



Notice of Meeting

An extraordinary meeting of the Tararua District Council will be held on Tuesday 19 May 2015 to hear submissions on the Draft Long Term Plan 2015/2025.

This will commence at 10.00 am in the Pahiatua Service Centre Chamber, 136 Main Street, Pahiatua, and to be adjourned by 12.22 pm.

Following lunch in Dannevirke the meeting will resume at 1.20 pm in the Tararua District Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke.

Blair King
Chief Executive

Agenda

- 1. Present**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Hearing of Submissions on the Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2015/2025**

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Those indicating that they intend to speak in support of their submission have been allocated a time.

Individuals have been advised that a maximum of five minutes is available for them to present their submission, with a further one minute then being set aside for Councillors to raise any questions that they may have. Community groups and organisations have been allocated a maximum of ten minutes.

A schedule of those speaking in support of their submission is attached for Councillors' reference.

- 4. Closure**

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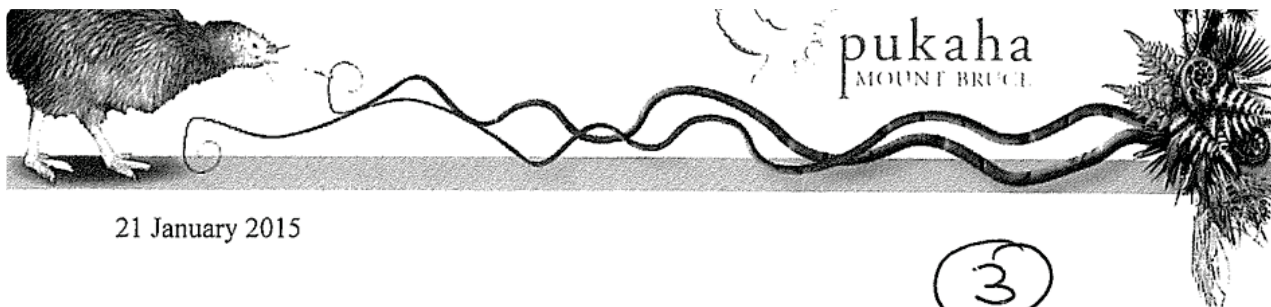
Hearing of Submissions on the Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2015/2025

Tuesday – 19 May 2015

| Time | Submission Number | Name | Spokesperson |
|--|-------------------|--|--|
| Pahiatua Service Centre Chamber | | | |
| 10.00 – 10.10 am | 3 | Pukaha Mount Bruce Board | John Gilberthorpe |
| 10.10 – 10.20 am | 12 | Trust House Limited | Allan Pollard |
| 10.20 – 10.26 am | 45 | Terry Waton | |
| 10.26 – 10.32 am | 46 | Ivan Johanson | |
| 10.32 – 10.38 am | 126 | Philip Cotter | |
| 10.38 – 10.44 am | 127 | Colleen Cotter | |
| 10.44 – 10.54 am | 133 | Pahiatua On Track | Louise Powick |
| 10.54 – 11.04 am | 144 | Eketahuna Community Board | Charlie Death |
| 11.04 – 11.10 am | 145 | Ian Galloway | |
| 11.10 – 11.20 am | 155 | Kevin McIntyre | |
| 11.20 – 11.26 am | 176 | Paul Snaith | |
| 11.26 – 11.36 am | 186 | Bush Sports Club | Gareth McKay |
| 11.36 – 11.42 am | 192 | Nick Perry | |
| 11.42 – 11.52 am | 205 | The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority | Alison Johnson |
| 11.52 – 12.02 pm | 210 | Sport Manawatu | Trevor Shailer |
| 12.02 – 12.12 pm | 211 | Horizons Regional Council | |
| 12.12 – 12.22 pm | 212 | Meridian Energy | Andrew Feierabend |
| Adjourn and travel to Dannevirke where lunch will be provided | | | |
| Tararua District Council Chamber | | | |
| 1.20 – 1.26 pm | 47 | Garry McGraw | |
| 1.26 – 1.32 pm | 48 | Alan MacDonald | |
| 1.32 – 1.38 pm | 71 | Lyn Charlton | |
| 1.38 – 1.44 pm | 116 | Ron Ashford | |
| 1.44 – 1.54 pm | 153 | Dannevirke Community Board | Ross Macdonald |
| 1.54 – 2.04 pm | 173 | Dannevirke Multisport | Sarah Heald |
| 2.04 – 2.14 pm | 174 | Ruahine Kennel Association | Tim Delaney |
| 2.14 – 2.24 pm | 207 | Tararua Federated Farmers | Clint Worthington / Kristy McGregor |
| 2.24 – 2.34 pm | 175 | Tararua Aquatic Community Trust | John Robertson |
| 2.34 – 2.40 pm | 187 | Chris Southgate | |
| 2.40 – 2.50 pm | 188 | Rangitane o Tamaki nui a Rua | Hineirangi Carberry |
| 2.50 – 3.00 pm | 191 | Woodville Districts' Vision | Robin Winter |

