growth.

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#### **Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:** This facility does bring acts and shows that put whanganui on the map nationally and internationally. The most recent glut of comedians doing a show here is, i believe because of the venue rather than the town.

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#### **Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Again i would suggest funding streams are available outside of the local government arena for these upgrades.

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#### **Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:****Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** I dont disagree with the desire to create this connection, i see it as a nice to have rather than a necessary addition at this stage. The situation has been as it is for many years and it can probably continue for a few more until our finances are in a better position.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** I do love the idea of this however its again in the nice to have bucket and would probably service only a small number of users.

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** It really would depend on the assets listed. Open green space is vital to the health of a city so i would be less inclined to sell those as opposed to perhaps inner city buildings that would remain but just with private ownership. Not against the concept of selling but would need far more information before giving a firm view. The idea that assets can be easily and quickly sold is misplaced i feel.

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## How would you strike the balance?

**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 664

Not Speaking

First name: Candice  
Last name: Lillington

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I understand the need for the facilities to remain open, especially on the weekend. There is a shortage of places where people are allowed to exist in public without spending money and a library is a key one. However, if there are no other options, closed on a single weekday would be better than losing the service entirely or reducing the number of books available.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** We need community pools, we already struggle with people not being able to get into lessons at the splash centre as it is too full. Children need to be able to learn how to swim, NZ is too full of rivers and lakes for this to be limited.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The hanging baskets are a huge part of what makes the mainstreet beautiful. Visitors to Whanganui often comment on them, losing them would be a great blow to the town.

### New Zealand Glassworks

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Maybe have more classes available or offer tours around for a small price on the weekends? Even a donations box by the door for people who come to sit and watch.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Necessary to keep, we cannot just get rid of this as it will likely lead to people just burying their rubbish again.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Keep this in line with the Davis Library, on a different day of the week though.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Donation to enter maybe? I don't know if there is a box currently.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Totally unnecessary to build a crossing here at this time. The reserve is hardly used.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 641

Not Speaking

First name: **Brett**  
Last name: **Lindsay**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** You should be ashamed of yourselves for letting this complex get into this state. Invest in upgrading the hydro slide on site at the pool and watch the kids and families return to the Wanganui east pool. You also know one pool complex for fifty thousand people is totally inadequate. A closure will undoubtedly add more pressure on the splash center which already is under strain resulting in millions having to be spent on this structure.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** In favor of closure as long as all birds are re-homed.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** You only have to look at what is happening in Wellington to see what happens when you do not invest in infrastructure.

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** McMillan and Lockwood to down tools effectively immediately and sell off that gross waste of money gallery.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Keep the Wanganui east pool open at all costs and stop building the giant waste of money, gallery

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 279

Not Speaking

First name: **Maureen**  
Last name: **Little**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Sensible option

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** I'm reluctant to answer this as I don't know the usage. Pools are definitely needed and I realise not everyone can get to the Splash Centre. A new pool would be too expensive in this day and age but it's such a pity to lose something we already have.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** It's Wanganui heritage so it should be saved

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 168

Not Speaking

First name: Marion  
Last name: Littlejohn

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Libraries are so important for ongoing learning, community interaction.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** While I understand the impact this will have on rates, council need to be proactive in continuing to provide this facility. NZ is surrounded by water, including lakes and rivers. There is a duty of care to provide the opportunity for all to learn to swim or float. This is proven in our high drowning statistics.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Option 3 would blow the budget out of all proportion, due to ever increasing costs for building materials and labour.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The hanging baskets are an asset to the city and project a look of pride and beauty. Visitors from outside Whanganui always comment on how lovely and welcoming our city looks. If need be, am sure there would be no shortage of volunteers to help with this.

### New Zealand Glassworks

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Not councils domain to provide this. Council would collect revenue via rates for option 2.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** Unable to comment on this until we are made aware of what assets are being considered for sale.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 456

Not Speaking

First name: Debra  
Last name: Lloyd

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### **Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## **Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:** Do not upgrade or change Kowhai Park. It is nice to have an old school park facility the shows the history of the Whanganui community. In short don't fix what ain't broken whilst at the same time saving on unnecessary spending.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1076

Not Speaking

First name: Riley  
Last name: Loader

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Allow a large amount of money for public transport infrastructure.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 299

First name: **Terry**  
Last name: **Lobb**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** This has been an on going issue for many years and for it to be this bad maintenance can't have been kept up over a long period. I would like to see an outdoor pool complex remain in Whanganui for families to enjoy. Will it be more cost effective to maintain the existing than to build a completely new complex?

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Retain the bank and sell the building to the Rep. community for \$1.00 and let them continue with their theatre. This is hugely beneficial for the community is giving people a creative outlet and providing entertainment for the wider community.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The Aviary is a great place for families to visit and view birds close up. It would be a shame to see this close as there a fewer places that families can enjoy free of charge.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Can this not be taken over by a community group? It adds a visual impact to our streets.

**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** I think the public need to know what those assets are, rather than a lump sum worth of assets. More consultation needed.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Good luck. Nice hearing from our female Councillors last night. Keep up the good work.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1102

Not Speaking

First name: Peter  
Last name: Lock

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 654

Not Speaking

First name: Vincent  
Last name: Lockwood

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** As the only outdoor pool in Wanganui this pool needs the investment. Listen to the people who run the pool before making any final decision on what is needed.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Fantastic theatre with a real history and part of the Wanganui heritage.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** This aviary is part of the draw card for visitors to Wanganui

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** So many comments from visitors on how beautiful the central city looks. These flower baskets are part of the key to this. Let's keep the image up.

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Part of the attraction for visitors to the Lake

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Owning and running a hotel is not council business

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** A definite must for the safety of swimmers at the beaches.

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** There are various crossing points already available and the cost is unbelievable for a crossing.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Ban cyclists from using dangerous roads.

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

## Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

## Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Keeping up the appearance of Wanganui for visitors is a major consideration for the future. Building on the attractions we currently have is critical to visitor numbers and a drawcard for new residents.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 53

Not Speaking

First name: Irene  
Last name: Loder

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Our library is a real beating heart in our town. One day closed is reasonable.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** But I hope this wont mean a fortune spent on 'consultants' a la Labour Government

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Fix the bank. Sell it to Repertory Society

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Sad but..

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** the baskets add so much to the heart of the town. Wanganui is becoming more known for art and history, to cancell the baskets is a mistake

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Shame there is no glass school, but to keep the G.W is sensible

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** It's an important social hub.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Our Council is NOT an business! We should not take on enterprises. What about speaking with current hotel owners re attending to smartening up premises.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Why not tell us what the assets are Impossible to answer.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** need to know services

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1629

Not Speaking

First name: **Nathan**  
Last name: **Logie**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** 1. See if a non-profit organization or animal welfare group could take over operations. 2. Initiate a community fundraising campaign to help cover costs. If a non-profit cannot takeover and the community do not wish to fundraise to keep it open, then I would have to agree with Option 1: Close the aviary.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 412

Not Speaking

First name: Joseph  
Last name: Logue

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** I fail to see how in option two (permanent stabilisation of bank to prepare site for sale) could result in a permanent 60 cent per property per year rate increase? After the work is completed and the property is sold there would be a reduction in council debit in which savings are then passed on to the tax payer therefore bringing the rates down not up.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Council need to invest in this area not remove our visitor attractions. The aviary needs a full upgrade with proper investment not a band-aid put on it like has been done in the passed. Look at New Plymouth and their beautiful park. I'm sure the community would get behind a user pays gold coin turnstile entrance if you come to the party and put in a bit of effort.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

**Don't know**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 420

Not Speaking

First name: **Jeremy**  
Last name: **Long**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** I think it is important to have the main library available at all times as it has the greatest selection and facilities. Transportation is available to here if people need it.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Complete feasibility study first so the residents know that you are clearly proposing an alternative.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** More emphasis and encouragement should be placed on the development of shared multipurpose community facilities. This may include facilities owned by council.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Closing the aviary is good as it is something people will only visit for a small amount of time. Council should look to further invest in native flora and fauna which encourages open bird life.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** We want people to be attracted to and draw to the main street. Could a compromise be to reduce to number, size or area that they are in?

**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Change to user pays rubbish location.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Close two days a week (Tue, and Thur). this suggestion is made in line with keeping the Davis Library open at all times.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Potentially would support the Repertory theatre occupant to find a new facility.

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Worth the cost for increased resilience and mobility around the city. Make the city more pleasant to live in for day to day life.

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and

**Something else (state below)**

carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Development of hotel supported. But carpark to push further out of the main city. Support major events by making public transport free for key events.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Don't know**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:** Iwi important for community resilience and social wellbeing.

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

**Something else (state below)**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Provide an even greater level of funding to WSLS as an essential service to our beaches in summer.

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** While Pākaitore is a significant cultural location, I think it has poor layout and utilisation as a park. Would not recommend further investing in the area.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is**

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**Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Support in general. Would not like to see assets sold that comfortably provide the council with income.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 971

Not Speaking

First name: Lynette  
Last name: Lord

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** if the library was to be closed on a monday I would hope no library staff would lose their positions

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I would like the feasibility study to be complete and a guarantee that there would be an outdoor pool built elsewhere before the pool is closed. and a good bus service for users of the pool.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Its a tourist attraction and a delight for all ages of people

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** the hanging baskets brighten up Victoria Ave

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Put a donation box at the entrance door

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** If a large hotel is feasible why cant a developer spend all that money?

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

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**Submitter Comments:** Just put in a regular pedestrian crossing and some slow down signs for vehicles

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 831

Not Speaking

First name: Chris  
Last name: Lord

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** In all decisions consider environmental impact

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1606

Not Speaking

First name: **Barbara**  
Last name: **Lougher**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Ask for volunteers to maintain and look after it

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Why can't the shops maintain the baskets outside their business

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Charge admission

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:** Council need to realize there is a recession and people are struggling. Only necessities should be considered at the moment and nice to have items left until the recession is over.

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Do ALL land owners including iwi pay rates? Do churches pay rates? If not why not. Other land owners are facing continuous rates increases which us going to force elderly etc to sell up due to limited finances

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1249

Not Speaking

First name: Sarah  
Last name: Lourie

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

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**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, **3**  
and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and  
close more services to get the rates lower and 5  
being to keep more services open but see a  
higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the  
lowest possible investment in our core  
infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being  
to increase investment in our core infrastructure  
and long-term projects to future-proof  
Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1277

Not Speaking

First name: Joanna  
Last name: Love

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The Davis Library is an essential community asset servicing a wide range of people. It is an excellent library.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The pool provides a valuable service to children @ adults living on the Whanganui East side of the river.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** The aviary is outdated and inappropriate.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Once again, this library provides an important community service to a diverse range of people. It's a core service.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** It is important to plan adequately for the future infrastructure needs.

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** NB: I think it is inappropriate to build a hotel & carpark in Whanganui. Better to support smaller scale accommodation outlets.

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### **Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** The RWOH is an invaluable asset unique to our community & the lower North Island.

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### **Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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### **Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** The WSLS provide an excellent service to our community, as well as facilitating training of youth.

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### **Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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### **Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## **Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** I don't know what assets the council has, so find it impossible to comment at this point.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Please consider a shared pathway (cycling/walking) along Montgomery Rd to Mosston Rd to Castlecliff. At the moment these roads are dangerous to cycle on. Encourage people to get out of their cars.

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1106

Not Speaking

First name: Sonja  
Last name: Loveridge

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 640

Not Speaking

First name: Paul  
Last name: Lowe

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The library is an important community hub for everyone

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** We benefit from past Council investment into basic infrastructure. Continuing infrastructure investment will benefit Whanganui for many years. Thankfully Whanganui is not in the infrastructure deficit some cities find themselves in.

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Council should not operate commercial businesses.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Overall I am pleased with the level facilities and infrastructure in our city. I recognise that maintaining a high level of services and infrastructure will increase rates.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 268

Not Speaking

First name: Aaron  
Last name: Lower

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, **3**  
and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and  
close more services to get the rates lower and 5  
being to keep more services open but see a  
higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the  
lowest possible investment in our core  
infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being  
to increase investment in our core infrastructure  
and long-term projects to future-proof  
Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1626

Not Speaking

First name: Lynne  
Last name: Lower

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 728

Not Speaking

First name: Saasha  
Last name: Lower

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Instead of 'developing an outdoor facility that is fit for the future', invest in the one we have and future proof it. That would cost less long term than what you have planned. With the mindset of building a completely new facility the rates increased of \$22 is inevitable in any case.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Services like this one only provides profit to certain people in Whanganui - motel/food owners etc. Our rates need to be put into things the entire community can benefit from. Such as, family friendly place like the bird Avery and the pools etc.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Rubbish maintenance should be an owners responsibility

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Close this library and the Davis library one day a week but different days - Eg, one closes Monday and one closes Tuesday. Or each library does two half days each. Eg Tuesdays and Thursdays are half days open. That's the equivalent to one full day but allows people to go each day of the week still.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** That price seems outrageous to continue to run. Can you look at different providers products and carers for the gardens.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:** It's disappointing to see each year that the council invests more into things that promote tourism to bring money into the city instead of spending it on its people living here.

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Stop spending money on guyton st speed humps and other unnecessary things. The road collisions in that area are incredibly low, those speed bumps could be better used outside schools not on Guyton St etc.

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**Hotel and Car Park**

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** We have plenty of motels etc. doing this would take away income from them which are almost entirely locally owned and operated.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

**Submitter Comments:** This project needs to be revisited when people aren't struggling with the inflation and mortgage rates increases. Try again with this proposal in 4 years time and rate payers will be in a better position to support it.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with**

and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Some of these are good ideas but they are being tabled in a time where families are losing homes because of mortgage rates increases, groceries prices are higher then ever. People can't afford huge rates in recreases as a result of needing to 'improve' things around Whanganui that aren't urgent. Some ideas should be shelved and revisited in 3-4 years time when the economy is better. The best thing the council can do for its people is not increase rates for projects that won't help the majority of people.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1447

Not Speaking

First name: Hannah  
Last name: Lucas

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 556

Not Speaking

First name: Nicole  
Last name: Lucas

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** The council has invested well in this asset and it is a very successful business and tourist attraction. The community it serves rely on this facility to run their small ,local businesses and a

new owner might not share the accessibility of this facility with the local community it serves. It would be such a shame after building this resource so successfully to put it at risk now.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 304

Not Speaking

First name: Adele  
Last name: Luff

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** That's the only out door pool for wanganui children

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Further comments on service cuts:****Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is the most stupid idea yet

**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This not required at Moutoa gardens

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 375

Not Speaking

First name: Andrea  
Last name: Luff

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

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#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

**Don't know**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 96

Not Speaking

First name: Sue  
Last name: Luxford

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Monday would be good

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Close Whanganui East pool. But do not do a feasibility plan. Spending loads of money on consults will probably cost as much and the whanganui east do up!

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** My son has always loved going to the aviary.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** They do look beautiful though

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** ...and don't take on any other business outside the core council business

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Keep them but make it user pays

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is a great community hub. Would be interested in the usage of the castlecliff library. I imagine that this should close.... Use the library bus as an alternative option.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** I think this is a waste of money

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:****Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Spend your money more wisely.

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Council should not even be involved in this. No way!!!! As for investing in a hotel and underground car park in a flood zone... unbelievable!

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House****Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Love the opera house. Maybe if the council can get their spending under control it can be revisited in a few years.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** They can get funding from other places.

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Do. Or do this. It's fine as it is.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** Once sold they are sold for ever. It would definitely depend on what assets. I don't want to give the council go ahead to sell assets without understanding which ones. Also...don't buy more property...like the land around the tower which was proposed!

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Get rid of Horizons! It is unrealistic to keep putting up rates at the current rate. We don't get pay rises of this percentage. Council needs to live within their budget, like we do. The bus system is a waste of money. Too big buses with no one on them. This needs to be under the council. Horizons needs to go. Rationalise the bus service. Council seem to keep repeating referendums on things until they get the response they want. Eg. Recycling , cycle track. I am definitely against the recycling system. Make it user pays. Where does our recycling go? Once in place the cost just goes up. The port should just be made to look nice and that's all. When it was operating it needed the river dredged every day. Is this the case? At what cost and for what benefit? Will Iwi allow it? It would be good if the council did not finance things for only a possible few jobs. Spend millions for 30 jobs. Vintage weekend is great. Art weekend too. The music scene in Whanganui is also great. The walkway around the awa is cool. Allowing a homeless camp by the river was a bad decision....right beside the outdoor gym! Hard to believe. Council should be trying to keep to no rate rises. Manage projects way better. As for the art gallery. These projects start by not going to cost rate payers anything or very little ..port...art gallery... and end up costing rate payers.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 335

Not Speaking

First name: nath  
Last name: lyne

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 984

Not Speaking

First name: E  
Last name: M

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1157

Not Speaking

First name: Richard  
Last name: MacDonald

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

**Don't know**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 936

Not Speaking

First name: **Barbara**  
Last name: **Macdonald**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Important for first impressions with visitors and absolute enjoyment for locals on grey days.

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** wonderful asset to the town.

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Great community service

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:** No

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1043

Not Speaking

First name: John  
Last name: Macdonald

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** How will cost structures go for the theatre, ie rehearsals at opera house or other facilities

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** We aspire to be a liveable city and a "design" city. The visual appearance of the baskets contribute to this.

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** We have to keep our core infrastructure in good order otherwise our costs are going to be greater

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1387

Not Speaking

First name: Elana  
Last name: Macdonald-Rose

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** A \$2.30 saving is not enough to close for one day.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Close the Whanganui East pool and use the money saved on upgrading the facilities at the splash center. Whanganui doesn't need an outdoor swimming pool.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The main street would look depressing without the flowers.

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1377

Not Speaking

First name: Jaime  
Last name: MacFaigan

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

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#### Submitter Comments:

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#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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#### Submitter Comments:

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#### Submitter Comments:

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 746

Not Speaking

First name: **Glenda**  
Last name: **Macgee**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 401

Not Speaking

First name: Jan  
Last name: MacGibbon

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** What are the stats on user numbers in the weekend compared to the weekday? I think this should determine your final outcome

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Is widely used and great for our community as a whole, especially for kids, we don't have a lot on offer for our teens, provides them with transferable skills which gives us a productive and thoughtful community for the future. Encourage more youth and schools to utilise this facility.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Look at a volunteer group with a subsidy from the council and provide the appropriate training for groups

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** We are known for this and the brighten up our mainstreet, given we have a reputation for them look at a nursery sponsorship- share the cost - great advertising and collaboration with a nursery

**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** A must to keep - totally unique to us and NZ as a whole - again collaboration is the key with this asset.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** I love rurality and we just pop at the end of our road is an eyesore but there needs to be something else, happy to stick with user pays but needs to be reviewed, how are other councils doing this? Could we adopt a similar model?

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Close in the weekends have open during the same hours as the other businesses in the building, promote more use of shared spaces

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:** Looking at collaboration with private businesses should be considered for some areas - utilise our people and local businesses let's work together

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Let's keep on track we are fortunate to be in a better position than a lot of other councils, reducing this will have a significant impact on the future of our community

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Why would rate payers get involved in this, reduce the red tape and put proposals to hotel chains showing stats so they can visualise the viability of investment in the city, economy and future

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the Awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** Certainly review how we connect with the Awa, I don't think a walkway and change of road is the way, is a high usage area and used by heavy vehicles, till deciding how that can be addressed a raised walkway would not work, will provide more barriers to industrial businesses located in Aramoho etc.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** Need more details around this, what assets would be affected?

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 470

First name: **Annette**  
Last name: **MacGregor**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### **Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## **Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

### **Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1636

Not Speaking

First name: **Ben**  
Last name: **Mackay**  
Organisation: **No**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Keep open and invest in it

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Increase user charges to cover costs

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Ask Mainstreet business to adopt a hanging basket

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Drop off points for rural rubbish

**Something else (state below)**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Reduce collection frequencies

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:** Doing what you are doing will make wanganui backwards and a ghost town. Mainstreet is a hive of activity. Removing baskets will make it look shit. Councils priorities are all up the crapper with incidental spending out the gate. You don't support local even for service level lift and better pricing.

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Our roading network needs fixing Now

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Sell assets - yes some. Close all libraries on Mondays - yes. Close W East pool and feasibility study- dont close, invest in it. Reperatory theatre - Increase user charges Close aviary - no way! Remove hanging baskets - no way! Maybe ask mainstreet business to "adopt a hanging basket" NZ Glassworks - keep as council ownership Rubbish drop off rural - reduce collection frequency Close Gonville library on Monday - yes Keep winter gardens Open. Keep community funding as is. Keep town ctr project alive. Hotel and carpark- private operator, if not then council. Opera house - Keep open at costs especially if Reperatory theatre is gone. Marae Development - no go. Surf live saving club - no. Refurbished there one now. Motoua Gardens crossing- not a \$800k one. Rapanui trail track- no. Waste of money.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1326

Not Speaking

First name:

Ngaire

Last name:

Madams

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1236

Not Speaking

First name: **Robert**  
Last name: **Maddren**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Close the Library Sunday and Monday each week permanently

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Close the pool.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Or gift the theatre to a non profit group

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Keep it closed

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Remove them. They are not needed

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Close the glassworks we don't need it

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Close the drop off points.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Close the Library. We only need one library

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Leave them open. Locals and tourists visit them

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Get rid of the community grants

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**Further comments on service cuts:** No

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** .

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** .

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:** .

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:** .

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:** .

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** If it's not broken Don't fix it!

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** It's not needed

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** .

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:** .

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 423

Not Speaking

First name: Kayla  
Last name: Maguire  
Organisation: N/A

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Aren't iwis available to fund their marae?

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 860

Speaking

First name: John  
Last name: Maguire

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

### Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

**Submitter Comments:** First, the way in which the options are presented for response is inappropriate and seems designed to elicit a certain response. Keeping the library's opening hours as is would not add to the rates bill. Council has assumed the library will close for one day per week and has budgeted for this saving. I think the presentation is skewed. Secondly, what cost benefit analysis has been carried out to justify the proposed closure? My personal experience is that the Davis library is well-used by the community. The Consultation Paper states: "In 2022/23 our libraries welcomed 300,000 visitors and issued nearly 570,000 items, including 115,000 digital items, to our 21,000 members." The 2023 Annual Report which reported 288,722 physical visits to Whanganui's libraries with 52% of the population having used the libraries. The Annual report states: "Footfall has begun to stabilise with a return to consistent visits (particularly at the Davis Library) across the reporting period. There has been a 46% increase in physical visits when measured against the same period of the previous year (Jul 21 to Jun 22). (<https://www.whanganui.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/reports/wdc2023annualreport-311023-with-signed-audit-opinion.pdf>) So the Divis library is well-used - albeit less than the KPI number against which its performance is measured - but anyone who has worked with KPIs knows that how they are set can be arbitrary and unrealistic, I am not saying this is the case here, not enough information seems publicly available to form a view. The fact that Davis library is well used appears to be supported by Council's plan to invest in extending the library. This is what Council wrote at the time of consulting on extending the library: "Whanganui district libraries are one of the council's most used facilities. The Davis Library has approximately 250,000 people through its doors every year, with a further 100,000 using the other venues and the mobile library. The Davis Library is a well-used public space – a place to meet, to relax, to attend events and family activities, to learn, to do research, or to plan a business. It is a non-commercial space for the whole community, open to all. Whanganui's population is growing, and the library provision for our community is well below national standards in terms of space and collections. Improving the provision of space and collection would ensure we are able to meet future community needs and the collections are easily accessible to all. Extension of the Davis Library would address part of the existing provision shortfall and future requirements. It would take total provision in the district to 80% of the New Zealand standard for public libraries." Council's proposal to close the library one day per week to save a paltry \$43,000 per year seems non-sensical taking into account how well used the library is by the community, the proposed extension of the library and the fact that the Consultation Paper contains proposals to spend on projects with little community benefit far larger amounts than the \$43,000 proposed saving here.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for

### Something else (state below)

outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Again, the way in which the proposal is presented is disappointing. No information is provided about the usage of the pool. How many days a year is it open and how many people use it? The consultation paper only addresses the cost side of the equation with no meaningful reference to the benefit side. Council should provide meaningful information and reconsult the public so that a fully informed consultation response may be obtained from the community.

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**Repertory Theatre**

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary**

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Again, the way in which the question is posed is skewed. There is a psychological difference between asking people if they are willing to pay more to keep services/amenities the same on the one hand and on the other hand asking if they are willing to accept a cut in services/amenities for a cost saving. As before, no numbers are provided about the communities use of the aviary. No numbers are provided about whether the aviary draws in visitors from outside the area. Having said that, I support the closure because I consider that there are other things that the money can be spent on which would better benefit our community.

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**Mainstreet hanging flower baskets**

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I find it amazing that Council has looked at cost cutting so carefully that it comes up with this proposal to save \$93,000 per year when at the same time it is proposing spending \$55m on a hotel and carpark with doubtful financial return. As for the flowers, they do make the main street more attractive but if Council is serious about being prudent with our money (the Consultation Paper does not provide comfort in this regard) then I am happy to forego the flowers.

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**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Council should charge for this service. Why is this not a case of 'user pays'? Council could sell stickers which rural residents could place on their rubbish bags when leaving them at the drop off points. The effectiveness of this could be reviewed after a period of time. It is unfair that city dwellers subsidize rural dwellers in terms of rubbish collection. City dwellers have to pay for their waste collection, so should rural dwellers regardless of who provides the service.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Again, the consultation paper is devoid of data on usage of this facility. In the absence of data I would support retaining the library as they are important community amenities.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Again, no data on usage is provided. If there is significant usage then Council should consider charging a small amount for entry. This could be done using an honesty box so that there is not additional staff costs.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** No details are provided as to what projects are being funded and what percentage of the relevant project's funding is provided by Council. Accordingly, it is difficult to respond meaningfully or on an informed basis. Council should provide more information and then reconsult on this issue. Pending this, I would suggest maintaining the status quo.

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** However, funding must be used wisely in a way which maximises real benefits to our community.

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** The proposal that Council funds the building of a hotel and a covered car park is a really bad idea. The amounts proposed to be invested are huge, the hotel alone is reported to be going to cost \$55m. Why is no cost benefit analysis set out in the Consultation Paper? Why are the financial projections with assumptions and bases not set out? There is an old saying with regard to projections, 'rubbish in, rubbish out'. We should be given the opportunity to assess for ourselves if this is the case here. If there is an opportunity in the market for a new hotel to make a good return on investment, then

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the private sector will fund it and build it. Same with a carpark. If the position is that investors in the private sector are not willing to make such investment because the risk/reward is not considered attractive, then Council should not do so either. On 23 December 2022, the Whanganui Chronicle published a report under the headline "Possibility of a new Whanganui hotel hampered by profit projections and construction costs". So warning bells have been sounding about this project for quite some time yet it still makes it into the Consultation Paper. The Council states in the consultation paper with regard to Council funding the building of a new hotel and a covered carpark: "The projects will only proceed if the business cases demonstrate that there is demand and the projects are financially viable i.e. that the hotel and carpark will be able to provide returns to offset rates by 2038/39." Let's just take a moment to think about what the criteria is that the Council is adopting in deciding whether the projects are financially viable and should proceed. Council is saying the test is whether the projections will show the projects generating a return (i.e., becoming profitable) by 2038/39 - in 14 to 15 years from now. No minimum level of return is specified so any amount of projected profit appears acceptable. That is ridiculous. But this is not the biggest problem with the Council's approach. Forecasts going out 14 or 15 years are by their nature going to be incredibly unreliable. Council acting prudently and responsibly should not rely upon such a projection so far into the future with all the uncertainty which goes with it as the test for whether the investments are financially viable. In fact, I would suggest that if the projections only show the proposed hotel and carpark becoming profitable in 14 to 15 years time, then that demonstrates that they are not a sound investment for Council to make now. A hotel feasibility report, commissioned by the Council and released in 2022, opined that a four-star full-service hotel of 60 rooms was the optimal financially viable development. This report noted the loss of about 150 hotel rooms in Whanganui over the previous 10 to 15 years. The irony is that in 2000, WDC Holdings purchased the Quality Inn Collegiate on Liverpool Street for use by the pilots academy to accommodate international students. The hotel had three conference rooms and could cater for groups of up to 100. It also had a highly regarded restaurant, The Oaks, which has now been lost to the community. Assuming Whanganui does have a shortage of accommodation (Council should provide occupancy rates for hotel accommodation in Whanganui), then it beggars belief that Council is proposing to risk a vast amount of money on fixing a problem which it helped to create. WDC Holdings Ltd also purchased and renovated the former 41 bed Nazareth Rest Home on St Johns Hill in 2019 to accommodate international students of NZICPA (at the time its subsidiary). Perhaps this could have been converted to a hotel. As for the proposed carpark, there is ample parking in town. A covered carpark is likely to be an eyesore which may attract undesirable activities. I would be surprised if it will represent a good financial investment (moreover one which would be funded by debt in a high interest rate environment).

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#### **Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:** The Opera House is an important community amenity. It needs to be fit for purpose. Council should be alert to and address the concerns in the community about the way in which issues relating to the operation of the Opera House are being handled.

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#### **Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:** Central government should be funding this but if this is not going to happen, then Council should help fund essential items.

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#### **Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** This service saves lives. Of course it should continue to be funded.

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** It is hard to see how this is a priority project and why it should be funded at a time when the Council is proposing closing the Davis library one day per week to save money. No evidence has been put forward that this is an accident black spot with a higher level of pedestrian accidents than other places in town.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Surely the existing wide grass verge can be used by horses and pedestrians. Cyclists ride on the road like most everywhere else. I find it unbelievable that it is proposed to spend \$2.4m on this at the same time as it is proposed to close the Davis library to save a vastly smaller amount of money.

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** More information is needed in order to respond on an informed basis. Selling assets to pay down debt may be a good thing. However, no information as to which assets has been provided. Also, the proposal to sell down assets is made in the same consultation paper as the proposal to invest (funded no doubt wholly or to a large part by borrowing) in building a new hotel (estimated to cost \$55m) and covered carpark. So the sale of assets will not really pay down debt, if new larger debts are incurred by Council to fund these projects. If these vanity proposals are taken off the table the need to sell assets and pay down debt can be better assessed.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### **Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## **Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:** The Port The Consultation Paper states that: "In this Long-Term Plan, we have budgeted an additional \$19 million of council funding for the Whanganui Port Limited Partnership (owned by the Whanganui District Council) ... This will bring council's total contribution to over \$36 million." Whanganui Port's website states that it "provides berthing facilities for coastal freight vessels and commercial boats, along with access to world class distribution and logistics companies." It is further stated that "Whanganui Port's No 1 Wharf is the home to Coastal Bulk Shipping's M.V. Anatoki, and is the primary commercial wharf capable of taking heavy vehicles. The M.V. Anatoki carries bulk cargoes such as grain, fertiliser and gravel around New Zealand. Currently, the No 2 Wharf is used for small boat berths, while the No 3 Wharf is suited to non-commercial activities. Both Wharfs 2 and 3 are undergoing significant remedial work." If that is so then why does it not seem to generate any revenue? Why is so much money being spent by Council on the port when it appears to generate no return on investment. The fact is that the world has moved on and the days when a small port facility could be viable. The June 2017 Whanganui Port Vessel Navigation Report expressed clearly the limit on size of ship that our port can accommodate even with works to expand the then current limit. Cargo ships are now substantially larger and one would expect that Whanganui Port is simply too small to accommodate the larger cargo ships commonly in use today. Whanganui Holdings 2022 Annual Report stated: "Since incorporation in March 2013 there have been no transactions within Whanganui Port Limited." I recognise that Council has a duty to maintain the port facilities. However, I believe Council should explain whether and to what extent the budgeted further works to the port go beyond maintenance and whether they seek to attract cargo freight users. If so, Council should explain the basis for considering that this is viable and the returns it expects to generate from that business. Further, given the statements made about usage of the port, Council should explain why in 2022 it was reported that the port had not generated any revenue since 2013 and should provide updated information about this. NZICPA At the formal opening in Whanganui of the NZICPA in 2018, then Whanganui Mayor, Hamish McDouall, described Council's decision to purchase the pilots academy and bring it to Whanganui as a "bold and brave decision". 'Brave' and 'bold' are not words normally associated with sound investment decisions. A purpose-built training suite and hangar were constructed at the airport in 2017. At the formal opening, the then Governor-General stated that the NZICPA was already making a \$3.5 million contribution to the local economy – presumably a figure provided to her by the Council or Whanganui and Partners. (<https://www.whanganui.govt.nz/Your-Council/News-Events/News/Governor-General-launches-Pilot-Academy-in-Whanganui>) In 2019, the Council claimed that the NZICPA was "contributing \$10M NZD to the economy annually". (<https://www.whanganui.govt.nz/Your-Council/News-Events/News/Closer-to-becoming-aviation-capital>) I believe that Council should disclose detailed information about the level of

investment made in the pilots academy (both debt and equity), the profits/losses made by the academy since purchase by the WDC Holdings/Council and the detailed basis and supporting data justifying the claims made about the academy's contribution to the local economy. Aside from the purchase of the flight school, development of its facilities at the airport and various loans to support its operation, there has been a number of acquisitions made to support this operation such as the Quality Inn Collegiate Hotel, the Nazareth Rest home, and in 2022 NZICPA agreed to purchase its maintenance provider Aero Care Limited. Also in 2022, NZICPA bid to purchase the Hawkes Bay Flight School but the bid was ultimately rejected. NZICPA also occupies space at the former St George's School property. I find it strange that the pilots academy is not included in the Consultation Paper given what must be a significant Council investment/exposure. Council should address this omission and provide detailed financial information and its views as to the future for this investment.

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 479

Speaking

First name: **Stephen**  
Last name: **Mahoney**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The library serves as an important community hub where people can meet, have a coffee, surf the Internet, use photocopying services and borrow books. I support keeping it open with the same hours and days as currently exists.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** We have an aquatic centre and this is what we should be promoting. Let the pool go the same way as the old gonville and central baths. Do not complete a feasibility study as this will just be a further cost to ratepayers and residents.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Close and demolish it. We have an Opera House and Amdram facilities which could accommodate the repertory theatre operations with no ongoing costs to ratepayers and residents.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** WDC is not in the business of running an aviary. We as ratepayers should not get involved in non-core activities at this time and allow private enterprises to fill this space if there is a genuine want for these services

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The Main Street is where tourists park to enjoy a coffee etc these colourful baskets are among the first thing they see when they get here. The blaze of colour takes the edge off the number of empty buildings in the city.

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**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** This entity does not make money and instead costs ratepayers and residents 192k per year. It is unlikely a suitable buyer could be found as not too many people would be interested in purchasing a loss making venture.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Prevents fly tipping from spoiling the rural environment

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** The gonville cafe library serves its community well. It provides a safe place for residents and children to access books and computers as well as being a community hub.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** The Winter Gardens are an integral part of Rotokawau Virginia lake surrounds and this part of the city is a tourist attraction as well as a popular destination for local residents

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Community groups should look to be self funding rather than appealing to the council for funding. Good people will come up with ideas to fundraise and obtain other sources of funding eg sponsorship rather than relying on the Bank of WDC.

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Ideally something between options 1 and option 3. \$56 per property per year is a very steep increase. Something between the two options is more affordable to Whanganui residents.

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#### **Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** See separate attachment

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#### **Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

**Submitter Comments:** See separate attachment

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#### **Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** I think it would be prudent to opt for option two at the moment and wait a couple of years to see what central government comes up with before committing to this project.

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#### **Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** See separate attachment

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#### **Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** We cannot fund this at this time, even if it is a nice to have.

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#### **Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** We cannot fund this at this time, even if it is a nice to have.

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## **Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Reducing debt reduces interest expenses so it makes sense to sell assets. My question is which assets will be sold?

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** See attached attachment

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Supporting documents Yes

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 730

Not Speaking

First name: JJ  
Last name: Malan

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 528

Not Speaking

First name: michelle  
Last name: Malley

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** 2.30 is a bargain to me. happy to pay the extra.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** happy to pay the fiver

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** either keeping/Selling or just keeping - I choose either both of those options.

### Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** living near the Gonville library I see how much of a hub it is. there are always people sitting around the main table reading and I think it's important especially to the young people of the area. they know and trust library staff.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:** if we want a fantastic emergency management resource I'm happy to help fund it. it's not fair to expect marae to stump up with the facilities then not do anything to assist

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** 7 a year to save lives - good investment.

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 968

Not Speaking

First name: Alan  
Last name: Mangan

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** In my opinion this a vital facility for the citizens of Whanganui and Whanganui East and in the long term an upgrade will 1. keep the pool functioning 2. be much cheaper than any new pool development.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Sad to see it go but there are other facilities that could be made available for repertory functions.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The public have already spoken regards closure ie Don't. The facility is fine as it is with the changes made and its popularity with the public is amazing [ I observe this on a daily basis] and consider its closure would be a travesty.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** I feel at a cost of 1.4 cents a day per property this is a nice to have that should be continued for the beauty of our city.

**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Good option

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Gonville Library is a vital community facility in low socio-economic area in Whanganui. My observation is that it is well used and I support the Council's option

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** A jewel in the city.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Agree with Council option.

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**Further comments on service cuts:** I commend the Council on the thorough scrutiny of the costs of running our city. We all face cost increases and for some this is extremely challenging but we need to maintain the vitality of the city and sometimes even small cost savings have large unseen impacts in the future.

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** In my opinion the Council should encourage ie make it straightforward and non-bureaucratic for an operator / investor to undertake such a venture.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:** Opera House must be protected.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** Council must support our beaches and Surf Life Saving.

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

**Submitter Comments:** as an E Biker this is a wonderful initiative and I support it. Cycled to Kai Iwi last Sunday and road is quite narrow. Sooner than later please.

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is**

and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** overall good plan

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 682

Not Speaking

First name: **A**  
Last name: **Manning**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** Make it affordable for children to swim at the splash (ie - lower socio-economic families that would normally swim at W/east pool). But outdoor pool better

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

**Submitter Comments:** In terms of walkers with dogs, cyclists, runners walk/cycle paths need to be extended all the way along Mosston Rd. to Castlecliff beach, also from the Awa end. The “top track” of Virginia lake should be made open to cyclists and dog walkers (such as pukekura park in new Plymouth allows dogs (there are no ducks and few people walking up top track)

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**How would you strike the balance?**

**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:** No cuts on recycling, we need to urgently get in line with other towns around New Zealand and it is good curbside is coming soon

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# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1305

Not Speaking

First name: **Helen**  
Last name: **Manning**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 278

First name: **Azaylea**  
Last name: **Mareikura**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The Whanganui east pools should stay open because it's our schools community pool.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**How would you strike the balance?****Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### **Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## **Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

### **Submitter Comments:**

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# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 221

First name: **shylah**  
Last name: **mariekura**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Because it is cheaper than the splash center and it is closer to where I live .

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**How would you strike the balance?****Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, **3**  
and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and  
close more services to get the rates lower and 5  
being to keep more services open but see a  
higher rates rise)*

### **Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the  
lowest possible investment in our core  
infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being  
to increase investment in our core infrastructure  
and long-term projects to future-proof  
Whanganui)*

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## **Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

### **Submitter Comments:**

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# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 188

First name: **Rainforth**  
Last name: **Marion**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** The Davis library and the Gonville library could both operate with later starts in the mornings and closing one day a week, but not both closed on the same day. Volunteer roles in both libraries could be expanded.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

### Don't know

**Submitter Comments:** It is essential that children continue to have swimming lessons and develop water confidence, especially as not many schools have retained their pools I wonder whether a salt water pool could be developed as part of the port renewal project.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** Option two was also marked in this response Gift the building to the repertory society committee to fundraise and organise the earthquake strengthening and roof replacement. Council could provide advice and supervision only. Keep the cost of the land lease reasonable so the work can proceed. Acknowledge and support the unique community role this facility provides in promoting confidence, learning and well being

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** There are several bird-fancier groups in Whanganui. If strict guidelines were developed maybe they could take turns to take care of the aviary on a roster.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** Let individual businesses decide if they want to keep the basket and maintain them themselves. (With some initial help and advice eg from Frank Bristol who maintained them in the beginning)

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**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Promote it as a hireable venue for talks, displays and special interest groups. Maybe DVD nights etc.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** A number of special interest groups eg gardening adjuncts in clubs, commercial garden centres, botanical groups could take turns on a roster to maintain the gardens, and/or sponsor and display a particular area

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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### Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Underground car parks are dangerous. We need to provide housing for the homeless and free up existing motel space for visitors. Toilet upgrades should include installation of showers (solar heated) and for major events camping and caravan space could be provided at parks, sports grounds, schools, church halls and private homes. This is not the financial climate to engage in such a risky and expensive venture!

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### Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

### Submitter Comments:

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### Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:** We are a multicultural community and our marae have a crucial role, not only for Maori health, education and well-being, tangi and hosting visitors, but have recently shown their worth and expertise in disaster relief. Being able to host and accommodate large numbers of people at short notice is a valuable skill and resource in times of need.

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### Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** This valuable service needs to be able to continue and expand, particularly as the port area develops and attracts more users. If the Whanganui East pool is closed more people will migrate to the beach to swim and may not have had the opportunity to have swimming lessons as so many school pools have been closed due to their age.

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### Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Two rows of calming bars similar to those recently installed in Guyton Street, with Iwi-inspired artwork decorating the area between them would be a cheaper and more effective option.

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### Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** This is totally unnecessary. Instead a heritage trail incorporating features of the Old Coach Road could be marked out. Could walkers, runners, cyclists and horse riders or use the beach at low tide to go from castle Cliff to Mowhanau and back.

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Some assets may need to be sold or put to alternative uses which are more profit making. High Ridge of our public venues could be increased, promoted and encouraged. Our strength is in being a unique boutique tourist destination for special interest visitors.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** In our present recession with people already hit hard with high interest rates and increasing power, food and housing costs we need to maintain essential infrastructure only until more council debt has been paid.

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# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1004

Not Speaking

First name: **Michelle**  
Last name: **Marraffini**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Can it not be sold as is? even at a loss this may be cost less then demolition

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I can not believe the cost of these birds. While I support the close, I assume the council will take on the responsibility of rehoming the birds

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Why is this library more expensive than the Davis one but the council supports closing the Davis Library?

**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Surely there is a middle ground that reduces the cost of maintenance while keeping them open? Why were we not provided a third option or at least told there were no other feasible options for some things?

**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** These options are not presented well. The third option tells us the percentage but the first only says a dollar amount. This can be misleading and is poor survey design.

**Further comments on service cuts:****Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Do we have the venues to hold a large event where we would need accommodation beyond what exists in town? For example six60 is playing at the Opera house at the end of the month, these tickets sold out in an hour largely (if not exclusively) purchased by residents who do

not require accommodation. Whanganui has multiple large scale attractions that continue annually without the need for a hotel. Where is the council's evidence that this is necessary? Have you surveyed visitors to say the boxing day motorcycle races to see how many are from out of town and how many require accommodation?

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#### **Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

#### **Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Why is the flying system the upgrade? How many shows do you expect need this system and how much additional revenue will it bring the opera house? Not enough information is provided.

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#### **Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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#### **Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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#### **Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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#### **Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** Again not enough information. Surely you can do the feasibility study before asking us to vote on whether it is a good use of money. Option one doesn't make it clear what happens if the feasibility study fails, what happens to rates then?

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## **Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is**

and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** I did not see a lot addressing climate change in this long term plan. I see that as a major failing. In the next 10 years we are likely to see significant impacts. What is council doing to safe guard infrastructure as well as people and property.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 56

Not Speaking

First name: **Keren**  
Last name: **Marsh**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** A library is core Council responsibility

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** They are a delight. Visitors always comment on them.

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Drop off points for rural rubbish

**Don't know**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:** The gardens are a joy to wonder through. Can lift the spirits on a dull day.

**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:** Hotels are corporate not council business

**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 373

Not Speaking

First name: **Dannette**  
Last name: **Marshall**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1205

Not Speaking

First name: **Bernadine**  
Last name: **Marshall**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 341

Not Speaking

First name: Dave  
Last name: Marshall

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1335

Not Speaking

First name: Ashton  
Last name: Martin

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1211

Not Speaking

First name: Anne  
Last name: Martin

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

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**Submitter Comments:** Seek funding from external sources and increase fees to attend a show by \$5 each

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#### **Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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#### **Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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#### **Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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#### **Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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### **Asset Sales**

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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### **How would you strike the balance?**

#### **Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 763

Not Speaking

First name: Lynette  
Last name: Martin

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:** Dublin St bridge replacement must remain a priority.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 994

Not Speaking

First name: Tom  
Last name: Martin

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Do not close a great service

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** WDC should have upgraded this years ago and could have been budgeted better

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Keep Wanganui Beautiful

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** It is not a councils job to build hotels. It is not a wise investment.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Should never be funded by council.

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** This service saves lives and is worthy of investment

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** A waste of ratepayer money!

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Cyclists will end up using the road anyway, so why even bother

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

**Submitter Comments:** What do we do when we have sold all of our assets? DO NOT SELL

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:** A serious look at in house budgeting is needed. A audit of current costs is required to ensure WDC is not being taken for a wild ride of price gouging.

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 625

Not Speaking

First name: Gary  
Last name: Martin

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:** Council should not be involved in business entities They should focus on core community services not empire building

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1005

Not Speaking

First name: John  
Last name: Maslin

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The Davis Library is one of our community's star performers. The book stock is excellent and the staff make a huge contribution to this facility.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** I'm not sure to what extent council officers have investigated future options for the pool. But perhaps there is opportunity to get funding streams via the Ministry of Education (given that schools use the pool).

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** The Rep Theatre building probably highlights the conundrum of how communities maintain "heritage" buildings. While some deserve retention others cannot justify the money required to keep them usable and safe.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** None

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Again, it is assumed every potential avenue of funding has been looked at and exhausted? If the retailers are making significant contributions, and don't want to continue that, what alternatives are there?

**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Council stands as a facilitator and should not be directly involved in business enterprise.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Sensible option.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** No comment

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** The Winter Gardens enhance the visitor experience at the Virginia Lake reserve.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** No comment

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**Further comments on service cuts:** I'm not sure of this is the correct comments box, but I want to strongly object to any suggestion of the WDC being financially involved in developing a new hotel for the city. Certainly, council should be acting as a facilitator for such a project, doing it's level best to attract developers and investors. Council could look at providing land for a new hotel at a sharp price or at least smooth the necessary consents path for a developer. Council needs to focus on its core role and services. Hotel construction and ownership does not come under that category.

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Whanganui city is fortunate that previous councils had the foresight and determination to upgrade infrastructure (sewerage and stormwater).

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** My comments were made previously.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

**Submitter Comments:** No comment

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** No comment

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** Surf life saving is another vital service that is deserving of community support through via ratepayer funding.

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** No comment

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** No comment

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with**

and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** No comment

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** This is the first time I have provided feedback to the WDC Long Term Plan. There are issues I agree with and there are those I don't agree with. But having the chance to provide my opinion matters to me.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 752

Not Speaking

First name: **Samantha**  
Last name: **Mason**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Encourage businesses to "adopt" a basket

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:** Consult with businesses and community before putting big ticket items on the LTP

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1598

Not Speaking

First name: Emily  
Last name: Mason

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1669

Not Speaking

First name: charley  
Last name: masters

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** libraries are vital for all members of the community, be they young, old, or in between. they have always been a source of education and learning, which is something this country needs more of, not less.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** the pool is yet another vital service. the new zealand drowning stats are abhorrant, and closing yet another community pool will only make it worse. there would be at least 2 area schools that make use of it, if not more, plus its cheaper and better than the splash centre, and easier for east side families to access without necessarily needing vehicular transport.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** ive no connection to the place, but if it can be saved and sold, then do so. possibly mark it for removal at the buyers expense.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** make them a shop owner pays situation. i actually always thought that was the case, and the reason why some shops had them and others did not. the gardens and baskets make victoria ave much more attractive

**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** its a nice to have, not a vital part of the community at large. they want it, they fund it. simple. the same as any other private enterprise. if it cant stand on its own two feet, then it closes.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** the new govt mandated kerbside rules will cover the rural areas. taranaki has many small townships that are barely more than a few houses, and i have even seen bins on the side of an intersection in the middle of nowhere being emptied. it works there, it will work here.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** maybe look at adding a donation system if there isnt one already. any donations can be split between that and the aviary. actually, the money fed into the water fountain could also go towards both of these.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:** council need to keep their noses out of private enterprise, with the exception of forcing building owners to maintain their properties, ie, the old andersons building which has an awning liable to kill someone, and is a bloody disgrace on our main street.

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** i would rather see this type of money go towards supporting our existing accomodation providers. in terms of location, the grand clearly wins out, and i would like to see the owners supported in bringing her back to scratch. accomodation owners pay rates, yes? why should their rates go towards their own competition?

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** again, it needs to be user pays.

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLs as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** like the pool and libraries, this service is absolutely vital to the community, and should not even be on this list as an option.

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** theres a great big raised platform at the bottom of draws ave. get some signs, a bucket of paint and stick lines on it. done and dusted. many market goers already just walk out in front of traffic expecting it to stop. better yet, what about another set of lights there, or a roundabout with judder bars? thatll solve everything. #sarcasm

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

### Submitter Comments:

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** i was raised in this city, most of my working life is here. i spent 4 years in new plymouth, and moved back here to be closer to family. guess what? i am now heading back to new plymouth, a city of growth and forward thinking, where the mayors actively fight for their communities, and work together for everyones benefit. i have absolutely no interest in even trying to buy in wanganui [no h!] as the rates are just wasted on projects that benefit a tiny percentage. the art gallery is a complete waste of money, and should never have gone any further than earthquake work. the velodrome is another that should never have progressed.