A debrief for the Council will be held following the conclusion of the hearing.

Submissions to be Heard



21 January 2015

Blair King
Chief Executive
Taranaki District Council
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Dear Blair,

Pukaha Mount Bruce Board submission to the Pre-consultation to the development of the Long Term Plan 2015/2025

Our Board acknowledges the generous support that has been given to Pukaha Mount Bruce both through the annual operational funding of \$10,000 to assist with the forest restoration work being undertaken and previously, capital grants to support major onsite infrastructure projects.

Our Board supports the key strategy in your plan; *"to increase the resources put in to Promotion and Economic Development to generate a strong, growing, prosperous local economy that attracts and welcomes and retains residents and business"*

Our Board also notes that the Taranaki District Council Economic Development Plan 2013 - 2018 identifies Pukaha Mount Bruce as;

- one of the major influences in Taranaki (page 21)
- and that "Taranaki is fortunate to have some high profile iconic features within its boundaries, namely NZ Natural Clothing, Te Apiti and Taranaki Windpower Wind Farms, Tui Brewery and Pukaha Mount Bruce. These icons generate tourism interest and have large economic benefits to the surrounding communities". (P28)

Our Board continues to develop the "diverse" business that is Pukaha Mount Bruce which is located within the 940 hectare forest.

The Forest

This forest is one of the last significant remnants of the 70 mile bush that stretched from beyond Dannevirke in the north to Pukaha Mount Bruce. This forest has been the site of an

intensive forest restoration programme that has successfully brought the forest back to life through the protection of its flora and fauna and has seen the re-establishment of sustainable populations of North Island Kiwi, North Island Kokako and North Island Kaka plus many other forest birds. Our forest is now healthy and the birdsong has returned.

This has been made possible by an intensive ongoing predator control programme that was begun fourteen years ago and continues. The cost to undertake this programme is over \$200,000 per annum with the Pukaha Mount Bruce Board needing to raise around \$140,000 of this per annum for its contribution.

The Forest Restoration project is currently contracted to DOC to deliver. We are currently in the second year of three with this contact.

The Board is currently undertaking a review of the project since its inception that will lead into the development of a new Forest Restoration Strategic Plan for the next 10 years.

The Board relies on a wide range of support from donations, fund raising events, sponsorships and grants (including a grant from the Tararua District Council of \$10,000 and a similar amount from Masterton District Council) to meet the annual target of about \$140,000. It should be noted that we receive strong support for our Hectare Programme – budgeted to be in excess of \$18,000 in 2015/16, where individuals commit their annual support by “sponsoring” a hectare.

In addition to this support both the adjoining Regional Councils – Horizons and Greater Wellington provide in-kind support valued at \$25,000 per annum to undertake predator control on 3,000 hectares of adjoining farmland to create a buffer zone to the Pukaha Forest.

Visitor Experience

On 1 July 2013 the Board has taken on the full operation the visitor experience including admissions, talks, retail, café (taken in-house in May 2014) and education services. The visitor experience services are self-funding.

Species Management

On 1 October 2014 the Board took over from DOC the species management on site for a one year trial with the plan to extend the arrangement if it proves successful. This programme has the ongoing operational and financial support of the Department of Conservation.

Pukaha Mount Bruce continues to attract 35,000 plus visitors per annum. It retains a high profile as a nationally significant eco-tourism and conservation visitor experience. The Board has continued to invest in the business development and currently has plans to develop a new walk through aviary conservation and education experience. The budget for this project is around \$1.1m with more than \$430k of funding already confirmed.