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 989

Not Speaking

First name: **Te Manawa**  
Last name: **Mateparae**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** this pool is one of the very few spaces that our rangatahi and more particularly those that are seen as "troubled" utilise. With the possible removal of this it takes away one of the few places our rangatahi can safely go and hang out and be kids

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** I am not a user of this facility however I know many people who utilise this space for both performance and entertainment, maybe there is an option for the council to invest in an upgrade and more publicity to this space and make it accessible for schools to also utilise this space

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** This space for many family across the years has been one many kids enjoy to return to even with age, it is a great stop for those that are travelling and need to let the kids out for a move around

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** If this is on the chopping block for rates, possibly encouraging and enabling store owners to provide their own displays

**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I work in a low decile school and this space has been a getaway from their own lives, many rangatahi use this and always ensure they respect this

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** I go here many times with young kids and notice brand new plants in there, is there a possibility there is a club/social group that would enjoy propagating these plants to reduce the cost on new plants

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** I don't believe that this is a NEED as of right now due to the lack of pedestrians and cycle users on that road, we currently have the mountain to sea trail as an option for those that wish to do so

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 553

Not Speaking

First name: **Sasha**  
Last name: **Matthews**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** ensure that the gonville and davis libraries are closed on opposing days.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Although it is sad to see it go and I understand there are 'deals' that were made with the school, if we are trying to save \$2M this automatically adds that \$2M back and now we have to find \$4M. It's just not feasible to keep at this time. It will also increase foot traffic to the Splash. I do wonder if the awa can be used as an 'outdoor' swimming area in the meantime. Perhaps setting up a 'shark net' type pool somewhere with low motorised traffic,

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Having worked at both Rep and Amdram, I believe they have the same intentions. While each have their own staff and goals, I believe Amdram can improve greatly with the support and expertise of those at Rep.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** It seems everyone I speak to goes to the aviary once and it 'was such a nice place to go as a kid' but these days, kids are more interested in phones or the ducks on the lake. I understand its a blow for the city as it's quite cool, but again, with savings needed, its not feasible.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Have volunteers monitor these. Or shop keepers. while it makes the streets look nice, I also think a sleek modern look will be nice to see as well. We are still very fortunate to have alot of nature around

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**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** The more the merrier. Whiteware dumps are an on-going problem in our rural areas.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Again, close the Davis library on an opposing day.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** They are absolutely beautiful but as with the aviary and the baskets, it is a luxury. Inject this money into the (perhaps council owned) cafe up there and revenue will increase. There are soooo many people that go to the lake and having a cafe there is such a good way to capture people

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is a huge step to make for the council. I understand its validity but feel the Dublin St bridge, or other things need to come first. Let the Sargeant Gallary have its 'boom' and re-visit this idea once we see how much of a difference the gallery made to tourism in whanganui.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:** Did the building not recently have the 'whole' FOH refurbished and the roof redone? As someone who has alot of involvement in the opera house, the current makeup is beyond not ideal. The wings cant be utilised for props, sets and performers. Even not being able to drop in the main curtain is such a shame. You never really know how impactful these things are until you are watching it happen. While the scaffolding is safe, I can assure you that you wouldnt want your mokopuna running around back there in the dark.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)****Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)****Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)****Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)****Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1077

Speaking

First name: **George**  
Last name: **Matthews**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:** Kai Iwi 6A1 Recreational Reserve. This land block has a legal definition that is not being honoured by this Council, being the administrators. The Minister of Conservation is the owner. It has been leased for a considerable number of years and therefore reflects on the integrity of the Council as land administrators. I suggest that at least the Council riparian plant the banks of the Kai Iwi stream where it adjoins the block. My long term vision would be that the whole block, being, 27.388675 hectares be planted in indigenous forest and instead of taking a rental fee the Council could take an ETS carbon absorption payment. In the longer term it could become an elderly recreational park. I would be happy to expand on this concept further through and the oral submission process.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 957

First name: **Leroy**  
Last name: **Matthews**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**How would you strike the balance?****Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1517

Not Speaking

First name: Renee  
Last name: Matthews

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** Close it for 2 days per week! One is not enough.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Old eyesore of a building that needs demolishing. How many Wanganui residents can say they have been inside this building? I, for one, have not ever set foot inside in 46 years.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** This aviary is iconic to our community, visitors and families! Would prefer to see the aviary remain open rather than the Sargeant Gallery!

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Close it for 2 days per week - one is not enough.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 867

Not Speaking

First name: Dianne  
Last name: Matthews

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Further comments on service cuts:****Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** We are paying out good money for rubbish work

**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:****Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1023

Not Speaking

First name: **Charlotte**  
Last name: **Maugham**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Sunday

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Why build new. Dont see the point. Upgrade in sections. It's a nice place my kids enjoyed going.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** It was one of the frist things we visited when we moved here. The whole area is great fir young families.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Haven't noticed them. Shouldn't that be a shop keeper cost if they want them.

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** It needs better PR as i have lived here for about 5Yr and i don't know much about it.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Don't know**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** Dont know enough to say. What assets, do they currently make money, can they be leased?

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Just don't know enough. But I do like you put information on the Whanganui Facebook page.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 322

Not Speaking

First name: Sarah  
Last name: Mauvan

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Surely people will do what's right and drive into town. I use to have to drive 30kms to the local rubbish tip, however this was a subsidised service!

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Need more information

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 178

Not Speaking

First name: **Harmony**  
Last name: **May**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** WE Youngsters have limited ability to travel to outside area, ie cost and/or adult support. Learning to swim involves both cognitive and physical development which carries through to adulthood. Perhaps the community could be encouraged to organise a "friends of WE Pool"?

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The significant repairs referred to are a result of years of neglect by the landlord. It is unfortunate that such behaviour has resulted into such an enpasse. The Rep people are running a charity which offers opportunities for all ages to gain confidence, abilities, supportive mental health. Option 2 is a fair compromise.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Seeking a buyer could cause many ongoing problems especially the Whanganui autonomy that now exists. A buyer could easily move the Glassworks out of Whanganui. Whanganui could look as if its not interested in respecting the UN Cultural status it now has.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after**

which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

**Submitter Comments:** As long as ongoing repairs and maintenance is upheld.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

**Submitter Comments:** A great tourist opportunity for a 'walk around our downtown heritage area' start with pakaitore, up past Rep theatre, down to Drews Ave and then Victoria Ave. End up at museum and Sarjeant Gallery for high tea.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Option 2 with an ongoing analysis of Option 1. Maybe a partial user pays??

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** I have ticked option 2 as I have no confidence in the asset sales process. Reserves are green areas that are needed for the eco system, but I envisage Council selling them for just another carpark!

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 231

Not Speaking

First name: Elaine  
Last name: Mayer

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## **Proposed Future Investments**

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Pilot school

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

#### **Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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### **Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:** Re Annual Plan 2023/24 submission no 398 Grey/College set intersection. Hope council will do as they say and upgrade stormwater problems here. "In fact the next one " earmarked for upgrading" Please

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1558

Not Speaking

First name: Sandra  
Last name: McAvoy

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 66

Not Speaking

First name: .  
Last name: Mccall

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### **Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## **Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

### **Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1006

Not Speaking

First name: John  
Last name: McCall

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** Reduce the number of library outlets. A town our size does not NEED so many. The central Davis Library is more than adequate. After all, everyone travels to the central supermarkets so why not the library?

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** A feasibility study is essential which needs to establish how many different people actually use it. This should include realistic costs to use it. Subsidies should be minimal.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** Sell it to private enterprise. If this is not possible, close it for demolition. We don't NEED it.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** Offer to private enterprise or Lions/Rotary Clubs to run and maintain. Otherwise, close it. We do not NEED it, it is a nice-to-have.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** A nice-to-have but is debatable that they add any value to the CBD. In good times they are affordable but not when rates are increasing. Remove them.

**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Strongly recommend it be offered to private enterprise to run. It is supposedly very well patronised, in which case it should be self managing and financed.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Should be paid for by those rural properties that use it not urban ratepayers.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Don't close the gardens but introduce an entry fee. If this is unsustainable close it.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** There are numerous funding outlets available in the community for different projects. WDC does not need to be in this space. It is not council's role to provide grants at the expense of ratepayers.

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**Further comments on service cuts:** There are other austerity measures that could/should be considered by council across the spectrum not just hand-picked services. eg 1, Council housing. This is a government role. Sell council housing to the government. Pay off debt with the proceeds. 2. Traffic management. This will be considered radical but our town does not require a dozen traffic lights. They cost \$100's of thousand to dollars to operate. As has been proven, roundabouts are far more efficient and, once established, cost little or nothing to maintain. This council has committed to a 'Climate Emergency' and yet, it is happy to see dozens of vehicles standing idle at traffic lights all emitting CO2 into the atmosphere. 3. Bus service. This is a total waste of money and driven by ideology rather than good decision-making. It is a nice-to-have. No matter how the numbers are spun, the service is a long way from viable for little outcome. This service may have been viable 50+ years ago but it will never be viable in these times. Private enterprise can provide bus services for scholars and weekly taxi chits for those who do not have access to other transport. This would save an enormous amount of money. 4. Nature strips along the roads do not need annual plants to be replaced every few months at huge expense. There many other options such as perennials, shrubs, groundcover, etc plants that can be used that require minimal maintenance and care. A massive saving. 5. Some green belt areas in town could be better utilised for housing eg Hussey Park which has very little (any?) use. The Kakaho Reserve only a few

hundred metres away is more than suitable for this purpose. There are probably others. In times of austerity, everything must be reviewed and a common-sense approach adopted.

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## Proposed Future Investments

### Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Apply asset sales revenue to pay for infrastructure needs.

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### Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

### Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

**Submitter Comments:** This is a private enterprise function. Council should facilitate a pathway for an operator.

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### Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** All avenues for funding should be exhausted before council gets involved with funding. This may even mean giving up naming rights but is still better than ratepayers having to pay for it.

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### Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Marae's are essentially privately owned and should be maintained accordingly. Anecdotally, there is a lot of money tagged for Maori initiatives and development that should be exhausted before ratepayers' funds are used. There are numerous properties that are utilised for emergencies and civil defence purposes that do not receive funding.

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### Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** This service is only used by a very small percentage of the Wanganui population. This is a lot of money for this purpose. How much external funding is available for this and has this avenue been exhausted?

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### **Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is a nice-to-have and, essentially, benefits very few people.

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### **Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is a nice-to-have project benefitting very few people and is not NEEDED especially during these times.

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## **Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** These asset sales can be applied to infrastructure funding.

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## **How would you strike the balance?**

### **Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### **Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** An overall review across the spectrum of all services provided by council should be done. Politically-sensitive projects need to be included in this review.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1357

Not Speaking

First name: Jane  
Last name: McCall

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** As long as this is well advertised so that everyone knows which day the closure is, I don't see too much impact. Surely work can be undertaken to work out which is the day of the week when the library is least used and close on this day.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Close the pool. Save more money - don't do a feasibility study - we have a great indoor pool complex and local beaches! Or sell the pool to a private investor.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** One assumes the sale of the building would cover the cost of the work on the retaining wall and some. This profit would could then be used to off set rate rises.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Keeping birds in cages is a cruel and unnatural practice that should be outlawed - we certainly should not be spending rate payers money on doing so .

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Reduce the number of baskets. I think they enhance the city centre but \$5 per household seems a lot of money, there must be a middle ground between all or nothing which is more affordable.

**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Surely this should be a privately funded business! Seek a buyer as a matter of urgency.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Rubbish collection is one of the few facilities we have living rurally. I think the addition of recycling facilities in rural locations would be money well spent and would in fact reduce the amount dumped into the bins. Surely this should be a priority in terms of climate change mitigation.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Make this a different closure day from the main library so that there is some access on any given day.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** This is a commercial business and should not be funded by rate payers.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1603

Not Speaking

First name: Pat  
Last name: McCarthy

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Most probably the best day to close

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The pool is needed for the schools and public and is well used

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Maybe use different flowers

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Drop off points for rural rubbish

**Something else (state below)**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Look at a contractor to pick up waste

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:** Look at Sargeant gallery as far as over expenditure and maybe only have parts open and work on the others when money permits

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 208

Speaking

First name: **Michael**  
Last name: **McCartney**  
Organisation: **Horizons Regional Council Chief Executive**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**How would you strike the balance?****Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

Yes

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 997

Not Speaking

First name: Sharyn Ann (Sam)  
Last name: McClintock

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1296

Not Speaking

First name: Lesley  
Last name: McCulloch

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 466

Not Speaking

First name: Avon  
Last name: McDonald

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** but seek a business partner, this sort of goes hand in hand with a hotel investment

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Further comments on service cuts:****Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** keeping an open mind about selling it as a going concern once established

**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:** I fail to see why a normal zebra crossing couldn't be used if a crossing is required.

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 475

Speaking

First name: Te Aroha  
Last name: McDonnell

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: My whānau are regular users. I'd like to see investment in this asset.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Invest in other venues for theatrical purpose

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Free the birds. Bushy park is a better venue.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Beautiful addition to our city.

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: No impact on rates, no brainer.

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Rural service should be extended in waste management contracts.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Mobile library is a suggested solution. Have free bus pass to go to city library.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** These gardens are beautiful. No cafe, so the gardens might not be needed.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Less community events is a saving - unless the Santa parade is on this section.

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**Further comments on service cuts:** Make sure Santa parade costs are covered.

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Necessary.

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Go for it!

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Overdue by 40 years.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:** Best investment option of all propositions.

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** If financial viable, do it!

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Not need.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Not sure I fully understand the proposal for this initiative.

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

**Submitter Comments:** Not supportive of sale of lots of assets.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 33

Not Speaking

First name: Shirley  
Last name: McDouall

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** It would be a pity to see the building go but years of underfunding has resulted in the present situations. A smaller alternative to the Opera House would be a very good idea and help nurture theatre groups in the city.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Many visitors come to Wanganui just to see the beauty of the baskets! Please keep them. These visitors spend money while they are here...

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** They are so beautiful - a place of refuge if you are not fit enough to walk around the lake - usually very colourful.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Not something the council was elected to do! Run hotels - what next!!

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Something else (state below)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** I have an association and affection for this building for over 80 years. Do not see the words "repair" or "reinstate" anywhere. The old pulley system is so unique and many visit to see it. I understand it must be safe - over the years I have introduced thousands of my ballet pupils to theatre through performances in the Opera House. Please do not change the Heritage and History.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** A valuable and necessary resource in our community.

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**How would you strike the balance?**

**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1540

Not Speaking

First name:

WENDY

Last name:

MCELWAIN

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 200

First name: **Mark**  
Last name: **McGhie**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**How would you strike the balance?****Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

Yes

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 266

Not Speaking

First name: Jane  
Last name: McGimpsey

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** It's important to keep the city looking attractive to attract visitors and brighten the lives of residents. Could perhaps limit baskets to the lower couple of blocks of Victoria Ave to reduce cost?

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 225

Speaking

First name: Denis  
Last name: McGowan

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Subject to terms and conditions (I wish to speak to this item).

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Subject to terms and conditions (I wish to speak to this item).

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** Please spell out the science behind birds in captivity - plus + minus.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Subject to terms and conditions. Council could provide incentives to a private developer/owner. (I wish to speak to this item).

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:** Subject to terms and conditions. (I wish to speak to this item).

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#### **Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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#### **Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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#### **Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

**Submitter Comments:** Subject to exploring cost options. (\$830,000 seems excessive)

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#### **Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

**Submitter Comments:** Subject to indepth feasibility study.

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## **Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Subject to strict scrutiny of which assets should be in private hands vs those which should be retained in public ownership.

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## **How would you strike the balance?**

## Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

## Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Will any savings (preferred by the public) result in a reduction in rates increase or will the savings be reallocated to other projects or items. The public have not been asked whether or not an increase of 10.6 is acceptable.

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1134

Not Speaking

First name: Karen  
Last name: McGrail

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I don't know why a feasible study needs doing, more waste of money to the Rate Payers

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 784

Not Speaking

First name: Tanya  
Last name: McGrail

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Close Whanganui East pool and everyone use the splash center - no need for feasibility study

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** If a developer believes that it would be viable he would build it himself. Hopefully Council would not hold back consent.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** It is a shame that council did not think of improving benefits to all of the Whanganui citizens by not spending the exorbitant amount of money on the Sargeant gallery.

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

## Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

## Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** For too long the council has been spreading funding over to many areas. it is time to close the luxury's and focus on the basics of infrastructure. This is what every household in New Zealand is having to do in the current economy.

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1123

First name: **Bronwyn**  
Last name: **McGrail**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** if the pool closes does the land go back to the WE School (who owns it.. as i have recently been informed)?

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** its a historical building in RIDGEWAY ST.. the street that has won Whanganui many an award (1 pretty block does not make a street)

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** that aviary is so small it can fit in my backyard.. get rid.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** the hanging baskets make Whanganui pretty, its famous for them. less than 10c a week will not break the bank

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** never been to the glassworks, but i do know they bring people to the city.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** rural folk are just as entitled to have their refuse picked up just like urban folk.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** i have never been there though do realise many have & still do.. closing 1 day extra a week as preferred to closing completely.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** the carpark is always full so someone is visiting it.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** economic climate.. maintain, not improvement.. maintain.. there will be time for improvement, just not yet

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**Further comments on service cuts:** you could do away with consultancy groups.. would be very interested in how much they are charging.

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Grand Hotel.. was an icon, now an eyesore.. does not have to be 'Grand' just nice & clean for people to sleep safely. Out the back & across the road,(at the council since you are us) visions of a double level carpark.

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#### **Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

**Submitter Comments:** how old is the Reportary theatre?

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#### **Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Do Maraes pay rates?

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#### **Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** where do these costs come from? .. for something that is not in service for a full year. Ridiculous.

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#### **Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** i would like to see evidence of people traffic using that 'crossing' on a daily basis. Saturday market is the only busy day.

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#### **Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** for less than a dozen people a day. NO

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## **Asset Sales**

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** if what is sold is to future RATE PAYING individuals

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** we need more rate paying customers. maintain what we have.. upgrading unnecessarily is simply wasteful.

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 779

Not Speaking

First name: Wayne  
Last name: McGrail

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** We need to start charging for books \$1.00 each.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** We do not need a feasibility study and swimming can be done at the Splash centre.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Every body should take care of their own rubbish and more bins need to be placed around the town. Whanganui is not a clean town.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** We need to start charging for books at the library like they do for movies say \$1.00 per book. User pays.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Council is not in the hotel business and needs to get back to caring for our infrastructure.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Do not provide funding as the local iwi has enough money to take care of their own infrastructure.

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** I will add council should not have supported the Sargeant Gallery as I don't think it reaches enough people and thats what they should be trying to do with our rates.

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

## Submitter Comments:

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### How would you strike the balance?

#### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

#### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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### Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Council needs to stop proping up organisation that cannot survive on their own and concentrate on our core infrastructure ie parks, roads, rubbish and sewage etc. In other words when a house hold reduces spending its always the luxurys that have to go first.

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 106

Not Speaking

First name: Rob  
Last name: McGrail

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** there must be a cheaper way to have flowers in a basket

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Further comments on service cuts:****Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is your core responsibility, and it costs what it costs.

**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This seems like a difficult business for the council to be moving in to

**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Really depends what they are

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 252

Not Speaking

First name: Joy Sabina  
Last name: McGregor

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The hanging baskets contribute greatly to our city's unique charm, admired and commented on by many visitors and appreciated by locals. We would be so much duller and depressing without them. I think it imperative to continue to excite and attract national and international guests while the Sarjeant is still under construction, and confirm that Whanganui is a place whose natural beauty is enhanced by the talents of our creative residents. The beautiful baskets give us all a morale boost. The watering system and mechanics have all been previously funded, possibly with private or corporate assistance (Yates?). It would be disappointing to now reject the work and efforts given to the city. I'm aware there is a Whanganui in Bloom Trust: could they be asked to contribute to maintaining the baskets?

**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLs as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** I think there are already too many raised speed bumps around the city and suburbs. From my experience people crossing Pakaitore to Taupo Quay will cross as a group, so a designated pavement would probably be ignored. However safety is paramount - not a perceived "connection" to the awa.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which

**Something else (state below)**

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Question is too broad. Maybe some assets could be sold but I fear we will lose more green spaces for quick-fix housing developments if Option 1 is chosen. I'm VERY upset that land between the historical elevator on Durie Hill and the Memorial Tower is now being built on with private dwellings. I consider this to be desecration of previous community land.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 928

Not Speaking

First name: Karen  
Last name: McGregor

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Improving the existing pool will have an incredible benefit to the community and though it is expensive, it can be an available space for schools to use and teach kids to swim.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** It's cool but seems like a lot of admin to keep open.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** PLEASE KEEP! This was genuinely one of the things I noticed when I first visited Whanganui as a Te Araroa walker and one of the many things I love about Whanganui!

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I'm surprised this is managed by council - should be private. A lovely business that adds value to Whanganui so please do not remove immediately but agree, seek a buyer :)

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** A suggestion for the winter gardens to make them even better - plant herbs, fruit/veggies etc that the community can enjoy and also provide gardening courses. If we are planting, we should be trying to address food security at the same time. :)

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** See my last comment - could tie in some gardening classes at the winter gardens!

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This should not be the councils responsibility to run. You are not a business. But I think the idea of a hotel is good.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:** To reduce costs to ratepayers could this also be aided by fundraising events? I'm sure there are some fancy artsy people with big money that would be happy to donate.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Maybe I don't understand the proposal correctly but I don't see how this will benefit Whanganui.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

**Submitter Comments:** YES PLEASE this road is so unsafe for bikers and drivers. It is beautiful so we should be prioritizing this. That would be an amazing tourist attraction.

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## Asset Sales

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assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Wow that long term plan doc is massive, well done to the people who put it together. I worry that many residents in Whanganui will not read it given the length. Honestly make a TikTok video for each issue. People are way more likely to watch a 1 minute video than read that doc. This survey took me close to an hour by the time I cross referenced the document, and even then I don't feel super informed. Also there should be more maps in the doc - I had to google where Pakaitore was. I moved to Whanganui recently due to its affordability compared to Auckland. It's a beautiful town and I would love to see it flourish in the years to come. Really happy we moved here!

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 631

Not Speaking

First name: Julie  
Last name: Mcguinness

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

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**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 811

Not Speaking

First name: **Karon**  
Last name: **McIntyre**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** I shudder to think how much a feasibility study would cost..and a new outdoor pool...a wise budgeter would maintain what they already own. If repairs/maintenance are outside current budget, let it rest empty until it's manageable.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Simply demolishing the building could weaken the hill further, resulting in a more expensive fix .

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Caging birds is cruel. Yes, my grandchildren enjoyed going there years ago but it's a folly, not at all a necessity.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Pretty yes, but in hard times a total waste of time and money. There are plenty of other beautiful gardens in town.

### New Zealand Glassworks

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Further comments on service cuts:** Like any sensible household, a tight budget during hard times is essential for long term success. Even essential services should be reduced to the minimum in balanced way.

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** The chances of this council owned project is fraught with uncertainty, the potential that in 10-15 years it will offset rates is ridiculous. Just enjoy the benefits of someone else's investment. Why take such a huge risk that most locals oppose?

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This needs to be fund-raised independent of council. That way there'll be no waste, and new facilities will be better taken care of by the locals who have worked for improvements.

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** A zebra crossing will do, it could be a fancy paint job with Maori designs, but the cost of the proposed raised crossing is outrageous.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**How would you strike the balance?**

**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 791

Not Speaking

First name: Shaun  
Last name: Mckee

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** Sargent art gallery. Stop immediately all payments, funding. To the sargent art gallery.

### Whanganui East Pool

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**Submitter Comments:**

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

### New Zealand Glassworks

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:** Take scaffolding away

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**Submitter Comments:** Stop funding marae let them fund there own upgrades

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**Submitter Comments:** These guys + girls need looking after

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**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
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### **Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
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## **Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:** To try and get debt down. Dup sergent gallery at end of south mole. It will be more useful out there. Sorry if I upset anyone.

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 512

Not Speaking

First name: Daniel  
Last name: McKenzie

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

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#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 725

Speaking

First name: Jessica  
Last name: McKenzie

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** A hard question to answer without a break down of how many visitors this library is getting. Averaged out and when peak days and hours are, drop hours more, could close more than just a Monday I would bet. Close two days a week. That will save more right?

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** Considering the feasibility study would incur costs in itself, I would consider asking the wider community and business to offer donations to help with repairs. Make the prices higher as it was already cheap. Open days for working bees would get volunteers if they are given enough notice, advertising in the correct places is key to spreading information to the wider community. Hate to say Facebook is Greta for that in good and bad ways. Closing another public pool permanently would be a huge shame, and I'd rather pay more in rates for this sort of thing. Ask the community for more ideas while it's shut. Also only having it open on a Saturday all year round (within reason) would get more money flowing in. People like swimming in the rain sometimes!

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

### Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

**Submitter Comments:** Another tough one, I hate to see any older building in our community being left to die. I'm not happy with any answer but selling the building gives a potential buyer with funding the option to keep using the building, and hopefully restore it. Wakefield chambers is more concerning to me, considering the amount of homeless people in tents in this town, those three floors are completely wasted with heating still in working condition. What's happening with that building? I'd pay more in rates if that building were to be earthquake strengthened and then used for housing or literally anything other than nothing.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

### Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

**Submitter Comments:** Keep it open, could the volunteer society help to keep costs of running it down? I would gamble that retired, elderly, even young people out of work would want to help keep it going. I've heard the running cost for the Aviary is substantially high, I would consider looking at where costs can be kept down in other ways. That's definitely totally doable. Brainstorm some better management of funding ideas.

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**Mainstreet hanging flower baskets**

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** They are kind of dated really. We have other garden beds along the avenue that help to beautify our main street. They remind me of old ladies for some reason (and I love flowers and own hanging baskets) just a cost we don't need to upkeep. One off costs make more sense if they are sustainable and don't incur any running costs. Like art work for example.

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**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** A fantastic attraction and skill for this town. Worth it over all. Perhaps more advertising, and open days to view glass works. There may already be available, I'm not sure, I haven't seen anything recently so maybe refresh the advertising for Glassworks Whanganui in general.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** I highly highly doubt the people dumping rubbish are rural property owners. The local costs for rubbish are high enough, the added cost to recycling was hard enough for locals to swallow from the comments I see and hear. (Bins with lids would have made ALL the difference) I didn't even know this was a service provided, and I find it surprisingly. I know at least three families that live rurally. They recycle, compost, and burn rubbish. And the things they can't, they either use the local tip and the work bins. Not too sure how this works now with Waste Management closing?

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** I live around the corner on Alma road. I haven't seen many people use this library. A huge shame to close it of course. Could it be cheaper to have the library bus utilised more, perhaps further routes of service? Not sure on price comparison, but a library with cafe in Gonville always surprised me cost wise. Didn't seem viable despite being a nice idea.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** The gardening lady that looks after the plants and flowers does an incredible job. The winter gardens is one of my absolute favourite places in Whanganui. Set up a donation box, and a donation option that people can transfer money into. Might not make a lot, but I would happily donate a few dollars each visit just to see it keep going. Again, advertising can be easily done to promote and then

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add the donation part cheekily in there somewhere online and on the building in a couple of places. Guilt people into it! Just being honest, it works!

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#### **Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

#### **Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** I'm not sure what this funding is providing to be honest. I'm often deeply depressed and very open with people about it. So many people are mentally unwell. Some of us hide it better than others. But as far as providing funding to community health, safety etc, I'm not sure where this is going or how effective it is or isn't. But mental health I would say is the biggest problem not being addressed or funded properly (by the government) and it would be great to see this. Community gatherings for any one needing to just reach out and go for a walk. I see there is a walk/run every Saturday morning at the park. That sort of thing but more of it would be so beneficial. People like myself need a push or multiple attempts at encouraging us out of our misery.

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**Further comments on service cuts:** Our bus service, the buses are almost ALWAYS empty. Sell the buses, buy some smaller vans, or second hand transits. Don't need to cut the service, but definitely see a cost cut in there somewhere. Calm down with the extra cycle ways. Know when you've done well and then pull it back. Sell Wakefield chamber maybe, if it's just sitting there doing nothing anyway. Any other empty buildings that could be sold? If demolishing any buildings, sell the timber etc. horders and diy folk love to reuse and upcycle. A council is in many ways a business in itself, buy and sell where you can and build the profit back to pay off some of the debt. Just keep it local/national.

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## **Proposed Future Investments**

#### **Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

#### **Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** A significant enough rate rise of 30 per household can help. It's still a rise but it doesn't feel so painful. Consider other options like asking for more volunteers, or donations or labour, materials etc from local business. It doesn't hurt to ask if you are more specific about what infrastructure you are working on it and when you need to.

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#### **Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

#### **Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** People paying rates don't want to pay for a hotel for people to stay in, regardless of what that may be used for in the future. A few weekends a year? Who would actually own the hotel? Ratepayers, council, or someone else pocketing the money it makes. Weird.

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#### **Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

#### **Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** An asset! Needs to be looked after and maintenance is key to the older buildings. Charge a fee for the public to just go and look at the building, I would love to have the option to walk around and view this building and learn its history. Tourists would too!

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#### **Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Touchy subject. How much have the iwi/iwi's been given so far? An actual dollar figure given for each iwi and what marae they have? I know that not all have had funds, or been given a large amount of money, but if some have and haven't utilised it for the running and repairs etc to their own marae, I don't see why every rate layer should be helping too? Just need a clearer picture to make a better choice or give a better opinion.

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#### **Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** What is wrong with the building, how do you get to that amount? Yes the building and facilities at Castle cliff Beach WSLs are ancient, but that seems a bit steep for a building. Even if you include a couple of new boats, flags, security cameras etc etc etc, still seems a crazy amount. Is there a breakdown of costs we can look at? Keep it simple. Definitely a necessity for a surf and swimming town.

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#### **Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

**Submitter Comments:** Great idea! Terrible trying to cross the road and driving around there is terrible too. Always feel like you might hit a pedestrian ambling across the road. Throw a speed bump in there, you guys love those 😊 probably the only place that actually needs one. The one further up by Stella is good because it's not jarring and could also be used as a crossing. Since people already do. Paint some lines on that one.

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#### **Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** No. Haha seriously. I know that sounds like a great idea, but that is more a want than a need at this stage. Would be lovely but can't afford everything. Road safety yes. Plenty, plenty of other places to ride, walk, run, horse ride around.

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## **Asset Sales**

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Unpopular opinion, I think this just makes sense. But definitely say which assets, give the public plenty of notice in advance to what is being sold and where you plan to advertise the sale. But sadly, it really just makes sense.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** You will always have someone complaining about something the council are or aren't doing. Doing these surveys, help you to explain why decisions have been made. People just want you to be open about what you do, where you spend and why. It's pretty simple really. Thank you for having a platform for people to have their say!

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1431

First name: Colin  
Last name: McKinney

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Visitors often comment on how attractive a city Whanganui is, and in my experience virtually all mention the flower baskets. I think they are important for marketing the city

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 877

Not Speaking

First name: Rex  
Last name: Mckinnon

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The upgrade can be achieved by community input at a much lesser cost than that used for political purposes

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Further options may open up if the bank is secured

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The aviary is visited by many adults and children alike .This is another example of Council seeking an "Experts " report recommending a "rolls royce " solution at a ridiculous cost. The aviary was originally built by the Round Table service Club and gifted to the City

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** This sets our City apart from others and adds to the attractiveness of the Central City from both a local and visitor point of view

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is another business that Council does not need to own. Why not orchestrate a sale to the local arts community along co operative lines.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** These are local services and need to be maintained

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** A good job has been done to date compared to other municipalities stop or reduce this activity at your peril(Financial)

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is an absolute no brainer. There is no way the Council should be involved in this. On current costs and interest rates a new hotel and car park would incur substantial losses. We are a

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provincial City and we will never command high Tarrif rates to justify the investment. The solution for extra beds is in the Council hands . It already owns the Collegiate Hotel currently inhabited and presumably subsidizing the flight school . Move the current inhabitants to one of the other vacant buildings owned by the Council and upgrade the existing building and offer it for sale

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:** This should only proceed if external funding can be obtained. This is the result of an over zealous health and safety approach with little or no community input and another example of "Rolls Royce" recommended solution to what has never a major problem ( Health & Saftey)

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is a Central government responsibility and should not be the responsibility of this Council

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** This should not proceed unless fully funded and if not the money should be spent on upgrading the existing Building.

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** How often would this be used. this looks like a project to answer a question that was never asked.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Surely this will benefit only a small group of people compared to other situations where you are proposing a cut to services enjoyed at present by larger numbers. If this proceeds it would parallel the Wellington District Council decisions in similar vein. I urge the Council to "stick to its knitting" not with nice to haves!

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## Asset Sales

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Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** I have no problem with asset sales but if you are going to consult on this What do you propose to sell. Otherwise it is not consultation!

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** I am sure the majority of Whanganui people and ratepayers would like to see the City progress but this must be on an affordable basis. Concentrate on the core infrastructure issues . There has been a disturbing trend recently to seek expert review on matters which then recommend solutions many of which are unaffordable to a provincial city like Whanganui I am sure if more input and indeed assistance was sought locally other solutions to supposed problems could be found

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 561

Not Speaking

First name: **Barbara**  
Last name: **McKnight**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 459

Not Speaking

First name: Tania  
Last name: McLardy

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1448

Not Speaking

First name: Craig  
Last name: McLaren

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Find a sponsor/s or funding providers to cover the cost

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Apply to funding providers to cover cost and run it with a passionate group of volunteers.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Don't know**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** It is a tough job pleasing everyone, but I would support the councils' decisions for the great good of the many, not just a few.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 727

Not Speaking

First name: **Katelyn**  
Last name: **McLeod**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Why not look at sponsorship for these baskets by mitre10 or bunnings? Or look at succulent options that don't need as much maintenance long term.

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Leave these risky projects to business using their own money. Councils are meant to provide services, parks and recreation and improve the community in a steady way, NOT dive into risky business ventures hoping to be different.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

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**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** What a terrible idea. Our ambulances and emergency services use this road constantly and having to waste precious minutes slowing down to a reasonable speed to take an injured person over a crossing would be unnecessary. Also, imagine the effect on traffic on a Saturday every week. It is completely unnecessary.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This specific area is not as well used as others and there's so many other things in this city to spend the money on, that benefit more people.

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**How would you strike the balance?**

**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 209

First name: sienna-jay  
Last name: mclinto

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** I think the Whanganui east pool should stay open because some one might drown in the river and the beach and the Splash Centre is too far away. from Whanganui East School age 9

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**How would you strike the balance?****Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### **Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## **Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

### **Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 238

Not Speaking

First name:

Kirsty

Last name:

Mcloughlin

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1253

Not Speaking

First name:

Elizabeth

Last name:

Mcmenamin

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 676

Not Speaking

First name: Donald  
Last name: McMillan

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Waitahinga Shell Rock Quarry - utilise the asset. Large & income.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### **Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## **Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:** Enforce bylaws on freedom camp areas!

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 966

Not Speaking

First name: **Fiona**  
Last name: **McMillan**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Paint a pedestrian crossing and install pedestrian crossing poles. only

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 633

Not Speaking

First name: Ann  
Last name: McNamara

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** It was closed previously on a Sunday. Also the Library is open until 6pm for those working.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Ask for assistance from voluntary organisations to help with maintenance. Drownings in this country are far too high and losing a pool which could teach children to swim would only be detrimental.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** The theatre could share with another space, preferably in a heritage building.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** A treat for young and old

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Keeps the Avenue an attractive space

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Valuable art centre

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** None

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** It is an active community hub.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** A wonderful addition to the lake area and important for those not able to walk around the lake.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** None

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**Further comments on service cuts:** The community of Whanganui deserves the very best.

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** None

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Would be good to use an existing heritage building such as the Backhouse building or maybe the new UCOL building and move courses to another site!

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:** Somewhere between Option 1 & 2 to preserve the character of the building. Palmerston North is only 45 minutes away ( in larger cities people travel at least that far to a show). Maybe subsidise bus travel to shows in Palmerston North?

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** I would think that some of the Treaty settlement money could be used for this in partnership with the Council. There are numerous halls around Whanganui that could be used in emergencies.

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** None

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** There are no obvious problems at present. The road is closed with orange cones if there is an event.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** None

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** As long as the public are informed before decisions are made.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** No

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1148

Not Speaking

First name: **Christine**  
Last name: **McPhee**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** Ditch the coffee making - library staff shouldn't be making coffees instead of their core business - being a librarian. The time spent setting up & cleaning the cafe area must be a cost - I don't see many people getting a coffee. Maybe Davis doesn't need to remain open until 6pm every week day. Close one of the other libraries or cut their hours and make more use of the mobile library

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

### Don't know

### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

### Submitter Comments: Re-home the birds

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** Set up volunteers to maintain the plants - this is successful in other towns

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Setting up a hotel is not core business for a council. Lease some of the idle land in the town to developers for a hotel & car park and get some income

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Don't know**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** How would providing generators and water tanks possibly come to \$3.5M? The marae would be benefitting from any upgrades - get them to buy into this scheme if they want tanks etc. Surely a generator and a couple of tanks wouldn't cost \$175K per marae? Even including plumbing/electrical this is excessive. Also, not all marae are in locations that would be viable in a flooding event so they shouldn't be considered as support in a Civil Defence emergency. Cut the costs and be careful about which marae get the upgrades. Providing accommodation for visitors should not be Council business. If a marae can't provide that service without council support they should be reconsidering what they can offer.

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Tell them to do their own fund-raising for the entire cost of the project.

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would

**Don't know**

return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Stick to the core business of being a council. Sure, local businesses may benefit from a hotel/carpark but as ratepayers we won't benefit in any way.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1515

Not Speaking

First name: Richard  
Last name: Mcphun

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Close on sunday

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** We need more than 1 pool in Wanganui, the splash centre is a bug centre for catching al, types of flues and viruses.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Not needed

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Not needed

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Not needed

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Brings lots of people to wanganui

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Leave as is.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Not needed

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Another visitor attraction

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Not required for all

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** We have been paying for this for years and still see poor progress

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Not council work

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** They can pay for their own Marae, same as we pay for our upgrades to houses and community.

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** Drastically needed

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** What a waste ,puta sign up that says entry to pakatorie,bloody ridiculous waste of money and time.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Another waste of money

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** What happened to our investments in pine trees ,don't hear how the sales of the forests are coming off our rates

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Why are there so many in the council, that do nothing and waste our time.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1478

Not Speaking

First name: Nathan  
Last name: McPhun

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Not worth the money, a Zebra crossing would suffice, would impede traffic flow that already has trouble moving through the lights at City Bridge, if the IWV want it they can pay for it!. also with courthouse closing there would be less traffic and foot traffic around Pakaitore going forward, once Courthouse gone or utilised turn it into a green belt.How does a crossing cost nearly a million dollars anyway, consultants?

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Rates are high enough, stop pandering to the Woke

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1267

Not Speaking

First name: .  
Last name: McRae

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The longer we leave this the more expensive it becomes.

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Lower speed limits on the road

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

#### **Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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### **Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

#### **Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1286

Not Speaking

First name: **Stewart**  
Last name: **Mead**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** Carry out a usage survey to determine average patronage by day and time. Match the staffing and closing times to optimise cost savings.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

### Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

**Submitter Comments:** Would like to know what is included in the upgrade for the price, i.e are we going to turn it into a 50m pool

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

### Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** Expand the aviary and make it a destination especially if the little playground is also added to,

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

### Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

**Submitter Comments:** They add to Wanganui experience point of difference for out of towners and locals alike.

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

### Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

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**Submitter Comments:** Note that seeking a buyer assumes no debt reduction. Is the buyer paying nothing.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:** As per the people in town -user pays for rubbish collection.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:** Council no nothing about running hotels leave it to the experts. Also any council investment in this endeavor could be seen to prejudice current accommodation providers in Wanganui

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Don't know**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

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**Submitter Comments:** 5-7 million for a rebuild sounds like we after the gold taps etc. Bring it up to a reasonable level for storage of rescue equipment and facilities for the surf live savers on duty . Use the Duncan Pavillion to allow for overflow if required for training competitions etc.

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** It amuses me that we would spend millions on the art gallery and then fluff around trying to save a few dollars with the hanging baskets, aviary closure etc. Have we looked at the number of employees that the council has and the cost and value they provide.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1100

Not Speaking

First name: Jordan  
Last name: Meade

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** Find investors who want the aviary to stay open.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 623

Speaking

First name: Jo  
Last name: Meiklejohn

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** It will attract families holidaying in our community during the summer months. Due to late opening there is no realist data to allow an informed usage guideline to make this decision. It is an asset that should be made a summer month go to attraction.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Pumping ratepayers money into rebuilding the theatre for one society is not appropriate when we have other theatre companies. The quoted figure of 2.6 million for a rebuild seems extremely high given the current square footage of the building. I do not like being given dollar amounts without qualification.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** there is no data able to to be provided of numbers viewing the attraction. Can not make an informed decision on whether it should be retained.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** We were one of the first to have hanging baskets and they have lessened in numbers over the years. Overseas visitors (6) who have gone into the CBD with me over the years have commented how the baskets provide a quaintness to the CBD area. Prehaps if only used on intersections some cost savings and a compromise in retaining 'quaintness' as opposed to nothing.

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**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is an asset, if sold and buyer does not make profit, then there is a chance of losing one of our visitor attractions in the art quarter of our CBD along with Guyton Street.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The rural area rubbish areas are already a flytipping area, even with cameras installed. Why should one sector of the rating base receive subsidised rubbish while others pay a considerable amount. Yes they are the minority and yes they do have a different rating to others. Fly tipping will continue to increase due to the cost of rubbish, the limitation of items able to be dumped and the lack of regulation enforcement due to the difficulty of identification of the perpetrators for a positive prosecution and cost.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** if closing Davis one day close Gonville on a different day so we do have a decent library open 7 days a week.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** yet another attraction along side the lake for visitors, again no substantial data to show usage but would be a loss.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Never looked at whether it is the organisations getting funding all the time, where their existence is reliant on WDC grants. Bring in after two consecutive grant a mandatory 1 year step down. Put the 5.30 to offset Whanganui East pool cost for upgrade. Community organisation can look for alternative funding, e.g. lotteries, fundraising or whatever else is out there.

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**Further comments on service cuts:** Interesting that all cuts were emotive, and decisions not able to be made on usage, and how important they are as visitor attraction e.g. Aviary, pool, library access.

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** would prefer more money as our infrastructure is old. Priorities should be made on where money spent and the infrastructure committee agree to that plan.

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** you are not going to get a developer to invest that money in Whanganui the cost for a multistory car park unless being used in conjunction with public parking (as they do elsewhere) is not going to generate enough money for a payback in investment. The Hotel at 60 beds is not a viable business unit, it will not attract conferences to the district in numbers to create a profit. Until we have the transportaion infrastructure in place to bring people in and out of our town without having to make several plane changes or resorting to rental cars as part of the travel we are not an attractive proposition as a conference venue. Relying what we currently have as bring people, Vintage weekend had what less than 10% non residents. The current motor home, caravan touring especially of our older generations do not require accommodation. will elaborate further in submission.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** If we dont invest in the building it will deteriorate, we have enough trouble trying to get events her being between Pamerston North and New Plymouth, we do not have a population base to attract large numbers to events to make them viable. I have confusion in your accounting here, option 2 is \$44 over 20 years BUT option 3 which involves extra construction is \$38 over 20 years the word counterweight does not appear. It is this type of information which creates confusion in decision making.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Marae have access to funding, some have treaty settlements. Using emergency managment as the need to continue this fundering in our district is emotive. Two Marae in the most densely populated area, are both prone to flooding so would not be able to be used. Also I would guess in high liquifraction zones. Yes we need to provide accommodation in the event of an emergency. I kow of one school which has disabled shower facilities, shower facilities, amble toilet block facilities, three kitchen facilities plus a class room with 6-8 individual kitchens, hall and recreational facilities plus class rooms that would be able to accomodate people in numbers similar to our Marae, but not considered as an emergency evacuation point. It is also located in a large housing catchment.

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a

**Something else (state below)**

contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** I would be happy for a 2 million contribution, they provide a service to our beaches, having lifesaving facilities at our two most popular beaches is attractive to visitors especially families. Do they contribute economically on the above yes, the beaches are part of our attraction. Although I do not swim at any of the beaches ( I dislike Westcoast beaches) Surf lifesaving provides a confidence for those using it. A saving of 2.5 million could be saved by not contributing to Marae. \$14 over 10 years and a savings of \$49 over that 10 year period based on basic maths.

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

**Something else (state below)**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** This should not be started until the Dublin Street bridge completed, this would alleviate heavy transport numbers in the area. How are our Kuia and Kamuatua be able to comfortably walk the rise. How are our Haua especially those in turu wira manage it as well. We need to ensure it is not unsightly where we need to ensure the safety of motorist from having things thrown off the walkway, or those who would like to jump off the walkway. Reassess once we have the Dublin Street Bridge

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

**Something else (state below)**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** This is an attractive project in giving our residents another cycling opportunity with their community. Safer route for those willing to cycle to town. Also an attraction for those visiting, a cycle way to the beach. It will increase day visitor numbers, make the Holiday park more attractive over holiday periods giving an alternative means of transport into town and increase the spend in town for those who have biked in. Hopefully reduce speed along the road making it a safer driving option

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

**Something else (state below)**

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** I oppose asset sales as usually it is only the viable profit making sales which sell. The non-profitable assets remain unsold and I will give one example. A carte blanche should not be given to sell assets until the community knows what has been identified and why. I will speak to this.

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## How would you strike the balance?

## Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

## Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** I will speak to the LTP, unable to place the circle where I wanted so not an indication of what I want. It is a juggling act, but I believe we need to make our decisions based on data provided which indicates whether it is beneficial

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 325

Not Speaking

First name: **Catriona**  
Last name: **Mellows**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Re-open the many great hotels in Whanganui currently used for Community Housing

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** I personally don't think we need to jump straight to a new fly system but should look at smaller changes such as refurbishing the stage so that the Ballet tours will come and putting money towards bettering the rooms out the back where artists and performers get ready. The public will happily wear a warmer coat inside in order to see better acts.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 861

Not Speaking

First name: **Judith**  
Last name: **Mellsop**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The library is much more than a place to borrow books. People socialise, get advice and support, keep warm, use the internet to name a few of the services provided.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** A pool is an asset in suburbs which lack other facilities and where transport to the Splash Centre may be difficult.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Just have 2 high quality baskets on each of the old fashioned lamp posts.

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** This library provides numerous social services in a suburb lacking community hubs.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** A hotel is definitely needed here and once the art gallery reopens there'll be even more demand.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 859

Not Speaking

First name: John  
Last name: Mellsop

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** If there is a group who want to keep it open, they should be tasked with fund raising to enable this instead of ratepayers funding it.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Limited numbers of hanging baskets

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1520

Not Speaking

First name: Sharon  
Last name: Mesic

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** If its going to cost 2 million in on going fees, would it not be cheaper to build a new pool? I think it is important to have the pool operational not only for the local schools but also for the surrounding area.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I personally don't like birds in cages so am a tad one eyed with this.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The gardens and hanging baskets are what makes Wanganui and are often commented on by passing traffic and tourists. I think the cost is minimal for keeping our city beautiful.

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Closing these drop off rubbish points would just increase the amount of illegal dumping of rubbish, goodness knows the points are filled up on a weekend by illegal dumping as it is.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Something else (state below)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Charge acts more money to use the Opera House, users pay.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Each Marae should be the responsibility of their local Iwi.

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 626

Not Speaking

First name: Alison  
Last name: Metcalfe

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** My preference would be to keep the status quo as I acknowledge the importance of Libraries in our society. However as we need to make savings somewhere I would accept Option 1. I endorse the reduced spend on Library resources and hope that in better times these facilities and resources may be reinstated.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** If we close the last remaining outdoor pool in Whanganui, I don't think that we will ever get one back again. It is also important that this facility remains in Whanganui East to service that community. Surely it must be a lesser cost to upgrade an existing pool rather than build a whole new complex. I realise that it is in need of an upgrade, but I am sure the community would be pleased to have a basic fit for purpose upgrade.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** it would be sad to lose one of our Heritage buildings, even though it has been altered from the original building. I wonder why the Council hasn't been maintaining this property that belongs to them, and the stabilisation of the bank which belongs to them. Surely the rental should have been put towards this over the years. Even if the theatre is demolished, the bank will still need to be stabilised. Perhaps search for a buyer could begin before any decisions are made and in the meantime the Council retain the bank as part of their responsibility.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I think the Aviary should be closed, mainly for the welfare of the birds.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** I think the look of our Mainstreet is in part what brings visitors to our City. The baskets may seem a small thing but I think they play a big part in the overall visual impression. The cost seems to be excessive especially as the retailers pay 50%. Could we look for cheaper options ie less baskets placed more strategically, or a cheaper provider.

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**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Presumably rural residents pay a fee for this service, as we in the urban areas. If not then I think they should be and it should be similar to what urban residents are paying.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** The Gonville Library is well utilised and is an important part of that community. A place of social gathering and connecting as well as a place of research and using Library resources.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** I feel that we could keep the grants the same for the present but revisit it over the ten year period with options to increase if Council is able to do so.

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** I can see the value of a Hotel and car park, but at this stage it seems totally unaffordable. I think we should be actively seeking an investor. Perhaps further down the track there could be a partnership between a Developer and Council.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:** patrons and staff. I think Option 3 creates that balance. At the same time I think we should be searching for any sponsorship, grants and opportunities and ideas for long-term fundraising.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:** Certainly after Cyclone Gabrielle we all learned the importance of Marae as shelters and food distribution centres etc. We need to support iwi when they offer help in difficult times but also when they play such an important part in our cultural eventsetc.

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** I am supportive of the Council continuing to urge Central Government to put monies back into local government eg allowing the Council to keep the GST on rates and themselves paying rates on government owned buildings to Council.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1041

Not Speaking

First name:

Karin

Last name:

Meulendijks

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Sell it to someone who is willing to carry on with the building being a theatre

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Ask a gold coin donation from visitors to help with running costs

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** As much as I do appreciate all the great work Marae provide for the community, but to keep funding 20 of them?

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 909

Not Speaking

First name: Graeme  
Last name: Meyers

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The proposed saving is trivial.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** It is proposed to investigate and presumably build a new pool. The proposed saving is therefore temporary. Before closing this facility the comparative costs need to be ascertained.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** This facility is part of the fabric of the City. There is no feasible alternative theatre. Fix the bank and give the building to the theatre Trust.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Again this is part of the City fabric There is no apparent need to undertake further work and the birds appear to be perfectly happy with their present situation.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** These baskets are one of the reasons why people enjoy coming to this City. For goodness sake! This is another trivial saving which cuts at the enjoyment of living here.

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Illegal dumping is a problem. If these points are closed it will only increase.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Again these gardens are part of the City scape.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:** These proposed savings are trivial in the scheme of things. The Council needs to address much larger items if significant savings are to be made.

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Steady progress is fine.

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** It is not the function of Council to become involved in commercial business activities. The successful operation of an hotel requires a dedicated operator who has the skills to deal with a complex industry and the associated problems. One of the reasons why there is a shortage of

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accommodation is the purchase of the Collegiate Inn by the Council to provide for the Flight School. The Document has no comment on this business which I guess has lost quite a sum to date. The solution is to sell it, and make this hotel available again.!

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** The actions taken to date by Council have upset all the volunteers who have been involved with the Opera House over many years. I'm sure you will have submissions from those who know a lot about the theatre.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is an essential public service.

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** There is no credible justification for this proposed further impediment to an essential highway. Pedestrian traffic is minimal. If there is some occasion the road is normally closed anyway.

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is**

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**Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** The Council runs business activities without any public accountability. I note there is no comment about the finances of the Flight School or Gasnet or the impact of these activities on ratepayers. Further Gasnet investment is forecast and who knows what is going on with the other? I hope these businesses are on the sale block.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** My overall impression is that the document focusses on smaller things. There is no mention of the impact on City finances caused by cost overruns at the Port project, the Art Gallery, and the Flight School. In my opinion there should be sunlight and transparency as to what has happened and what is proposed for the future with regard to these businesses. If the small savings which are proposed in this Document take place the baby will have been thrown out with the bath water as far as what is special about this city is concerned. Incidentally - the drag circle doesn't work.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 991

Not Speaking

First name: Charlene  
Last name: Meynell

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 827

Speaking

First name: Krystyna  
Last name: Michalska

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The hanging baskets have helped wanganui win the best small city award. Everyday thousands of shoppers use Victoria Avenue and gain pleasure from the environment created by the hanging flower baskets. When we travel the breadth of NZ, the wanganui hanging baskets are often commented on as being memorable.

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Wanganui glassworks are famous. Glass & wanganui go together. The danger of selling the works opens the possibility of a private buyer deciding to close the glassworks at a later stage.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Without this service the surrounding rural areas will decline their environmental impact.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Maybe not Monday as the Davis library may close on a Monday.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** HOWEVER, do not support cycleway to Mowhanua. The number of people who may potentially use this cycleway are outnumbered by the numbers who would benefit from safe footpaths in town. The cost benefit analysis of connecting Mowanua sewerage system is not affordable at this time. Impose levy on development of subdividers.

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** Water safety is important. we want people to enjoy the environment - safety.

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

**Submitter Comments:** A raised pavement yes, but not at the cost outlined. A painted pedestrian crossing in the first instance would give an indication the level of use.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

## Submitter Comments:

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### How would you strike the balance?

#### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

#### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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### Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** If services are providing a "good" service I don't want to see them out even if I don't use them. But if services are ineffectively used then they should be pruned as a tree would be. There is too much wastage in some areas. Our core infrastructure needs to be invested in but management needs to be smart.

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 151

Speaking

First name: **Maurice**  
Last name: **Mildenhall**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Drop off points for rural rubbish

**Don't know**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Strongly object to raised kerb across traffic lanes. Work could however include seal and kerb extensions on the road shoulders.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Please attend to 'similar trail' to link the existing foodpath on Montgomery Road to Mosston Road (cycle and footway). Please extend the Mosston Road cycleway from Buxton Road through to Castlecliff urban. The existing narrow roadway through this busy section of town is very dangerous to vulnerable road users. Huge trucks and trailers and other big vehicles regularly use this road. These 2 projects rank way above Rapanui Road.

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 190

Not Speaking

First name: **Brian**  
Last name: **Milham**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** this option would best suit those residents of the City-who because of work committments can not access the library during week days. Not forgetting school students who also are unable to access the library during week days.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** More sensible to close pool-do a feasibility study looking at an outdoor pool more central to the city centre where it can be accessed by residents of Aramoho-Gonville-Castlecliff as well. One would then see more patronage of such a facility.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** The site of this Theatre is badly placed and should be more accessable. Currently poor parking in area and too small in size (Capacity only 100). Another site in Central City would be more suitable and / or allow repertory to have use of Opera House at a reduced rental.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Closing the Aviary is the only logical solution- unless a contract could be made with Whanganui Cage Bird Club to maintain Aviary plus feeding & oversight of the health of the birds.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** In the early introduction stages these Hanging Baskets enhanced our cities Main Street and were supported by the Business Owners. but have deteriorated over the past years. Very sparse and not impressive.

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**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** This tourist attraction must be kept. Seeking a buyer or partnership to run facility is a must.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** this service must be kept for our rural communities. where else would they dump their rubbish.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Must be kept open under present hours. A much-needed Community Centre and well supported by locals & Castlecliff Community.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Must be retained - lots of visitors are seen looking at these Winter Gardens. A must to take visitors to city- always hearing of very positive comments.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** This increase in funding is very much needed. Providers are struggling to keep up with demand on their services.

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**Further comments on service cuts:** No

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is the most obvious option. The condition of many of our roads and footpaths are in very poor condition.

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### Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Yes- we urgently need more better and sizeable Accommodation in Whanganui. We often hear of Conferences/ Events either being cancelled or moved to another District, because of this. Alongside of this issue is the lack of direct transport in and out of our city.

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### Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:** Concerned that current stagehouse is a very unsafe area. to those working in there. Also concerned about the use of the current scaffolding - this also can be looked at as being a safety hazard.

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### Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:** Yes- very much needed support for Iwi and Hapu. These people give much needed help in the cases of Civic emergencies. A true asset to Civil Defence.

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### Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** Agree- New building is very much needed by WSLS. Also pleased to see that proposed new building will provide a multi-use Community facility for community activities. Current Duncan Pavilion is past its use by time.

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### Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

**Submitter Comments:** Yes- very much so needed for safety purposes for those moving from Pakaitore reserve to Riverside Walkway. This will slow traffic down

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### Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

**Submitter Comments:** Yes- very much needed. This road is very narrow and dangerous with the speed some drivers do with no respect for other road users.

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Yes- unused Land & Buildings must be sold off. it is essential that debt be reduced to offset future rates rises.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** No

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1661

Not Speaking

First name: Andrea  
Last name: Mill

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:** Spend more money on maintaining parks and reserves

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 691

Not Speaking

First name: **Stuart**  
Last name: **Miller**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** The library service is a vital one for the community and in more ways than simply as an issuer of books. Any cuts are to be regretted but given the financial circumstances, a one-day closure is the best option. The particular day for closing should be determined by data on daily usage.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** The pool has been a significant social asset and focal point for the Whanganui East community but times have changed since I was a boy learning to swim at the facility. We have a modern sports facility at Springvale.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is no longer fit for purpose - OK for Victorian/Edwardian sensibilities but not 21st century.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### New Zealand Glassworks

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:** Roadside tipping is a problem as it is without fostering it further.

**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## **Proposed Future Investments**

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 391

Not Speaking

First name: **Nina**  
Last name: **Miller**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I think from a whole community viewpoint it is important to have the Davis Library open each weekend, except for stat holidays.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is particularly hard to support as an outdoor pool is important in a community but I feel it could be developed at or near the Splash Centre - long-term.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I love theatre (I am a theatre goer) and our heritage buildings in Whanganui too but retaining this site is no longer feasible or in any way practical.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I voted against retaining the aviary last time round. It is an outdated concept, rather like circuses with large exotic animals. The aviary at Auckland Zoo should be the standard for aviaries in the modern day. No more money should be spent on it. The space cleared would provide room for the playground or picnic area to be extended.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** I feel strongly that the hanging baskets contribute to the aesthetic environment of Whanganui - visitors love them, and it enhances the wellbeing of all residents. Five dollars a year is great bang for our bucks! It may seem frivolous but flowers bring joy - cheaply, it would seem. Cut flowers are expensive and not everyone has flower gardens of their own to enjoy.

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**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I am reluctant to choose option 1. I do so only if this means NZ Glassworks continues here in Whanganui. We are known as a centre for the arts, but particularly glass making.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I grew up in the country and it is important that farmers have the ability to remove rubbish from farms. It is a matter of equity.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I live in the area and feel that it is important that a community library such as this (as opposed to the Davis library) is open each week day.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** The Winter Gardens do add to the Virginia Lake experience for visitors.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** There are more and more organisations doing a great deal in the community and making a great difference, with very little. Let them be identified and let us support them.

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Infrastructure should be a high priority. We do not want to be like Wellington with its ageing water pipes!

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** I am happy for a developer/an organisation to spend money on researching the need for such a hotel, and delivering one if there is a need to be met. It could be an asset to the city, but let others take the commercial risk.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:** I think it is fair for ratepayers to pay only half of what is required, as per the council's preferred option.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:** I think this is the only equitable - and ethical - option. I am NZ European and have no family connection with any marae but feel their role is such a significant one, especially with worsening climate change scenarios.

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** We are fortunate to have a hard core of individuals, young and old, in this service who give so much to our community. Our beaches are beautiful but dangerous. Their work is exemplary. I am happy to pay \$7 each year.

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** I acknowledge the significance of the site but I hope a compromise can be found which is cheaper.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** There are many higher priorities.

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

### Submitter Comments:

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** I find it difficult to change the settings above. I have deliberately kept both circles dead centre. My husband is retired. I will be in the next five years or so. Rates will be a major cost at that time. However, I recognise the importance of investment and maintaining infrastructure, as against spending as little as possible to keep rates as low as possible. Spending can only be deferred for so long e.g ageing water pipes. Thank you for making these submissions user friendly. I applaud the efforts you have made to encourage residents to have their say. The fb ads were great. Even so I am doing this on the last night!!! Thank you again.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1523

Not Speaking

First name: Tui  
Last name: Miller

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** This pool needs to be kept open. Splash Centre is not available to all people

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Repair the building and keep it

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is a huge attraction for residents and visitors. Also free admission must be kept

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** These make our town outstanding Must be retained

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Must be retained to stop rubbish bring dumped on roadsides, parks etc

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** WINZ Responsibility

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Council should NO WAY be involved in this

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Marae is Maori responsibility. They can use the money the Government have given them

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** NO

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 533

Not Speaking

First name: Cheryl  
Last name: Miller

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

**Submitter Comments:** I would prefer that money be spent keeping this open giving schools and those not able to access the Splash centre an alternative to learn basic swimming skills which may prevent drownings or similar

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** I would like to see it remain open as this is a place that has been visited by many of my family & others I know . just not sure what other options would assist this

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** Get feed back from businesses to see if they would be willing to pay an amount per year to retain these

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** As costs are getting out of control it would be great if all Councils could get on board and encourage Government to allocate more funding for this

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Don't know**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is a waste of money - there are other raised crossings near here and people are quite capable of crossing a road without this.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Rates are getting out of control for alot of people and focus needs to be on things that are necessary to maintain decent living not the nice to haves.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 921

Speaking

First name: Neil  
Last name: Mills

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** New outdoor pool to be investigated at Springvale Park

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Money saved from the closure to go to the Opera House refurb

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Management to go to public enthusiast group who fund themselves not funded by rate payers

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Better managed and investigate replacing annuals with perennials

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** sell outright no ratepayer funding

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** could not community ie stone soup fund and organise community library as aramoho and whanganui east libraries

**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** In these tough time tough decisions have to be made and charities must take their shave of cuts. Cut funding by 50%

**Further comments on service cuts:** incorporate Davis Library into Sargent Gallary retain some artwork. User pay Sell the port to QWest at commercial value Wanganui Council to retain Harbour Endowment Leases and returns to defray costs to ratepayers. Sell flight school Council should not be in business, should go back to essential services. Savings can be found by cutting bureaucracy by 1/3 eliminating doubling up and overlapping functions

**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** No, should not happen

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1274

Not Speaking

First name: Kevin  
Last name: Mills

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Just maintain what we have and spend less on studies and reports.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Examine the Council/Contractor model to make it more efficient. Contractor-led solutions are always going to cost more as it is in the Contractor's interest to extend work as much as possible. Also, costs for infrastructure projects seem exorbitant.

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Hotel building or management is not a core council activity - too much risk to ratepayers.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:****Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Marae development should not be a burden on ratepayers. Ratepayers (rural) in need of water tanks and generators are required to provide their own equipment, so should marae.

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:****Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Absolutely against this proposal and are appalled at the projected cost of this project. The cost of this proposal, \$830,000, is exorbitant and in my opinion, cannot be justified.

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Large expenditure for the benefit of a relative few.

**Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**How would you strike the balance?**

**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1562

Not Speaking

First name: Murray  
Last name: Milne

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

#### Submitter Comments: Just close

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Develop Castlecliff beach attractions

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 396

First name: John  
Last name: Milnes

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The building should be kept as much for it's heritage value (part of Whanganui's important stock of heritage buildings).

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Like our heritage buildings an important background to the feeling of an attractive city.

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

#### **Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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### **Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:** The Whanganui East pool was not one of the questions but I feel it is an important alternative to the splash centre and servicing an area that otherwise has difficulty in accessing swimming facilities. Having a local pool is also important for learning to swim. I'm sure that being outdoors is also attractive to many people. Hence my strong support to retain and upgrade this pool.

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Supporting documents

Yes

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 260

Not Speaking

First name:

Mark

Last name:

Minchington

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 713

Not Speaking

First name: Sharron  
Last name: Minett

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 904

Not Speaking

First name: Edward  
Last name: Minnell

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** A small amount of money to give people a place to go for little or no money

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** This pool is an icon of Whanganui, many people have used it and continue to use it.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Surely the building could sell for more than the cost of stabilization.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Again, council seems intent on closing all the things that regular people can access for free or little money.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** It's time the council sold this place. It's contribution to the average ratepayer would be small. Sad, but in these times a necessary thing.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** I am not rural so I have no opinion

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Why does it cost so much to run the winter gardens, maybe the council needs to open the running out to tender.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** I would love to say increase the community funding but right now I think council needs to maintain its current levels of spending there.

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**Further comments on service cuts:** Some of these services seem to cost more than they should. Maybe council needs to look at bringing some services back inhouse instead of relying on external contractors.

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Whanganui's infrastructure needs more investment, underinvestment over the years is causing all sorts of issues. It will only get worse by deferring things longer.

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Option 1 would easily become an expensive disaster with cost over runs pretty much guaranteed (just like the art gallery and so many more things). We cannot afford extravagant things that would only benefit a few right now.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

**Submitter Comments:** The council want to close down a few things that benefit so many while spending a lot on things that would benefit a few. This is becoming a worrying trend.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Why does the rebuild have to cost so much? The Duncan pavilion is right next door. Surely that is fine as a community center. Just rebuild the surf club.

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This seems like an extravagant use of money for little gain. Looking nice for a few people when so many are struggling would be a waste.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** As much as it would be nice the expense is extravagant right now. If 10 people a day were to use this path, every day for 10 years (And I bet it would be less) that would amount to the rate payer paying \$65 per ride.

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is**

and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** So long as there was quality consultation then yes, this would be a prudent idea

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** This long term plan is disappointing at minimum and trending towards concerning. It feels like council want to throw higher sums of money to benefit a few while cutting services to many.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1487

Not Speaking

First name: **Jess**  
Last name: **Mio**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The Davis library is a vital daily service - a hub meeting so many different needs for so many different groups. As a home educating parent, the Davis library is our most highly valued place: our home away from home. I strongly support targeting rates increases to those making the most profit from this region eg. the large corporations - rather than making cuts to services that will impact most strongly on our already underserved loved ones and fellow residents, including youth, disabled people, low income and unhoused people.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## **Proposed Future Investments**

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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### **Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

#### **Submitter Comments:**

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### **Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:** As a tauwiwi pākehā resident on exploited Māori land, I support this small but thoughtful contribution to mana whenua.

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### **Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

#### **Submitter Comments:**

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### **Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

#### **Submitter Comments:**

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### **Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

#### **Submitter Comments:**

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## **Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**How would you strike the balance?**

**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 153

Not Speaking

First name: **Kerry**  
Last name: **Mitchell**  
Organisation: **No**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** We have a central library

**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Entry charge at winter garden

**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

**Further comments on service cuts:****Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Demolish the opera house, sell the land for profit

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#### **Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Local councils should not be paying for marae upkeep

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#### **Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Demolish lifesaving building, build a new facility. Where is the 5-7 million going

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#### **Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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#### **Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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### **Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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### **How would you strike the balance?**

#### **Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### **Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## **Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:** I live on Cornfoot Street and I'm retired, every day I watch two large buses (tide) running up and down with without passengers. The maximum number of passengers would I've seen on these buses at one time would be about 8in total. Surely using 11 seater buses would save thousands over the year

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 164

Not Speaking

First name: **Glenda**  
Last name: **Mitchell**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I don't use the library

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Only Whanganui East residents will use this, why dont they go to the Splash Centre like everyone else has to

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:** Cancel the free bus on Aramoho to Castlecliff route, there is never anyone on it and seems a waste of resources.

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### **Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## **Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:** We can't afford our rates now as we are pensioners, even tossing up selling and moving to an area with cheaper rates.

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 288

Not Speaking

First name: **Heather**  
Last name: **Mitchell-Anyon**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Believe there are options to keep the aviary open with volunteer help at reduced costs

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1266

Not Speaking

First name: Lana  
Last name: Moase

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Volunteer run with one part time staff member.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Rural rubbish initiatives need to be improved not cut.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1170

Not Speaking

First name: Joshua  
Last name: Moke

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** A very important part of our community. Do not close it until you have built a new facility to replace it on the Eastside.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 492

Not Speaking

First name: Gary  
Last name: Moles

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I would prefer that the pool stayed open. However, there is the Splash centre for Learn to Swim classes / swimming and the beach for swimming.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Sad but there are other , suitable venues.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Birds don't belong in cages!

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:****Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Further comments on service cuts:****Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** There is a hotel straight across the road from the Council Chambers. There is no evidence to suggest that it is fully booked all year round. Therefore, there must be no demand. Also, Councils have no business to be running hotels or in partnership deals. The last things this city needs to get involved with is either a car park or a hotel. If these things were such a roaring success every city in New Zealand would already be involved. Other cities have sold their carparks off to private enterprise which proves the case. Re car parks, councillors need look no further than the current debacle in Tauranga where a failed car park investment cost the city \$20 million. There will be further ongoing legal

costs as the city tries to reclaim some of the lost money. So there is no need for a business case to be developed, no need to hire expensive consultants - they just give the council the answer they want - or no more business. And stay away from a hotel. If there was a real need, the place straight across the road would be a roaring success - and it isn't. If another hotel was thought to be a viable operation I'm sure private interests would have already invested. And to say that in the long run, there would be a financial return to the council is just dreaming. What of all the loan costs and running costs in the meantime. GIVE IT AWAY WITHOUT ANY FURTHER COST !

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** This funding should be greatly increased. If it is one thing that "disasters" have taught New Zealand it is that marae function as a safe haven for victims. They are set up to handle large crowds - feeding and sleeping. Far better to spend over \$800,000 for marae facilities than spend \$800,000 on an ego-massaging pedestrian crossing. The additional money for marae would have to be subject to auditing and spent on "disaster handling" facilities. This could be checked by the Army who also set up similar facilities during their exercises. Gabrielle proved that Councils are too hide-bound by their own regulations to really cope with disasters of that magnitude. Also, marae are well spread out through the district.

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is a ridiculous amount to spend on an ego-massaging item. If the Trust want a "gateway" let them go out into the community and raise the funds!

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** How can anyone possibly give an informed opinion on this item when there is nothing on the table as to what might be sold. Council must have some idea as they have mentioned a figure of \$16M

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Yes, I do have some final comments. First why is there no mention here of the Port project where funds are being washed away on the outgoing tide. Another \$19M means it is about time Council started asking serious questions about where the money is going. Is the current management model fit for purpose? How much extra is being added to cost because of cultural requirements? Is everyone involved vital to the project's success? Or are there too many cultural advisers? What is the final cost now projected to be? And when is the port projected to become fully operational? Another item. Another bottomless money pit. Why is there no question about ratepayers' thoughts on the ever-increasing cost of the Gallery project. Or is it becoming such an embarrassment (as the port may become) that it is like the well-known episode of Fawlty Towers "Don't mention the war!" This is a 10 year plan and therefore more items should have been listed for submission. To limit the

number prevents citizens from being fully informed. Okay, we may not read all the papers, I doubt that anyone has, but we should be properly consulted, including on the "embarrassing" items.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 643

Not Speaking

First name: Erin  
Last name: Montages

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1302

First name: **Micheal**  
Last name: **Mooney**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** How about selling Harbour board land leases

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Closing the pool will only make for a poorer community

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Struggle to see where the 10 dollars or so per house come from

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Only thing that lifens a dead looking town

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Charge a door charge

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Keep and put more effort into catching the culprits who litter

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Gold coin door charge

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Maintain current levy for couple of years

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**Further comments on service cuts:** Yes. Sell some Harbour board land to help fund the port.

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** We as a community are growing and so should the money to look after the infrastructure

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Council should consider the consequences when allowing the golden oaks to be brought by the holding company

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Great asset to not do anything

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** How about investing same money into salvation army, civil defense

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** Only fair to build as they save life's. Should be included in port development

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Defer

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

**Submitter Comments:** More sense to use raised path money here as it would have more beneficial use to the community

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Sell Harbour board land to support Port development and then reassess.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1064

Not Speaking

First name: Sam  
Last name: Moore

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** The aviary is depressing. There is plenty of bird life in the surrounding area and could be further supported by native bush regeneration.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

**Submitter Comments:** Selling assets is a slippery slope. As someone who has witnessed this first hand overseas I think it's a bad idea.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1378

Not Speaking

First name: Jenni  
Last name: Moore

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This has to be the biggest waist of rate payers money! Unbelievably expensive proposal that has every little benefit to the people of Whanganui. There are so many more areas around the city that need investment and upgrades, this is definitely not one of them.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 646

Speaking

First name: Ian  
Last name: Moore

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**How would you strike the balance?****Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Ref Corporate schedules-Corporate Investments Waitahinga Quarry- ref Year 2-a proposed investment of \$103 k I am a qualified geologist and forester. I managed Waitahinga Forest for over 40 years and know the property intimately. During that time I undertook a number of investigations into the shellrock resource. I worked with Ron Russell to set up the Joint Wanganui District Council's Forest project. I managed that from start to finish. We used thousands of cubic metres of shellrock from Waitahinga to develop all the roading on the properties purchased. We also supplied rock for various local works such as Kai Iwi beach stabilisation, road works etc. Previously the Waitotara County Council "scraped" various outcrops for local roads and the Rangitikei Wanganui Catchment Board took copious quantities of boulders for river protection works in the Rangitikei. Revenue from this was a pittance yet the quality was of the highest (& hardest) -as shown by the rock used previously on the moles from Kaiwhaiki - which I have also done investigations on and is exactly identical to Waitahinga. We recently experimented with a new technique to break rock to exact measurements which the inability to do such was previously used as an excuse as to why it wasn't of value. Contractors used on investigations will support the findings. I believe WDC is sitting on a "goldmine" at Waitahinga and in previous reports have stated its development is a "when", not an "if". My submission is that as a ratepayer, I am perturbed that WDC continues to "reinvent the wheel". There is no supporting detail as to how that \$103k is to be spent and I would have thought that if anything was to be done there, then at least they should have discussed it with me in order to highlight details (or the lack of) that may assist in its future development. Another project I was involved in was monitoring the South Spit for several years for Rowan McGregor of WDC's property department. I was also on The Wanganui Business Development Board's Port Project team which pursued development initiatives there. The LTP does not clarify for me the current state of progress with the South Mole refurbishment and the Port development but I do see huge synergies with the production of boulders from Waitahinga and the continuation of this project. I am happy to speak to my submission if so required. Ian Moore NB- The spelling of Wanganui/Whanganui is used as to what was appropriate at the time of reference.

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 239

Speaking

First name: Dave  
Last name: Moore

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

#### Submitter Comments: Relook at local suppliers or sponsors

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Rebuild the Metropolitan Hotel plus size. The Council builds a new hotel in the "Corinthian Style" but upsized. The current facade onto Taupo Quay and St Hill Street will need to be completely deconstructed and rebuilt, so removing the existing building and replacing with a larger 3 storey hotel looking very similar is possible and an underground carpark added also.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

**Submitter Comments:** Assuming no flood risk implications putting a sort of weire in times of flooding. May be a useful thing

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Ear mark funds from sales linked to necessary council land and asset purchases

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents	Yes
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# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 236

Speaking

First name: Dave  
Last name: Moore (joint submission building owners group)  
Organisation: 60-68 Taupo Quay Buidling Owners Group

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

Yes

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 227

Not Speaking

First name: **Margaret**  
Last name: **Moorhead**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** provides an excellent service for many youngsters who otherwise may be tempted to use the river, and is also the best recreational facility for eastern Wanganui

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I am opposed to the concept of animals/birds in captivity i.e zoos, circus/aviaries etc

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Definitely an appealing feature of our beautiful city

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** This facility has provided visual benefit, soothing and delight to generations of residents and visitors alike

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 582

Not Speaking

First name: Sue  
Last name: Moran

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** Open Saturday morning only to say 9am- 1pm and open Sunday afternoon only, say 1-5pm

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is assuming Wanganui Repertory Theatre has a satisfactory alternative to relocate to.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** Why is wages cost connected to aviary \$150k? Seems OTT compared to amount spent on keeping birds. Ask for volunteers to feed birds, clean aviary and whatever else needs doing. Do it for a trial period.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** quality shops only cover a small part of central business area. Owners could do themselves if want.

### New Zealand Glassworks

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Virginia Lake is a tourist attraction for people and the winter gardens a main feature of this.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** It's essential to keep up with maintenance (and do it right first time) and replacement of infrastructure

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is not council core business and it definitely should not be involved. . There have been plenty of examples of councils paying for buildings that then sit empty and/or can't sell end up costing rate payers.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is an important service that affects many

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Not raised crossing. Only this week a council is ripping up a raised crossing after complaints from residents. What is it with sudden keenness on raised things on the road? Why not an ordinary crossing with lights on road side to indicate a pedestrian crossing. ( I'm not talking about traffic lights)

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Want to know what these assets are first, their use and potential use. Once sold can never be regained.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 532

First name: Donna  
Last name: Morgan

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 141

Not Speaking

First name: Claudette  
Last name: Morgan

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** Reduce Mon hours by 4 1/2. operate 4 hours on Mon.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Plant trees to stabilise. Get people on PD to help.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Reduce wages. Have volunteers, sponsor a bird, have a donation box.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Have paid workshops to offset rates.

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Cut neighbours day, and pride funding. These are not needed to be funded by ratepayers.

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Turn collegiate motor in back into motor accommodation. Could the flight school students go to Wakefield chambers?

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:** Ratepayers should not be funding maraes. Maraes are hapu land. Ratepayers should not be upgrading their properties.

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:** A raised crossing is not needed. Do not remove weeping Willow monument.

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

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**Submitter Comments:** What assets? Can they be used in another way to generate income?

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Need to keep what wanganui has. Focus on core services.

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 446

Not Speaking

First name: **Matthew**  
Last name: **Morgan**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 735

Not Speaking

First name: **Belinda**  
Last name: **Morgan**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Let a private developer deliver this with rates rebate

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** They can fund their own through the community like every other community group

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** 5-7 million is over the top , a suitable building could be built for less than 1million, cut the consultancy and architect fees, get the community and a local draftsman behind it and bake it happen, we need children to be safe in the water

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** There needs to be a look at the actual core council running costs and Beauracy costs, council overheads are high, some departments are not customer centric and do not appear to understand the costs to business when they stall or delay through inaction, make the council lean and accountable

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1125

Not Speaking

First name:

Thalia

Last name:

Morgan-Rapana

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 30

First name: **Willy**  
Last name: **Morrell**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**How would you strike the balance?****Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

Yes

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 891

Not Speaking

First name: **Janice**  
Last name: **Morris**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Sunday only

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Invest in more life guards to increase opening hours at this pool to improve viability

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Invest in repairing the theatre as has been done to so many other Whanganui historic buildings.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Last year the council received a record number of submissions supporting keeping the aviary open and it's disappointing to see that the council is again trying to get rid of it, buried in this survey that not so many residents may bother to fill out. The aviary is part of the Virginia Lake complex and is enjoyed by many children

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** they enhance the shopping area and are enjoyed by many

### New Zealand Glassworks

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** There's some inequity in this situation. I agree that keeping the service will prevent illegal dumping but residents of Whanganui who can't afford to pay for commercial rubbish collection aren't able to request this service. An extra rate levy should be targeted to the people who live in these areas currently receiving this service

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** not something that I personally use but its part of the Virginia Lake complex

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and

**Something else (state below)**

carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Whanganui ratepayers already own a hotel - 'The Oaks' in Liverpool Street. Instead of using it as a hostel for flight students who could be housed elsewhere, e.g. the now closed Lady Joy Rest Home, the council could promote 'The Oaks' for tourists. I'm totally opposed to the Council building a new hotel as I believe this is something for private enterprise. The question I have though is if private developers have thus far shown no interest in building one here because it isn't seen as profitable, is it a risky venture for Whanganui rate payers? It is not clear to me whether the proposed hotel and car park would be together. With more information about a proposed car park I would consider supporting this

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** Like the Sargeant Gallery and the Velodrome, the Opera House is deserving of making it fit for purpose and an asset to the whole community.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Thank you for explaining the cultural significance but in its proposed form is far too expensive.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

**Submitter Comments:** Unless there is a published list of assets that the Council would consider selling I can't support this proposal. Any sales would need to be considered on a case-by-case basis to determine how valued they are by the community

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1502

Speaking

First name: **Gregory**  
Last name: **Morris**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The Davis Library is a fundamental and important social service, it provides a spectacular service 7 days a week. It will source books. It provides a place for people to go, read the newspaper, engage in social connection. to lose this amenity would be tragic. The preferred option of WDC to close this facility one day per week is ridiculous, and shows no understanding of the social service this facility provides.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** This facility is an absolutely "don't touch" reinvest. Whanganui East needs this sort of facility to create a family environment often unattainable by individual households.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Fully agree. This Theatre is well past its due by date. The shows, although sometimes entertaining, are often low end. There are other facilities that can fill the gap left when Repertory is gone and forgotten. Further let us not forget this building is not heritage, it has been poorly maintained and frankly, to fix it up is much like putting lipstick on a pig.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** This aviary is not a tourist mecca. It has been underfunded and neglected, but, as a Whanganui resident, I never take visitors to this place. There are better places.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Whanganui was the first, or amongst the first to embrace the beauty of the Hanging Basket. Once, these baskets were sponsored by the retailers. A better option today would be to ask the community to sponsor a basket or two. Or.. return to the bland main street. In my view, the hanging baskets are iconic and unique, emulated by many other cities.

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**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Previously, the Glassworks were in private control, it wasn't working out. This another iconic tourist drawcard, and furthermore, the glass blowing courses draw people from all parts of the country.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Yup, fly dropping is a clear alternative, even for our ecologically alert rural communities. The tidy up afterwards would cost more than maintaining the existing service.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Absolutely. Refer to my comments in the first question.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Beautiful and tranquil sanctuary.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** That is a 10% increase on existing funding. However, current levels are inadequate, so this is just catch up.

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**Further comments on service cuts:** Well, nowhere in this 10 year plan is there a mention of what the International Pilot Academy. I would like to know how much this initiative is costing. It not only involves the costs of running aero planes, but also the investment in accommodation facilities, costs and capital which I believe the people of Whanganui deserve to know. There is not a more public enterprise than one that is owned by the people, 48,000 of them. this whole thing is shrouded in mystery. Public companies are obliged to report operating results and funding (Balance Sheets et al). If it were a raging success, I am certain WDC would be shouting from the rooftops, but they are not, why not. We the people of Whanganui are entitled to know. Shame there is no mention nor disclosure. Before the people can consent to this plan, there needs to be transparency...sadly lacking at this time, and historically, results being hidden, with explanation that I cannot fathom...oh that is a subsidiary of a subsidiary of a CCO. Simply not good enough for me and 47,999 other ratepayers.

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## Proposed Future Investments

### Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Common sense says exactly that, otherwise we will be in the same muddle as other districts...including some very large cities that pretended it was ok, until it wasn't .

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### Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** WDC has no business in developing and owning an HOTEL. Parking is another thing altogether. Why link them? I am very suspicious of what is behind this. I know that several Hotel operators have been approached by various parties, some connected with the WDC hierarchy, and they have all declined. WHY? I suspect, because they know more about the hotel and hospitality business than any person on or in the WDC. There is no money in it, even long term. This will be a complete white elephant and I vehemently oppose any investment in a commercial enterprise of this nature. Furthermore, whilst I understand WDC is proposing to go through a cost benefit study, the numbers already do not stack up. The expected costs per ratepayer annual go nowhere near servicing the debt interest alone. For \$55million, you will not get a world class hotel, so the cost to ratepayers will also be hugely increased, simply by cost blowout. this particular proposal is poorly thought through, so much so, that I cannot think that it has been properly analysed. Great idea, but insulting to the people that will eventually pay the price. Back to the drawing board I think..or consign it to file 13 (Trash can).

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### Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:** Opera house is a true gem. The only Royal Opera House in New Zealand I think, thanks to Prince Edward. Go FOR IT.

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### Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:** Nothing to say

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### Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** Nothing to say

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** It works as it is. Why fix it if it ain't broken. Defer this one.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This should be deferred for another decade or so.

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

**Submitter Comments:** What an impossible proposition. Which assets, how much, to whom, when????? Once again, I strongly oppose giving WDC Carte Blanche. Wait until you, WDC can provide more "meat on the bone" before even making such a preposterous proposition.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?

*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?

*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being*

*to increase investment in our core infrastructure  
and long-term projects to future-proof  
Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Yes I do! Most certainly. The Council have plenty of daylight in their borrowing limits. Long term infrastructure developments must be funded today by long term debt. WDC has failed to clearly indicate WHERE the increased costs have actually come from year on year. Before some of the bizarre proposals, it seems rates would increase by almost 20% year on year. In an environment of low inflation, and low salary/wage increases (circa 3%) this reeks of featherbedding. If it's because of infrastructure, just use the funding available for long term investments. I have been involved with Councils before as a Councilor, and have discovered that without digging hard at what is underneath the numbers, the ratepayer has no option but to pay. Furthermore, the impact of such an horrendous rates hike will truly impact people who least need to be impacted. Rates increases will gush down upon people who rent, first home owners, those who are already on the, or below the poverty line. Now is not the time to engage in vainglory projects, now is the time to show the people whom you serve that you understand their predicament. I firmly believe WDC needs to start again, drop the big ideas, and realise people are truly in a bad situation.

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Supporting documents

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# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 435

Not Speaking

First name: Julie  
Last name: Morton

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Seek fundraising / community Funding / art benefactor's etc not from ratepayers

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#### **Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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#### **Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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#### **Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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#### **Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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### **Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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### **How would you strike the balance?**

#### **Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 950

Not Speaking

First name: Clare  
Last name: Morton

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1024

First name: mark  
Last name: morton  
Organisation: Whanganui Rep Theatre

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** We would like to acquire the building, and enter into negotiations.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** there is no appetite for a hotel, if there was a private operator would be developing already

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 432

Not Speaking

First name: sade  
Last name: motu

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 736

Not Speaking

First name: **Shandi**  
Last name: **Muir**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Drop off points for rural rubbish

**Don't know**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 399

First name: Pam  
Last name: Muller

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** The library is one of my (& my three children's) favourite places to be!

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** I would hate for the pool to be closed and for nothing to be opened in the future. The splash centre is already small so have a plan for what else to open prior to closing the Whagnau east pool. Or start changing more to swim at both this pool and at th splash centre.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Can a different space be found for the theatre that is already in existence? There are many vacant building so perhaps a new location can be modified and used as the rep theatre plus something else (clubs, etc).

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:** Sell but ensure that there are certain policies and services that must be continued.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** I believe that the David library is busier and if we propose to close it for a day to save money, we should close Gonville as well.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Roads, footpaths, traffic calming and signage are a priority.

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Would the profits go back to the rate payers at any point if council built the hotel? Better to allow a private company in.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House****Don't know**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** I love the value the opera house so want to invest in it. Perhaps closing down the repertory theatre and introducing some of those funds could merge the two together. The theatre could perform in the opera house and it could have upgrades

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**Marae Development****Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service****Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing****Don't know**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail****Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

## Submitter Comments:

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### How would you strike the balance?

#### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

#### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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### Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Please consider: 1. Diverting highway 3 around town and out of neighbourhoods (esp Great North Road) 2. Installing traffic calming measures on Great North Road near Four Square and Virginia Lake Upgrade road and safety barrier on Virginia Road going down hill to Halswell, neat Peat Park. It's very dangerous and narrow and the wooden safety rails do not instill much confidence.

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1059

Not Speaking

First name: Donna  
Last name: Mummery

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** The library is a great asset to Whanganui. By closing a week day we would not have to cut service on the weekend when families visit.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** I just don't know what the use is at Whanganui East pool but don't think it would be worth closing it and building another outdoor pool in an area that would need it more.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** I think we should try to sell the building.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The aviary is a delight for visitors and residents alike.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** The baskets are lovely and add to the downtown appearance but as other parts of town are being refurbished it is alright to drop the baskets.

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Yes, do keep it but try to find private ownership.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** rural people need the drop off service.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Gonville Library is well used by its community.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** An asset to the city.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** volunteer groups add a great deal to the area and the WDC should help groups out financially that are improving the quality of life.

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**Further comments on service cuts:** No, thank you for the opportunity to participate in the decisions.

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** We do have to prepare for these costs.

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** If we take the plunge and have the WDC finance the building of the hotel, we could get caught by climate change when people are not able to travel to Whanganui so often because of severe weather events.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:** The Opera House is well used and needs to be kept in good order.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:** We need these strong community centres that support the iwi.

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** Safe swimming is an asset to the region.

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

**Submitter Comments:** I don't know how much use this would get but if it makes a historical area more protected that is a good result.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** I don't know how much it would be used.

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

**Submitter Comments:** These assets bring in income. I don't think they should be sold.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** I could not get the circle to move on the two lines. But I do think the balance should be increased in long term investments in order to prepare for climate change.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 451

Not Speaking

First name: **Chelsea**  
Last name: **Murphy**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Herb gardens , succulents using perennial flowers

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 515

Speaking

First name: **Bruce John**  
Last name: **Murphy**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Option 2 even if you teach one child to swim and it saves their life the cost has been minimal not everyone can get to the splash pen - no car and cost

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** We can't close everything down we need some things for people who don't want to do arty thing to do

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** My sister one of many who often comes to wanganui from Wellington and is a florist always says how beautiful they are they take the blandness off the Main Street

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Must keep the drop off points in the rural areas - but must be kept tidy

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:** The Whanganui East pool must stay open we need somewhere for the schools and people to go to learn to swim in that area children especially

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Don't know**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## **Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** People on lower incomes are able to get rates relief to help pay for rates as they increase.

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 871

Not Speaking

First name: **Amanda**  
Last name: **Murray**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Get volunteers to run it save a salary

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Remove half keep half

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

**Submitter Comments:** And get them to apply for grants for updates

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Use access to grants for iwi based entities to upgrade

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Can't see how it costs that much

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Put in a painted crossing much cheaper

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Potentially sell some but not that much, seems odd to want to sell current assets off to then build hotel (another asset) that may not even be full often and no guarantee of return on investments

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## How would you strike the balance?

## Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

## Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Reduce some councillor/mayor etc wages Review where there are double handlings etc within council to reduce wages

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1104

First name: M  
Last name: N

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Don't know

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 706

Not Speaking

First name: B  
Last name: N

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** it is the hub of Drews Ave.. if its bleeding a new owner will eventually close it down. its part of our attraction so it has to stay

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 439

Not Speaking

First name: Russell  
Last name: Neal

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 357

Not Speaking

First name: Julie  
Last name: Nabaala

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** can the land be used for something else that will grow the economy of whanganui? Or a business the council runs, to make money to offset costs of running whanganui, or sold and money returned to council, although holding land is always a good thing - just pondering out loud here..... Could there be better uses of the land (even if theatre is demolished), that could create income for the council?

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I went to the aviary, and it is too small and did not look attractive to watch in general or for the birds in there. Better to let the birds go to a better home.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Could businesses choose to keep the baskets if they wish and be given the tools to look after their own baskets each year. No salaries to pay, perhaps council provides nutrients and tools, and training, but if I was a business in main street, I'd be happy to look after and pay the small fee to make the street look nice and the front of my business. - perhaps it could be optional, because not all shop owners want to do this. Another thought - could people adopt some baskets - ie I mean by

donating a set sum per year to contribute towards baskets - either have their names put on them (naming rights), branding, or adopt 1 basket (like child sponsorship, except flower basket sponsorship, and they don't have to write letters to you, or you to them. If there's a way to keep them by thinking outside the square, I'd love to see them stay in some form.

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#### **New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Think outside the square, if it is interesting to visitors, then come up with a way to have it pay it's own way. If it was a business, it would have to turn over a profit. - maybe more outside the box ideas could be evolved over the next year, on ways to have it pay for itself. Where there's a will there's always a way. Perhaps the buyer is the answer, I don't know enough to speak whether a buyer would work or not.

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#### **Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### **Submitter Comments:**

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#### **Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Gonville library is a vibrant hub within the gonville community, and further afield in Whanganui. It provides a real community service, way above and beyond that of a library. I travel there weekly from Otamatea for the great hub and its activities. I see, so do many others. I think, if you could replicate what Gonville does in other libraries in Wanganui it would be amazing!

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#### **Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** This has been an icon of Whanganui for too many decades to let this one drop without a real battle. It provides much pleasure and enjoyment in all weathers to both young, old and visitors. It really does add to Virginia Lake and Whanganui. Nice to keep if can.

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#### **Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Community services are crucial to the wellbeing of all levels of people in a community. Perhaps there could be a way to find out if the funding is being effective where it is given. Setting some way to measure, that the money given, does what it says it will. May I recommend Alzheimers - i don't know if they qualify, but they do a lot of good in the community and i'm sure there are many other good organisations that do need some small assistance from our rates each year.

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**Further comments on service cuts:** Yes, set up a system to check all community grants (even if it costs), to ensure funds are not squandered by recipients - whether they have to report, be audited in some form

- in a friendly way of course. I don't know but asks who pays for the resident artist in the little house? After reading the artist's writeup in the paper recently, I hope rates are not paying for someone to live in this house to do nothing much!, other than have a holiday on rates payers money (if they are paid for by council).

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## Proposed Future Investments

### Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

### Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** Can you delay for 1 year, or 6 months so only use a half year's budget? I question the doing up of Halswell street which I saw recently, and the road didn't even look like it needed it, and there were much worse roads around. Could these things be assessed before doing, and if still in good repair move to ones that have worn out quicker? Could a check be made on whether automated upgrades and repairs are necessary before starting work? If not, then I'll go with option A

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### Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

### Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

**Submitter Comments:** Or perhaps Council works with another player or players to share the costs and the risks. As the Prime Minister said, other towns around Whanganui could also benefit, if it was thought through perhaps? Good to work another business, but to ensure the people running it know how to attract business, and that it does not detract from the existing hotels and motels already operating. Good if Council starts making money from rates by investing in ventures, and over time that profit is then put back into the city's funds. This sounds like good common sense to me..... Who said councils can't do profitable business trading. IF Parliament can sell wine at a profit, the council here can do business

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### Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** I see the opera house is used a lot, and keeping it would be a good statement to Whanganui and further afield. Could a levy be considered on all tickets sold through the theatre (kind of like a road levy), to help lessen the burden on rates. All tickets cost another \$2 and it becomes automatic. It would be painless, not noticed - if the ticket was to be \$35 and it was advertised at \$37, well I wouldn't even realise \$2 was going back to the council as a levy - could even be tiered, eg \$2 for tickets under \$50 \$3 for tickets up to \$100 and \$5 for tickets over \$100 etc - hope this idea is helpful

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### Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

### Don't know

**Submitter Comments:** Don't have enough knowledge to comment

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** I said yes to option 1, but is \$1 million enough for them to do something with? If not, then nothing might be better. Or can they raise the other few millions themselves? I do think its a good thing to have a life surfsaving at the beach. Can some of the money given be used to raise further awareness of WSLS's needs so that the public can get behind them with manpower, donations, skillsets etc???

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

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**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** If we are talking of nice to have and must haves, at first glance this looks like a "nice to have" item to me. I could easily say let this wait until there are more funds in the kitty.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Another nice to have - but maybe not a must have. If they have got by this long, then education and self responsibility must surely come into play. Would be interested to know how many families, people would be affected by this spend?

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## Asset Sales

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**Submitter Comments:** Can a portion only of assets be sold off? Not all? Obviously to buy back assets will cost more in the future, however if they are costing money for upkeep but not being used then could they be leased out, or as mentioned sold off. And if you sell them off, can you keep some of the money to start a business that makes money for the council - imagine if the council could see itself as the biggest business in Wanganui (with lots of various interests) and therefore all rates were paid by the profitability of the council's business ventures - now there's a pipedream worth considering - we'd be the first city in New Zealand to be fully funded by the city council itself and its profitable business ventures. Obviously businesses would have managers employed to oversee, because Council's job is being and doing council!

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Yes, You're all doing a tremendous job. Making yourself available, talking with everyone, encouraging us to participate - and no moaning or whinging, but being involved. Keep going and keep on doing the good commonsense job you are doing. It is nice to see Whanganui having such a dedicated team to lead and serve the city, and such a competent team. Well done and Thank You!

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 720

Not Speaking

First name: **Stacey**  
Last name: **Nelson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
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**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1160

Not Speaking

First name: Trinity  
Last name: Nevil

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

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Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

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#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

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Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, **3**  
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close more services to get the rates lower and 5  
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higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the  
lowest possible investment in our core  
infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being  
to increase investment in our core infrastructure  
and long-term projects to future-proof  
Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1456

Not Speaking

First name: Lynette  
Last name: Newby

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** It is very reasonable for any service to close at weekend

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Makes no sense to me to close a facility, then propose a new expensive one. Upgrade to current pool

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Option 2 or 1 - why can't the opera house be used

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Ask for a koha at the entrance ( an iron maiden).

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Clean and empty bins is enough

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** If they aren't kept open, rubbish dumping will happen which is awful for the environment. Also rural residents have rights too.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** A pint of difference for Whanganui tourism as is the aviary

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:** Stupid for council to get in to such a business

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

**Submitter Comments:** It is old, iconic and works. It is the acoustics that is important

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#### **Marae Development**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:** We all benefit from surf lifesaving as do the many young people going through their training

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**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** A totally insane price for a fancy bit of roading, if slowing traffic nail bumps into the road

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#### **Rapanui Road Trail**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## **Asset Sales**

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**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** All or nothing is not the best option, return to consultation with actual factual proposals

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
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On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** The last two slide questions are impossible to answer as they combine core, projects ( what projects), and any kind of services.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 211

Speaking

First name: James  
Last name: Newell  
Organisation: Wanganui Surf Lifeguard Service

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

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#### Submitter Comments:

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#### Submitter Comments:

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

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**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 445

First name: **Matthew**  
Last name: **Newell**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Work with the Wanganui Surf Lifeguard Service for managing the pool

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Don't know

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** More funding should be contributed - at least \$2million Funding needs to be brought up to 2025, this will give support and security to the WSLS to gain external funding and kickstart the project

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 830

Not Speaking

First name: Carol  
Last name: Newport

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Further comments on service cuts:****Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:****Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1372

Not Speaking

First name: Esther  
Last name: Newrick

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Further comments on service cuts:** All of the items listed here do not add up to a 10.6% increase - The lack of transparency on how you propose to spend our money and your targeting of the arts is pretty poor.

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:** Great cut library services and build a hotel!

**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1494

Not Speaking

First name: K  
Last name: Newton  
Organisation: No

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:** Do not support the hotel proposal. Do not support the expensive Taupo Quay road crossing.

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 64

Not Speaking

First name: **Sam**  
Last name: **Newton**  
Organisation: **New Zealand Recreation Association - Recreation**

Aotearoa

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Asset Sales**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**How would you strike the balance?****Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

Yes

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 67

Not Speaking

First name: Colleen  
Last name: Newton

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** I have no faith in you having a feasibility study after you have closed the pool. So have it open till you do

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** You keep things that bring joy and all your public gardens are beautiful. As is the Rose gardens and surrounds at Aramoho

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** I've visited often and admire greatly and I can see why things cost, but generally only buy as a combined family donating to buy a gift. so it's possible to have a few lovely but cheaper items (I can feel the gasp of displeasure from here).

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## **Proposed Future Investments**

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Seems to me most people have trouble getting to seats as it is so steep, so if our population is getting elderly perhaps the whole interior needs to be looked at.

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#### **Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Isn't

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#### **Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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#### **Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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#### **Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## **Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 274

First name: **Ellarose**  
Last name: **Ngapera-Easton**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** the whanganui east pool should stay open because it's a deeper pool, and because it's where we do our school water safety lessons. i also want it to stay open because it's the only pool that has a diving board, it has a hydro slide as well.i like the water slide there so do not shut it . it's our commuity pool. i like it alot because it's an outdoor pool not inside and if it's hot you can go and get cooled down.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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## **Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1217

Not Speaking

First name: Krystal  
Last name: Ngaronga  
Organisation: Wanganui East school

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 81

Not Speaking

First name: Kirk  
Last name: Nicholls

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** we have a responsibility to look after sick and injured birds as human habitats encroach into their areas. A society is judged by how it treats its most vulnerable

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:****Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Further comments on service cuts:****Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:****Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:** No pain no gain

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 898

Not Speaking

First name: **Hilarie**  
Last name: **Nicoll**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 797

Not Speaking

First name: Lis  
Last name: Nielsen

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The library has already provided some relief due to the cut to the purchase of new books. It's such a great resource and community hub and the amount saved per household by year is minute

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** I don't personally use the pool but it's such a great facility supplementing the (indoor) Splash Centre in the summer months - including when Splash is closed for whatever reason. All very well doing a feasibility study for new facilities but seems highly unlikely that actually building new facilities would be more economical - if that actually ever happened. More likely to stall and leave Whanganui with no outdoor facility

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The hanging baskets are such an integral part of the look and character of this town, can't believe you are suggesting removal! They feature in so many publicity photos and our out-of-town visitors always comment on them. Please keep them!

**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Completely agree with your reasoning here

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** If there truly is a real need for more accommodation in Whanganui and it's such a good investment, then you shouldn't have an issue finding a hotel chain willing to do it. Council has no business getting involved in something like this. Adding \$30 to rates to get into a commercial enterprise which may or may not work out, but closing a community facility (the library) for a day a week to save \$2.30 makes no sense to me,

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** Happy to support this great cause through our rates - as we also do through donations

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** I don't object to a crossing here, but I don't understand why the cost is this high and don't support spending this kind of money on it. I also suspect that the heavy traffic issue will be a major stumbling block at least until the Dublin Street bridge is replaced - whenever that may be.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Great idea. I have once tried cycling out to the Bason reserve - not doing that again!

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with**

and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I support investigation into potential sales of assets that are not core council/community assets, subject to the further consultation on specific assets as mentioned. I find it interesting that sales of assets are proposed, in the same plan as a hotel development is proposed. Surely a hotel is a prime example of an asset the council doesn't need to own?

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Couldn't click/drag the circles on the last 2 questions for some reason but general comment is I think the council should invest as needed over time to look after key infrastructure and services so we don't have to do a massive catch up in future.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 770

Not Speaking

First name: Jorgen  
Last name: Nielsen

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Personally, I would not be offended that the Library would be closed 2 days a week. The Library now offers so many online services and offers, as well as "downsize" to old fashioned 5 days a week, should be quite understandable and acceptable, - especially now where we all have to save.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Support option 1, supporting making good decisions in an objective way, with up-to-date and correct information.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** There are several other options for amateur Theater performance in Whanganui. However, this issue needs to be recognised as a very emotional decision making subject. Perhaps the current active Repertory Theater group could be offered an alternative home or support during the "transfer / demolition" phase.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** This will be an annual ongoing affair or issue if not solved now. Only option would be if a local aviary club or organisation would like to step in and support or manage this facility...?

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is a "World famous" feature of Whanganui within NZ... and benefit both local and national visitors, and help raise standards and well-beings in a way which cannot be measured or calculated...

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**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Council needs to step out (stop operating) of "artistic business adventures" like this...

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Yes, our rural communities are getting very little for their "rates" - this is one service they should keep getting.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** I still support a two day closure. It must be a manner and way to educate people that Council and Public "free" services has a 5 day opening calendar, with hours to suit most working people and families...

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is a great active for the town and community, for local and national and international visitors...

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Keeping the community funding as previous years should be possible.... We all know funding and resources are tight, and ""we all have to tighten our belt"....

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**Further comments on service cuts:** no

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Yes please, we all need to invest in the future

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** It is not "Council's business" to build and operate a "private" business. Usually this kind of business will lose money first 5 - 10 years. This should NOT be rate payer funded.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:** Fully support this. The Opera House is a great asset for the town and region, and should continue to be fully functional and thereby maintained and kept up to a professional standard.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is a tricky and emotionally loaded question and issue. Does Council provide and offer the same moral and financial support to all "meeting houses"? Churches...? Organisations? There should be a Council Community & Meeting House Funding Policy..

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** WSLS rescues and supports all, if any is in "dire straits" or need of support & rescue....

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

**Submitter Comments:** This will benefit all and sundry, while also supporting our heritage and cultural past.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

**Submitter Comments:** This will be a future and on-going benefit for the entire community, both private people and business alike, as well as for many sport organisations.

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is a very difficult subject and matter. Council should only own relevant assets for Council's primary business and care. No doubt some could be sold; like the Glassworks, Flight School, and if any other similar "business activities" which ought to be privately owned and operated.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** This is likely the start of a long time of difficult time for all, hence a high degree of prudent financial management skills and activities will be very important. This plan shows a lot of that and would have been quite difficult to make for both the elected Council and staff involved.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 27

Not Speaking

First name: Elizabeth  
Last name: Nimmo

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** A vital asset for Whanganui. Brings glass artists into Whanganui to use facilities. Also a tourist attraction.

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** What are these assets?

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### **Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## **Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:** No response to above. What are the specific services you refer to? What are the specific investments?

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 59

Not Speaking

First name: Suzanne  
Last name: Nimmo

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Splash Centre not an option always for families. It's vital all children learn to swim.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** We must have another option of a venue for Repertory before building sold

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Residents and visitors use and enjoy the aviary

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** People worldwide comment on these flowers and the beauty they bring.

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Being the only glass blowing facility in lower north island it is important to retain. It brings many artists into Whanganui; our local artists need this. Plus, visitor attraction.

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:****Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Close one day a week. Not same day as Davis Library.

**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Another visitor attraction.

**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

**Further comments on service cuts:** If the cuts happen to all the attractions what are we left with?!!!

**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Foot paths and slumped roads where it is visible damage to pipes. Gonville especially eg. Cambridge St, Kings Ave etc. Especially Koromiko Rd outside St Peters church!!!

**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Or option 3 - do nothing. Why, after closing motels and existing car parks down!!

**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:** Another attraction suffering!! Invest in our assets!

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#### **Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Do you invest in our own properties!!

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#### **Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** Vital service for us all.

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#### **Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Absolutely NO!!

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#### **Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Absolutely NO!!

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### **Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

**Submitter Comments:** What are the assets you are thinking of selling.

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### **How would you strike the balance?**

#### **Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:** Be specific in your words. What assets. What investments.

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 601

Not Speaking

First name: **Bindi**  
Last name: **Nimmo**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** It is essential our young tamariki learn to swim. Especially with our home being on the river and seaside. For schools and kids living in Whanganui East it is important.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This facility is at the beating heart of Whanganui, it draws interest from all over the country for public and glass artists.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1065

Not Speaking

First name: Greg  
Last name: Nixon

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Personally not used the library since I was 8 and seems a waste of money in this digital world.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** The savings and feasibility study will end up costing more long term if we have to build something new. We have to many drownings in NZ and its not easy to get into swimming classes at the splash centre.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I don't understand why it costs so much to run.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Each business should have the option to pay for them. The upgrade is not done and they look terrible currently. The avenue in general up keep is shocking compared to 30 years ago.

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Seeking a buy or finding a way to get more revenue to self fund makes sense.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Agree it is required however could this be more user funded to reduce the burden on others. How many people from town are using these as dumping grounds..

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Make giving donation well sign posted clear

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:** Trees and planting cuts are short sighted. In the past 30 years Whanganui has lots a lot of clean green beauty. Keeping gardens looking nice is good for tourism. Tall trees are dangerous, they can be bad in terms of blocking sun which can be bad for mental health, can cause root damage to pipes and fences and can damage places in disasters. Trees are important but they require maintenance or should be removed.

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Spend now as it will cost more later. I hope this includes Dublin Bridge

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** You need to start with a decent airport and build up to something like this. Council are not property developers.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** Its a great build ping and we need it. I don't understand the option's enough to make the decision. Faster is generally better.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:** We need options to cope with floods and other disasters

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which

**Something else (state below)**

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Name the assets. You can't decide without that information. I am open to selling things that do not add value to the community or cost more than they are worth.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1141

First name: Aleishia  
Last name: Norton

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Something else (state below)

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Add it to rural property rates- make it their tax, not ours. we don't get free rubbish! surely there is some sort of category between rural/residential, so if the property is rural you add on XYZ costs - including rubbish.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** There are shortages of accommodation as so many places now are used for emergency funding - housing needs to be sorted from a national level

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:** are the iwi putting in here?

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

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**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 10

Not Speaking

First name: **Wade**  
Last name: **Not disclosed**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Good option as Monday's often stat holiday (save money there) (10 or 11 stat's) I don't employee staff on a Monday for that reason. Take note I'm a small business, but it's all in proportion of staff ratio to size of business

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Don't spend any money on feasibility study - use that money to upgrade Whanganui East Pool. Think of our Tamariki.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Ask for volunteers to help upgrade & run it.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Instead of outsourcing it how about putting it out for tender & you very well may get a "local" identity pick it up have you approached any local nursery or the prison they run a nursery! As a business owner clients they are a "deal breaker"

### New Zealand Glassworks

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Close it on a Monday:- avoid paying staff Stat holiday paye, make sense save money there already if that was done

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Get volunteers to help

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** It's very sad to see the youth council go, they are the future of our community.

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Put money into infrastructure instead of a “hotel” you are not business owners you are council voted in by us the ratepayers.

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Leave this “idea” to private enterprisrs, if it was feasible someone “smart” would of pick it up and run with it. are the counsellors of today going to be liable for the debt when it crashes!!! you want to sell assets to clear debt but have an idea that a “Hotel & Carpark” for \$36million plus (plus plus) will save us. Leave it alone it's not for council

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** There has to be a cheaper option - something needs to be done but not for \$800,000.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Who will do the feasibility study “local” or out of town & who will decide what they get paid to do if then like other projects it doesn't go ahead because a “mistake” was made.

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

**Something else (state below)**

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** some assets need to be sold but which ones!!! I find it interesting how council want to sell “16 Million” worth of assets & on the other hand think they can out-lay “36 (plus) million” on a hotel. There is something very wrong with this concept.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** The hotel idea needs to be left to private enterprise, hanging baskets must stay no “brainer” beauties our city. Whanganui east pool also must stay our Tamariki need it. bird aviary must stay another joy for our Tamariki.

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 41

Speaking

First name: Jango  
Last name: not given

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Why is it costing more to close for a day on the weekend?

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Lack of maintenance is why Council finds itself in this position. Stop with these feasibility studies, get on and look after Whanganui East public and other who enjoy being out in the fresh air. I might ask what is teh Spalsh Centre costing us rate payers. In Mayor Michael Laws time it was \$65 per rate payer

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** A number of years ago I believe Daryle Greeks and others used to rear baby swans (cynets) and sell them which off set operational costs of the aviary. However m understanding was this was stopped. Maybe this could be revisited. I suppose this \$190,000 also includes a manager for aviary?

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:** The current budget for this service of 230,000 on the face of it looks a bit high. My thoughts are, keep what we have already budgeted for and stop adding to this which is quite apparent that we cant afford-like 6M on Kowhai park.

**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:** At very least leave funding as it is- no increase

**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments**

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Who ever wants this idea needs to take a business acumen course-there is absolutely no viability in Council taking this on-only 'liability'! Stick to core work, running the town services. Example of Council run project Art Gallery \$14M over & flight school- thats going great isnt it. Council also closed a great Hotel didnt they

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### **Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

#### **Submitter Comments:**

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### **Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** I am sure they can get funding from government sources or from their iwi teaty claims- times are tough Marae have benefitted from the Better off funding but council provides no figures or who else has benefitted. Council need to tighten its belt.

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### **Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

#### **Submitter Comments:**

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### **Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Cost is upward of \$830,000 for a judder bar across a high volume road and an over dimension road therefore inappropriate-leave it as it is. Road is close on times it gets used. Council has not been upfront with an accurate assesment of full cost of job either. Please leave the way it is.

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### **Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Council needs to get its act together and approach LTSA and get funding for 100% of the cost. Council seems to be able to get funding for all the judder bars around the town. Where is your costs for maintenance, as "after all youre only laying shell rock'. Times are tough Councillors.

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## **Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Re: Wanganui and Partners/Innovation Quarter- Council missed a brilliant opportunity to save 2.6M but lacked the mettle to follow through. This has added 139:70 to this years rates. Thats the approximate increase for my new recycling service too. Theres 5% saving with two items.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Council needs to stick to its budget for year and stop setting the rate increase with line by line savings then borrowing through out the year. Eg Dec 2023, Jan 2024 \$30M was it. Question- why am I paying a debt retirement levy?

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1176

Not Speaking

First name: Ann  
Last name: O'Grady

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Add Francis Rd and Tayforth Rd to the Rapanui cycle trail proposal. Many cyclists use Tayforth Road. Because Tayforth Road is very narrow and the speed limit is far too high cyclists are taking a huge risk on this stretch of road. I sincerely hope no one is killed.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 600

Not Speaking

First name: Janice  
Last name: O'Leary

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Further comments on service cuts:****Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:****Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 256

Not Speaking

First name: David  
Last name: Ockey

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**How would you strike the balance?****Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

Yes

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 531

Not Speaking

First name: Sarah  
Last name: O'Connor

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** I would like to see priority given to completing a feasibility study in the off season, allowing the pool to remain open.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This pathway would be great to have but it would be good to understand in more detail how it used, and whether a change in speed limit would have an impact on safety concerns. There are other roads in the area which are well-used by cyclists, but in just as much a need of cycle paths etc.

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** We need to know what the assets are and how they are used by the community, before agreeing to selling. For example, I would be concerned if assets up for sale included community parks and spaces to play and be active. Can a list of assets be made available?

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 915

Not Speaking

First name: Kerilee  
Last name: O'Connor

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

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**Submitter Comments:** construct crossing @ cheaper price

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 663

Not Speaking

First name: jude  
Last name: o'dea

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I think it would be a great shame for Whanganui to lose library services as they are so valuable to so many in the community. Closing the Davis for one day seems an option for at least keeping it going overall, and keeping the community Hakeke and East libraries going. This is not an easy decision for the council and I hope to see library services boosted back up in future planning when resources / revenue allow.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** We love the East pool and use it often! We prefer it to the splash, including for multi-generational family members and for kids who are noise sensitive. I do understand it is costly to operate and we need to find savings. Is there any option to reduce both the opening hours - opening an hour later, and closing an hour earlier each day - and reduce the opening months - by one month? Reduce operation of the hydro slide slightly and increase the admission slightly? so that the facility overall is not lost. I'd rather see the pool kept open than the aviary that's for sure - but understand that is a subjective choice. The pool however, offers sport and recreation facilities for all ages, and spreads our amenities across the city - including to the lower socio economic areas and groups.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I think the rep theatre is a lovely heritage building! However, it is not sustainable to keep it in its current location. Could the building be demolished and any heritage aspects / facade etc be salvage for use elsewhere? It would be a shame to lose the space, and I hope there is another space available to use (through purchase or hire). The arts are key to Whanganui's creative energy and our local and international profile - so this is a hard choice for the community to make.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Close the aviary, it's a loss but one that affects the fewest in the community. If it can be run by volunteers encourage a proposal - and or a partnership with an organisation like Forest and Bird or Doc for a nursery function.

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**Mainstreet hanging flower baskets**

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** The hanging baskets are a lovely part of the Whanganui heritage identity. Could a small portion be kept? Every second basket on the two lower blocks of Victoria Ave only? Could individual and group sponsorship be encouraged - groups, schools or in-memoriam donations to purchase and maintain baskets? I realise this may not reduce costs radically enough, including operational / staffing costs - but we want to keep people employed in Whanganui, perhaps staff only maintain the baskets in selected seasons?

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**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Agree - the importance of neighbourhood and community located libraries is invaluable, enabling some of our more vulnerable and most disadvantaged people to access library services and wifi etc.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Why not charge a very small entry fee or encourage koha?

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Agree the council focus on community health and wellbeing - the initiatives that these grants support go a long way to underpinning community resilience, participation and engagement.

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

### Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** I agree Whanganui needs more accommodation for visitor and high-profile events. We also need to balance this with existing community wellbeing and social housing needs, I think inviting an investor to develop is preferred than footing the bill for a hotel ourselves.

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### Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:** Support for Marae and for Whanganui mana whenua is a priority for the ENTIRE community.

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### Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

#### Submitter Comments:

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### Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** I like the sentiment of reconnecting this whenua to the awa - but could this be via a painted crossing, perhaps with some illustration or signage to reflect the connection (assuming a painted pedestrian crossing is much cheaper?)

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#### **Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## **Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## **How would you strike the balance?**

#### **Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

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#### **Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## **Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 907

Not Speaking

First name: Paddy  
Last name: O'Dea

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Please don't apply this to the Gonville Library. I have noticed that children go there to use the computers, sit at the table and read, and so do adults. Gonville has large pockets of social deprivation so it's important for residents to have access to this useful, friendly place.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** It's a great pool, but it seems so expensive to keep it running. I would like to see a fresh outdoor pool built in the future, or to see this one fixed up so it - perhaps - would cost less to run.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I love that building, and the fact that there is a repertory theatre here that has its own building. But the drama lovers could use other premises, surely - hire a community hall for some parts of the year.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** later when the city has more cash, it could be?

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** But how about considering every third basket remaining and having plants in them, such as ferns that don't require constant replacing

**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Sell it, but make sure the buyer doesn't do things to ruin its uniqueness and charm!

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Phew! thanks - see my previous comment!

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** So important for people to have a place like this to go for walks and a quiet sit under a tree.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** That would be great to give more pots of money to apply for. Eg, the CAB needs to constantly keep applying for funding.

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**Further comments on service cuts:** You seem to have thought this through very carefully. I am concerned that people who are on very low incomes may find even a 10% rise too much, and would hope that the Council can keep a compassionate and reasonable eye on that.

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I'm thinking of Wellington's water and footpath woes. Let's keep Whanganui from going there!

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** I'd rather not see some awful modern hotel in Whanganui. How about enabling people to do more AirBNB renting - and building a large car park - covered - for special events.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:** I shall wince at the extra money required to do that, but I love it that there is an Opera House here...so..... gotta have somewhere to feed the music and opera soul of Whanganui!

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:** I'm grateful for all that the Marae contribute to Whanganui. May they thrive. If they do, we all do.

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** While I'm glad my granddaughter loves the sea, and I don't want her to drown at Castlecliff or elsewhere around Whanganui - perhaps the WSLs people could apply for grants and fundraise for their needs?

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** this could be deferred - and perhaps some signage on Taupo Quay to caution motorists to slow down to 30kph so that people can cross safely

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Plenty of other places for walkers and bikers to speed along. Leave this for now and perhaps improve safety and cautionary signage?

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Option 1 with the proviso that no assets are sold to factory owners, smelly industries, or owners who would use the assets for purposes that do not benefit the people of Whanganui.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** the sliders above didn't work. I think it would be good to try and get the rates increase a tad below 10% - and Please, PLEASE do all you can to preserve services rather than cut them.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1420

Not Speaking

First name: Ashlee  
Last name: O'Donnell

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

**Submitter Comments:** I've never been in the pool as we've only recently moved here.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Can you reduce the number?

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### **Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## **Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

### **Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1444

Not Speaking

First name: Michael  
Last name: O'Grady

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Aviary is an eye sore and an animal welfare concern

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Further comments on service cuts:****Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Prioritise active transport - much cheaper

**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:****Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

**Submitter Comments:** Will be a huge asset to our community, increase safety, and work towards our climate targets

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, **3**  
and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and  
close more services to get the rates lower and 5  
being to keep more services open but see a  
higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the  
lowest possible investment in our core  
infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being  
to increase investment in our core infrastructure  
and long-term projects to future-proof  
Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1639

Not Speaking

First name: R  
Last name: O'Hagan

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Remove any plans for future development until a report is introduced to council on the viability of outside swimming in Whanganui and reduce maintenance costs to a minimum.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** all proposed work to cease, I and then I would like to see the council privatize this facility to ensure its success and without council interference in the future. Either with the mission of closing over a ten year period or for upgrades over time, depending on the demand from the public.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Cut funding down to \$500k

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**Further comments on service cuts:** Stop funding for Masters Games, Cut the mobile library service, cut Public Arts funding, Cut the home library service, cut CDB Maintenance, look at The Ports ROI - make major changes.

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Use common sense and have the job done properly the first time so there is no need for doing constant patch jobs and repairs.

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 191

Not Speaking

First name: Hilary  
Last name: Ohia

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is the only outdoor pool we have and is important for children and families. It is an important part of the community. Preferably it should be invested in and kept.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** The aviary is outdated and needs to go. Plant more trees there.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 55

Not Speaking

First name: Ken  
Last name: Old

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Very much a community asset.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Close it and sell it to a Property Developer

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Firewood

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Open the doors Fly my pretties

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** More reason to keep the Davis Library fully operational

**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Further comments on service cuts:****Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Kells Ave needs a footpath

**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Council should not be involved in providing hotel accommodation

**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** Get a cheaper financial advisor and cheaper options. I wouldn't get the Art Gallery people involved.

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#### **Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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#### **Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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#### **Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** the public have had no issue crossing the road before now Status Quo

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#### **Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Pie in the sky

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## **Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## **How would you strike the balance?**

### **Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:** surely we don't need to keep comparing with other councils. We have a low ratepaper base and should be happy with where we are at. With gradual improvements as we can afford it.

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1109

Not Speaking

First name: Lucy  
Last name: Old

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

**Don't know**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## **Proposed Future Investments**

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1107

Not Speaking

First name: Nicholas  
Last name: O'Leary

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Invest more money in splash centre ie. getting outdoor pools.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

**Submitter Comments:** Invest in it to modernise it and make it an attraction

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Spend the money on making whanganui a really nice place to live and visit and a nicer hotel will come in the future. We don't need a car parking building however a ground level car park like farmers would be nice

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1025

Not Speaking

First name: Jenny  
Last name: O'Leary

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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:****Further comments on service cuts:****Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Refurbish the Grand Hotel and build a car park next door.

**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1189

Not Speaking

First name: Nicholas  
Last name: O'Leary

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** This pool is a major amenity to all people on this side of the river. The Splash centre is on the other side of town, is super busy during peak hours which makes exercise difficult. Having a community pool that serves the geographically and connectivity seperated Whanganui East area is a valuable thing and a boon to the suburb. Perhaps it percieved lack of success is due to the decades of maintenance-only investment that the council has put into it. I believe the pool has been neglected and that the council is ignoring their role in neglecting it. The direct result of that neglect is that the pool sees less visitors and is just stuck in a downward spiral of neglect, leading to less customers, further neglect, then even less customers.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** While this is a vaulable resource, the current uses of the theatre can be moved elsewhere in town, though I would strongly hope that the council does its utter best to rehouse any community uses that the building/organisation currently has.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** While this does cost the council money to keep running, I believe that this is a very vaulable amenity to the virginia lake reserve and the city as a whole.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** This a signature part of Victoria Avenue's identity. Without them Victoria Ave just feels a lot more impersonal, the colour and nature being visible all over town is a big part of the city's appeal. Look at photo's of stereotypical Colorado mountain towns to see how prevelant these sort of small gardens are spread through communities and the "look" it gives the town. Surely any tourist that comes to Whanganui thinks they are beautiful and would help boost their views of the city. Whanganui is frequently regarded as one of the the most beautiful cities in the country and I moved back here from Auckland 6 years ago specifically because of how much I love this town's beauty.

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**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** As has been said, this is a big draw to Whanganui and I support keeping the staus quo on this.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Keep it AND expand it. Sometimes public amenities like these rubbish points are uneconomical but the service it provides is important to everyone who uses them. When is collecting rubbish ever going to be economical? - But it still NEEDS to happen.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** These small community libraries are important to the communities that host them. Look at the one in Castlecliff, the revitalization of Rangiora street is a massive success and that little library played a big part in it.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** For the same reasons as my comments about the Aviary, this is a very big part of what makes Virginia lake an amazing place and possibly on of the best botanic gardens/park in the country.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:** As a former public servant who knows how inefficient the government can be, whanganui is leaps and bounds ahead of other places in the county. I don't think any issues are being caused by the SERVICES the council provides. If you want to look at cost cutting take a good had look at how much every level of the NZ government (inckuding councils) is paying on Consultancy fees. Most of that is just paying some firm \$300K to tell them information you could have

gotten from a random ratepayer for free. Instead of having committees, just do surveys like this one, get info from passionate local people and then make decisions. You've been elected, now make some decisions.

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## Proposed Future Investments

### **Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** NZ as a whole is absolutely terrible at any form of future planning. Look at the Auckland harbour bridge. They said it would reach capacity in 25 years - it took 7. They then added clip on lanes to give another 25 years till capacity, it only took 10 more. Future planning infrastructure is essential. If you are putting in new pipes, they will likely be there for the next 70 years. Based on future real growth will they be suitable? Or are we building infrastructure that we have to dig up in 15 years because nobody has the ability to think beyond the next decade?? Please invest infrastructure. Maybe you don't need a service but your kids will, help the future people not just us now. I'd happily pay more tax if I knew it'd improve my future.

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### **Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** I fully believe option 1 and 2 should take place. Whanganui severely lacks anything that could be considered nice accommodation. The closest is The Avenue and that has what? 20 units?

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### **Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:** This investment is well worth it for what the Opera house provides.

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### **Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** I fully support grant funding, but that price seems very steep considering that equivalent investment in some schools which provide much the same services as marae just seems to have been ignored for a long time.

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### **Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's**

contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is another case of if you had maintained the building better then It wouldn't be at the end of it's life. Paint by the beach only last for 5-7 years before needing repainting. As a painter I know that building hasn't had even a fraction of the actual preserving work it could have had on it. This building is important but it should never have gotten to the state it is in now.

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

**Submitter Comments:** I support this development but people need to think hard about any work that happens. This absolutely needs to take into consideration the importance of the road. Do what you will to the waterfront area, but Taupo Quay/Somme Pde IS a major arterial route in this town and just hoping that the drivers will go away isn't going to cut it. Since a alternate route will never be possible due to geography, traffic still needs to be able to flow through the area. Perhaps reduced on street parking could help ease issues as well? The slant parking in the area is absolute chaos on a Saturday. Pedestrian needs and traffic needs are often at odds with each other but that does not mean that a compromise is impossible.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

**Submitter Comments:** I fully support any increase to cycleability in this district. We need to encourage anything that can help people get out of their cars. I didn't bike at all when I lived in Auckland due to how dangerous it was, Rapanui road makes Auckland look like cycling heaven in comparison.

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** I am not opposed to asset sale but I am opposed to the proposed amount. I am also concerned that assets will be sold hastily and without looking at the future.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** I personal would be happy paying more rates to maintain services and improve the long term outlook of the district. From a former NZ Govt employee I think the council needs to have a big look internally on areas that could save money because I know how much can just be wasted on little things that seem innocuous but add up to peoples annual income when you start actually doing calculations. It wasn't mentioned in this at all, but the 'round the bridges walk' is an amazing this for whanganui to have and I personally walk it 2-3 times a week. The railway bridge walkway? - It is horrendous, maybe a real upgrade isn't possible but the entire cobham-railway loop should be easily cyclable and that railway bridge just ruins the whole thing, not to mention that it is unsafe to use at night due to people hanging around the whanganui east end. I'm sure that last part is a police matter but it really needs to be taken into consideration.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 460

Not Speaking

First name: Peter  
Last name: O'Leary

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 583

Not Speaking

First name: Alison  
Last name: Olsen

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** EQUATIBILITY! This is a DECILE 1 suburb. EQUATIBILITY also being a legal responsibility under the Treaty of Waitangi. There are children here who through no fault of their own won't be able to be taken into town to be able to swim, most people walk to the pool in East. Children will revert to swimming in the river with increased risk of drowning. Whanganui East pool has a nostalgic family feel and I believe with the correct marketing could be a tourist attraction as a unique feature of our town. There is nothing like fresh air (unlike Splash a facility replicated nationwide with no uniqueness) and the ability to sit in the shade at a picnic table after a cool dip in the sunshine.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** An added tourist attraction and way to keep the town vibrant and interesting, plus adding a bit of joy to locals everyday life

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:** Low decile area, it's hard enough to get children's literacy levels up as it is, they have great programmes such as children reading to dogs program

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**How would you strike the balance?**

**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1413

Not Speaking

First name: Amber  
Last name: Olsen

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1332

Not Speaking

First name: Charleen  
Last name: Omundsen

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Although libraries are still important, with the availability of information on the internet, closing for one day a week is a good compromise, especially if this is done as on a day the Gonville Library is open.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Its past its use by date to keep pouring money into it when the Splash Centre is available. We have outdoor swimming at the beach, river and lakes.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is a huge cost for something that only a small portion of the community uses, when there are other options like the Amdram theatre still operating.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is an asset that a large section of the community and visitors use, especially when compared to the cost of other projects council support that only a few elite use i.e. velodrome and art gallery.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Leave the existing baskets and watering system in place and encourage the shop owner to maintain the baskets outside their shops.

**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Run this as a profit-making business and retain it as the asset it is.

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Closing these stations will increase rubbish dumping elsewhere. Take a hard infringement approach to illegal rubbish dumping at these sites.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Make this day different from the closing day for Davis Library so people have the option to go to a library every day of the week.

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is an asset that a large section of the community and visitors use, especially when compared to the cost of other projects council support that only a few elite use i.e. velodrome and art gallery.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Special interest groups should not be given more money, this does not benefit the majority of the rate payers who fund them. If you want to hold an event do your own fundraising.

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**Further comments on service cuts:** You should think about what the role of Councils is, meeting legislative requirements, infrastructure, whole community benefit, core council services, before making cuts while pouring money into vanity projects and taking over the role of what central government is supposed to be providing i.e. housing.

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Core council business that needs to be supported.

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is NOT core Council business. If it is a financially viable option then an established Hotel chain would step in and do it. The ratepayer should not be paying for something that will one day maybe pay for itself.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:** As this is a community asset with a large range of uses, I would support this, however the cost should be carefully managed and tenders invited, not treated as bottom less pit of money.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Again not core Council business, this only benefits a small section of the community, they need to do their own fundraising this should not be a burden on the ratepayer.

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** Looking at the cost vs benefit to the community I support this. But again, costings need to be carefully looked at, does it really need to cost this much?

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is a big NO, it is way overpriced, another vanity project, and it is on a trucking route. A safe crossing and link to the river could be achieved by a pedestrian controlled crossing like the one by Pak n Save i.e. lights always green until a pedestrian activates them.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** I support the idea but not at this cost.

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** You need to look at the purpose of Councils, infrastructure, legislative requirements, and assets that are used by a large proportion of the community like parks and sports grounds. The rate payer should not be used to support minority special interest groups, taking over the role of private business (hotels) central government (housing) the insane cost of the art gallery, velodrome, and blindly following political trends at great cost.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1612

Not Speaking

First name: Karen  
Last name: O'Neil

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Close one day on the weekend

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Wanganui East Pool gets used so much and we don't have anything relatively close to Wanganui East apart from the pool

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** Maybe look into the various organisations that built the aviary and get them on board with maintaining and up grading

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** They look great.... Can business owners afford to take accountability for them if not take them down and make sure the watering system is taken down so as we don't see the sprays hanging making it look untidy

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Nice drinkable water would be good, be nice to have clear water for washing too, not good enough in todays world, that the water is frequently 3/4 days a week a disgusting colour

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** No way, we are all struggling

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Don't know**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:** Whole community benefits from this, wether it is children or adults swimmming

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:** No

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:** Better things to fix first

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:** Not sure, depends which assets

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** The parking needs to be left as is, it is so expensive already, no wonder people by online

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1474

Not Speaking

First name: Nicky  
Last name: O'Neill  
Organisation: NA

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** What impact will this have on staff if the library is closed for a day during the week?

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** This pool is part of Whanganui history and needs to be upgraded. Given the abysmal statistics for drowning in New Zealand, maintenance should be a priority.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** It is a heritage building and if the retaining bank is stabilized it could be sold. A lot of heritage buildings are being demolished which is sad and takes away tourist appeal.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Very short sighted to close this. Great tourist attraction and has potential for development.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I believe shops could be asked to look after a hanging basket.

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** If something is working and it is no extra cost to rate payers why put the tourist attraction at risk by privatizing it?

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Why can't there be partial funding and partial volunteer input to lower costs?

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I think it is disgraceful that Whanganui Council have withdrawn funding for discounted exercise and sporting activities linked to the green prescription. Obesity and other health related issues are rife in New Zealand.

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** I think the speed bumps in Whanganui are excessive. The 'sharrow' lanes are frankly ill advised and a complete waste of money. The proposed raised footpath is a disgrace at \$830,000. Money needs to be invested in water pipes.

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Why would you close attractions like the aviary and pool and then spend money building a car park and hotel. We are not in a position to be a conference venue.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Seek lotto funding or heritage funding.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Funding should come from central government (as well as local council). I believe we are currently in a situation where this government (as I perceive it), is not honoring the treaty. By local council stepping we are allowing the government to overlook their commitment to Maori as treaty partners.

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Disgraceful waste of money.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

**Something else (state below)**

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** What assets? Need to know BEFORE!

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** Whanganui, historically, has high rates. This plan is too vague and I would like to see actual figures that are transparent and show the detail of proposed costs. The sharrow lanes for example. Very unpopular and I would imagine costly. Who made that decision and please provide a specific break down of costs.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 923

Speaking

First name:

Michael Daniel Albert Francis

Last name:

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Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Keep the aviary open and run by volunteers, with council covering all expenses

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Keep the hanging baskets but wit the cost split evenly among all ratepaying entities

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:** The sale of assets would stimulate economic development and employment

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 265

Not Speaking

First name: **Megan**  
Last name: **Orme-Whitlock**  
Organisation: **Whanganui Walking Tours, Committee Member**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

#### Submitter Comments:

### Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** We, Whanganui Walking Tours, find it hard to answer this, as we do not know which assets would be under consideration. We do wish to address the importance of keeping the i-site where it is, next to the river. Since we do not know whether this is one of the assets under consideration, we are submitting that it should NOT be under consideration. Our reasons for this are: The current location of the i-site is easy to access and is in the heart of the visitor centre of Whanganui. The intercity bus stop is very close to the i-site. The beautifully restored Drews Avenue, including such iconic spots as the Chronicle Building, The Glassworks, UCOL, and much more, connects us with the UNESCO City of Design, which puts creativity at the heart of our city development. The Saturday River Market, a draw

card for tourists, is right next to the i-site. The i-site is right next to the Whanganui River, a draw card to Whanganui and a large part of our identity, 'Ko au te awa, ko te awa ko au.' Next to that are the Tram Shed and the Waimarie River Boat Museum. Along Taupo Quay are wonderful galleries - another large draw card to Whanganui. To move the i-site away from so many of the cultural, historical and arts access points makes very little sense to us. Of course, it is also very close to Victoria Avenue, and the retail centre of Whanganui. Parking at the i-site, except for Saturday mornings, is fairly plentiful, and certainly within a small range of blocks, is very accessible. This is important to many visitors. Parking in areas by the Davis Library, Sarjeant Gallery, Museum and Memorial Hall, the location of which could be argued was the arts, history and cultural centre of Whanganui, is both frustratingly limited and in many ways has accessibility limitations due to the hills and steps involved in getting to and from these locations. When visitors arrive at the current i-site location, they are immediately surrounded by many of the iconic aspects of Whanganui. Due to the cafe, arts and retail culture that is developing in the area, there is a sense of a thriving, interesting, and culturally significant community. Let this be the introduction to our city for both visitors, and those considering a move to Whanganui for the lifestyle that we offer.

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1049

Not Speaking

First name: **Helen**  
Last name: **O'Rourke**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** I think savings could easily made if roundabouts and other middle of the road plantings were planted out with low maintenance perennials such as native grasses.

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:****Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is a very valuable community hub and gives access to library services to people who may not be able or willing to head to get to the central library.

**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** These events make for a thriving community. Having these grants available in a flexible way means the money spent is better able to adapt to changing community needs.

**Further comments on service cuts:****Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:****Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** The idea of a hotel is promising but I think that a covered carpark is a waste of money and would be better spent on making active and public transport more accessible and convenient.

**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Providing a safe crossing here would be great, but I don't think it needs to be raised or to cost that much. Having a clearly marked pedestrian crossing would be a good start.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 935

Not Speaking

First name: David  
Last name: Orr

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** please do not close the pool before a feasibility on an outdoor pool is complete and a start made on said pool. At least just maintain W/E pool until a replacement is underway

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** When ever i go to the aviary there are usually Many people visiting. Because of cutting costs in previous years should we loose this popular attraction? - Sell some assets to pay for the upgrade.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** If the hanging baskets go the flower beds need to be better maintained. The presentation of the baskets has deteriorated over the years to a stage that they are not worth the money spent on them. Does anyone of you remember how lovely and vibrant they were in their 1st 10 years. A real 'Wow '

### New Zealand Glassworks

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:** A core business of Council Surly.

**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:** I keep hearing what a thriving place this is. "If it isn't broke don't mess with it "

**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:** Always a beautiful place to visit with some magnificent displays. Staff do an amazing job of keeping this to a high standard. [Then of course there is a visit to the Aviary on the same visit :-) ]

**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:** I don't know this one. It doesn't affect me. There seems to be plenty of trusts and groups that offer grants out there already. I know money is hard but for the groups that call on you - 'when the going gets tough the tough get going.'

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**Further comments on service cuts:** no

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:** The previous councils and yourselves have done a great job over the years and the City appears to have good infrastructure at Present [fortunately]. But something always seems to raise its head when you least expect it. Can the extra just be held in reserve?

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Hotel or Motel yes. Carpark ?? NO Why?

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** Beyond my field of knowledge, concerns, fields of interest. But the building is of significant interest that we maintain it to its best.

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Perhaps after 2027 some extra money could go into the grant pot and Marae have to apply through this. I realise the importance of Marae to whanau but helping to maintain nearly 20 seems a little excessive. Maybe in consultation with all groups we could have a "Whanganui Marae" and several smaller ones???

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** I firmly believe That Central government needs to come to the party here

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** This is a major road and until Dublin Street bridge is replaced please do not add further obstacles to the road way. Access to Pakaitore should still be able to be highlighted without having a raised pavement crossing.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** I do realise that this is a busy popular piece of road but road safety improvements at this time when we are short of money may have to suffice

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** What a great Idea. I hope we can do this. And here is a 'biggy' With the Sarjeant Gallery costing more everytime we have a report on progress HOW ABOUT WE SELL SOME OF THE ARTWORK WE HAVE IN STORAGE. With all that art and artifacts in the Gallery & Museum that may come out once or twice in my Lifetime - on rotation [I really have no idea how shows/displays are decided on and what is being displayed and when] but when we are abandoning assets or failing to keep assets [avairy, W/E pools, the veledron roof etc] that many people use/enjoy often, or several times a year, because of lack of money and we have all this money tied up in art/artifacts that is displayed maybe once every 8, 10, 20 years?? it doesn't make sense to me and the solution appears simple!!!

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** No nothing that I haven't already said. You Councilers do a wonderful job in maintaining a difficult situation - and everyone of us ratepayers having our own agendas. I would not liked to have had to set this Plan, Wee Done.

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Supporting documents

No



# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1415

Not Speaking

First name: Jason  
Last name: Osborne

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 42

Speaking

First name: **Bruce**  
Last name: **Osborne**  
Organisation: **Aramoho River- Bank Enhancement Project**

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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

#### Submitter Comments: Seek private investors!

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

Yes

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 591

Not Speaking

First name: Nick  
Last name: Oscilowski

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Closing for one day a week probably wouldn't be the end of the world. However, it's so well patronised, and by a very broad section of the community, young and old, that a reduction in open days should be avoided if possible.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Closure seems to be too drastic for what appears to be a well utilised facility – on our many visits over this past summer, the pool was always busy. I'm concerned about what the kids of Whanganui East would do without what seems to be a central part of their community. There's a degree of egalitarianism in keeping suburban facilities like this open, despite the cost to ratepayers, because not everyone can get to the Splash Centre. Likewise, I'm concerned about the potential loss of a swimming facility for nearby schools; in terms of water safety we (nationally) are dealing with the fallout of school pool closure over previous decades. Is there a cheaper fix??

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** If the theatre group is given access to the Opera House to stage shows, that might soften the blow of the potential loss of the Rep. If stabilising the bank for a relatively small cost allows for the building to be retained, sold and the profits diverted to something else (i.e Opera House maintenance), there's an argument for that, given that many old buildings around the Rep have been rejuvenated and improved the appeal of the wider area.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Please, please close the aviary. It may have fond memories for people, but it's a concept whose time has passed. Having been fortunate to have seen some of those enclosed birds in their natural environments, the aviary is an overwhelmingly sad place. Not to mention that keeping exotic

birds in cages feels like an antithesis to native conservation efforts (for example, the restoration work that goes on at Bushy Park).

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**Mainstreet hanging flower baskets**

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Ok, it's a "nice-to-have", but it can be worth having nice things. One of the most common compliments I hear from visitors is how nice our Main Street is. The baskets are a key part of what makes our Main Street different and memorable – important with the imminent opening of the Sargent Gallery which will surely funnel more people through that artery. Just compare the bottom (basketed) end of Victoria Ave with the top end and tell me honestly where you'd rather meet someone or do your shopping...

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**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Would prefer to keep assets in council ownerships if possible. Is there something that can be done to make it more profitable and self sustaining? Would a forecast in increased tourism (possible Sargent Gallery effect) have a flow-on effect that would make it more self-sustaining??

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Experiences in other regions suggest people will DEFINITELY dump their rubbish illegally if drop-off points are removed. Or just burn it. In this case it's probably better to follow the path of least resistance.

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** Generally not in favour of closing libraries of any kind, but would be interested to know the daily patronage of Gonville. Are there genuinely quiet days where the library could be closed without a significant effect on the community's access to services?

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Feel like this place is a bit stale and wouldn't actually be missed if it were to close. Keep the toilets. Sculptures could easily be incorporated into the wider lake area.

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Further comments on service cuts:

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## Proposed Future Investments

### Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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### Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:** Good initiative – IF the numbers stack up.

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### Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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### Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:** Would also be nice to have more 'open days' where the community (particularly children) can come to the marae and be a closer part of the marae community.

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### Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:** That existing building is in a terrible state and needs to be rebuilt. Would like to consider what other public amenities could be incorporated into a potential new building. i.e. public toilets. Cafe? Remove the Duncan Pavilion and incorporate some kind of events/function room into a new surf club building??

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### **Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

#### **Submitter Comments:**

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### **Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

#### **Submitter Comments:**

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## **Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** Generally not in favour of selling assets, but specifics of potential asset sales MUST be consulted on with the community before any decisions are made.

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## **How would you strike the balance?**

### **Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### **Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 424

Speaking

First name: **Robert**  
Last name: **Oscroft**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Parking at the central library is a problem. people have stopped using it because they have limited mobility & can't find parking.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** Keep the pool open and figure out the future plan with it open. Work with the local community and schools etc for funding, volunteering, donations etc.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:** I don't know how easy it will be for the theatre group to find a new venue so hard to say. What possibilities do they have and are they able to fund raise / contribute to a new venue? Would stabilising the bank allow for continued use of the building until a solution is found? This might be a good solution, if it adds to the value of the site for sale or rebuild.

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** It seems the largest cost for the aviary are wages - \$150K but these have not been made public in a specified manner. There seems to be a lot of space there for savings, especially since improvements have already been made. I think a plan for this part of the park could produce something really special for the city. Upgrade / rebuild the cafe to include a venue for small concerts (Theatre?) and art. make it family friendly and a portal and advertisement for the city. A good place to stop for travelers on the way to Taranaki. The aviary could be a part of that attraction and help to showcase the city as a place worthy of visits.

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Keep the baskets. We need the colour and uplift on Victoria Ave. It really helps to make the city attractive. Are there opportunities for sponsorship? Memorial donations?(I know a lot of people like to sponsor benches - but we only need so many of those) Could some businesses create their own or cater for their own? Could it be a cost that the businesses have to cover? Is there a cultural opportunity here, something for the oldies - festival of flowers or something like that, where relevant local businesses contribute and a fund supports the ongoing costs. Could it be managed by a community group?

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**New Zealand Glassworks**

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** In reference to previous comment about developing the cafe to include a venue. It would be great to have some eye catching architecture that combines the (hyper)modern and Art Deco, so it stands out as a marker for the whole recreational complex. Could there be sale of plants at the cafe to help fund the winter garden and could there be memorial donations to a fund to help running costs? (Maybe there is already?)

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Its great to have the grants - however the cost of living are outstripping incomes and rates increases are adding to this. Very few people have incomes that increase by 10%, so in reality you are creating more problems than you are solving. We need to get the rates increases to be at most in line with wage increases.

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**Further comments on service cuts:** I think the council is operating with a false premise. Raising rates beyond income increases is not sustainable and only serves to hollow out the economies of residents, who are already struggling with necessities. You should not be even considering 10.6% (in reality more

like 13-15% for households), unless your aim is to impoverish the community and make the city unaffordable.

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## Proposed Future Investments

### Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

### Submitter Comments:

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### Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** If there is a business case for this development then allow a business to work with it. Something could be done to sweeten the deal for them but we should not be covering their risks economically. If a business has its risks covered by the public, then they have less incentive to make good decisions. Peak moments do not reflect the overall demand for accommodation during the year. A hotel with staff & other investments needs to be leveraged every day / week to not become a loss. More work could be done to encourage flexible accommodation, such as Air BnB (Not much on offer here - which for me indicates a lack of demand). How was the Porters hotel in central Havelock North developed? Who took the risk there?

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### Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)**

**Submitter Comments:** It would be great to do a bigger upgrade - if this could be funded by donations and profits from the enterprise. I don't think households should be burdened with the costs.

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### Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** If there is further funding for community and civil defense purposes, this should go to village and community halls. \$500,000 should buy a lot of generators and rainwater tanks, so the money must be going to something else as well...

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### Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:** It is a good idea to support this. It is a fantastic position so could a business also be involved for a seaside cafe / bar / ice cream bar / wedding venue with a deck and a view. Is there an opportunity there to generate income and initial funding?

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Something else (state below)**

**Submitter Comments:** 830K just seems like a slap in the face for those who are trying to save money and make do. That's the cost of two small homes! Linking the site and the river is a great idea but it is not a need for the general community and there is generally very little foot traffic there. Put in a zebra crossing. Bollards, paint on the road, done. If you spend 830K on this in the middle of a housing crisis, then all credibility is lost.

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Having driven this road many times, I do not recall seeing horses, cyclists or trampers using it. Please save the money.

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** You have to keep rates rises at parity with incomes. Raising them beyond incomes is abuse of power and misuse of position. Increased costs of living are hitting hard at households and rises in rates are hurting those who are already struggling. How can rates increases of 13 - 15% work for pensioners? Dig deeper into efficiency and council spending, rather than into the pockets of ratepayers. Encourage decentralised solutions and community engagement, rather than taking peoples money and throwing it at problems and projects that don't serve the wider community. Push back at central governments demands. They are not offering good solutions for everybody, just more control and authoritarianism. We need to push back.

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1536

Not Speaking

First name: Louise  
Last name: Oskam

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** Birds are better observed at Bushy Park. The aviary is an old fashioned eye sore

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** Our council should not be in the business of providing tourist accomodation. There are several motels currently owned by the pilot school that could be refurbished for tourist accomodation.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** A shell rock path for a wealthy few makes no sense. Nor will it be suitable for road bikes

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## Asset Sales

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**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submitter Comments:

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 873

Not Speaking

First name: Rob  
Last name: Owen

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** The Council should not commit a cent of ratepayers money to this. If it's a viable proposition the private sector will step in.

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1484

Not Speaking

First name: Sara  
Last name: Owen

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1199

Not Speaking

First name: Ashleigh  
Last name: P

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Don't know**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1285

Not Speaking

First name: Cynthia  
Last name: Paamu

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Don't know**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 54

Not Speaking

First name: Catherine  
Last name: Page

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

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Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1220

Speaking

First name:

Dipti

Last name:

Pandurangi

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

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#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

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#### Submitter Comments:

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#### Submitter Comments:

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**How would you strike the balance?****Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:** 1) Would like to see our beautiful Whanganui as a little town where we can all thrive and celebrate. It would be great to have a community hub available for the youngsters (5-15 yr olds) where they can learn the life skills by just playing together and socialising without any cost barriers between 4pm - 8pm. It helps them to avoid screens and also provides the community to volunteer and spread their knowledge and skills. Enabling that kind of opportunity makes a lot of difference for the future of young people. 2) Would be good if there is a shared space available for Whanganui Creative Space (Currently on the Dublin Street) where they can use the space for their art days (Mon, Tue, Wed) for the community and just pay rent for those days. At the moment the WCS is paying rent for 7days a week on the Dublin street but use the space only for 3 days a week where their major chunk of funding is being used (not very helpful). 3)Community vegetable gardens to encourage the community to grow their own kai and share the kai. It helps in encouraging being active, educate about healthy kai and also growing local. I understand we all talk about school vegetable gardens but having the same option to the adult community helps to role model for our future generations. It also helps the community to get together and build relationships. Providing this opportunity helps in enhancement of physical, mental and general wellbeing of our Whanganui's community. Thanks for giving me the opportunity for expressing the thoughts on the behalf of our community. Ngā mihi nui. Kia ora.

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Supporting documents

No

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1252

Not Speaking

First name: Jasin  
Last name: Panui

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

#### Submitter Comments:

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)**

#### Submitter Comments:

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)*

**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents **No**

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 652

First name: **Annette**  
Last name: **Parkinson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:** I would be looking at a charge to members for their library cards. There used to be a \$4 charge which would bring in substantial income with 21,000 members. With the closing of the Davis Library one day a week I presume the savings are made by staff wages on the day it closes? why should the staff at the Davis Library suffer what about closing the Alexander Library or Gonville. How could we gain income from the 300,000 visitors to the libraries? We need to think outside the square.

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Why are all the options to close amenities are ones that are used by the public. I feel that maintenance is not undertaken annually then we have a major problem with the cost to renew assets.

### Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Ask for volunteers to help maintain this asset Put a donation box at this attraction

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** I know that people from out of town visit the city to view our main street. Why is the cost so high for this?

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:** Why is there not a donation box at this attraction?

**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)**

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**Submitter Comments:** Why increase this grant when we need to make savings?

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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## Proposed Future Investments

**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:** I agree we need more accommodation in Whanganui but do not believe it is the Council's role to fund a hotel and car park

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#### **Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)**

**Submitter Comments:** We should be very careful in what is done at the Opera House it is a heritage building and the only one remaining in New Zealand so need to keep it as it is only doing work for Health and Safety.

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#### **Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** How many upgrades have been done under Central Government?

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#### **Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

**Submitter Comments:**

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#### **Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** The cost for this crossing is a joke. The river changed course so surely we accept this as nature I agree to a crossing but not at that cost \$860000?????

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#### **Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:**

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## **Asset Sales**

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return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

**Submitter Comments:** Would like to know what assets are going to be sold to repay debt?

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
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### Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)*

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## Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

# Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1331

Not Speaking

First name: Stephen  
Last name: Parkinson

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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## Proposed Service Cuts

### Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** Keep it open to many user to shut this

### Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

### Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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**Submitter Comments:**

### Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)**

**Submitter Comments:** These attract visitors to the CBD

### New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)**

**Submitter Comments:**

**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Further comments on service cuts:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

**Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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**Submitter Comments:**

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## How would you strike the balance?

### Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
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**Long-term investment**

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?  
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**Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter Comments:**

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Supporting documents

No