Our organisation now has an operational turnover in excess of \$1.2m; it employs more than 20 full and part time staff with one third of these employees residing in the Tararua District.

Pukaha Mount Bruce is now primarily a “community” driven project that draws wide support from a range of individuals and organisation locally, regionally and nationally. The various activities at Pukaha attract significant volunteer support and input. This is now measured at several thousand hours per annum.

Our Board respectfully requests the annual grant to Pukaha Mount Bruce be continued as part of the LTP and the amount is set at \$15,000 per annum. This grant will be directed to the Forest Restoration and predator control programme.

Our Board believes that Pukaha Mount Bruce makes a significant contribution to key strategies identified in your Long Term Plan 2015/2025 pre consultation document.

The Board would appreciate the opportunity to speak to our submission in due course as part of the consultation process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Gilberthorpe', with a stylized, cursive script.

John Gilberthorpe
Executive Officer
Pukaha Mount Bruce Board

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Richard Taylor

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I wish to speak in person on this submission at the Council hearing on Tuesday, 19 May 2015

Yes

Should Council proceed with this project as planned?

Your comments

Are you a Pongaroa ratepayer?

As a Pongaroa urban resident, would you prefer:

Voting yes to take over your supply separate to Council, and accept the potential health risks?

OR

Council upgrades this urban system to meet national drinking water standards subject to obtaining Central Government subsidy funding of at least 70%. (This would significantly increase your water targeted rates to match that charged district-wide for other schemes.)

Your comments

Should Council sell its pensioner housing units to a respected social housing provider who can access the Government's Social Housing Funding? Yes

OR

Should Council retain the pensioner housing units but increase the rentals significantly to ensure operations, maintenance and renewal costs are adequately funded?

Your comments

Trust House were the first fully registered community housing provider in New Zealand. We purchased over 500 properties from HNZN in 1999 and have operated them successfully ever since. We have invested over \$20 million in improvements and have a strong regional focus. It is our belief that having a strong regional focus from a community housing provider with a core purpose of enhancing community well being will enhance the current pensioner properties owned and operated by the Tararua District Council. Our primary focus is on community

housing. Regards Allan Pollard CEO Trust House

Should Council relocate the Library/Service Centre and i-SITE into the Council building used by Tararua Alliance when it becomes vacant?

AND

Should Council demolish the current earthquake-prone Library/Service Centre (separate to the Gallery) and provide public toilets and green space on that site?

OR

Should Council consider the proposal from Woodville Districts' Vision to:

Modify the existing buildings on 49 Vogel Street (Site 3) to house the Service Centre, i-SITE and Lindauer Studio and Museum and construct a new library building on the same site. This will require new debt, to be offset by any future sale of the current separate offices used by the Library/Service Centre (which is considered earthquake-prone) and the Tararua Alliance?

Your comments

Should Council exit from kerbside refuse bag collection, and let the private sector deliver this service to the community?

Your comments

I support / oppose

Because

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wish to speak in person on this submission at the Council hearing on Tuesday, 19 May 2015 (please circle): ☒ Yes / ☐ No

1. WOODVILLE WATER

Council has proposed to resolve water storage and security issues in Woodville by 30 June 2019 (2015/16 – explore options; 2016/17 – consult with community; 2017/18 to 2018/19 – construction).

Should Council proceed with this project as planned?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Your comments: THIS IS FOR THE WOODVILLE COMMUNITY TO DECIDE

2. PONGAROA WATER

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Your comments: FOR PONGAROA COMMUNITY TO DECIDE

3. PENSIONER HOUSING

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☒ Yes ☐ No

OR

Should Council retain the pensioner housing units but increase the rentals significantly to ensure operations, maintenance and renewal costs are adequately funded?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Your comments: CANT COMMENT WITHOUT SOME INDICATIONS OF FINANCIAL COSTS

4. WOODVILLE BUILDINGS

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☐ Yes ☐ No

Your comments: AGAIN FOR COUNCIL TO DECIDE, BUT AS THE DISTRICT RATE PAYER IS PAYING WHAT ARE THE COSTS, AND WHAT MAKES A BUILDING EARTHQUAKE PRONE

5. KERBSIDE REFUSE COLLECTION

Should Council exit from kerbside refuse bag collection, and let the private sector deliver this service to the community?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Your comments: I HAVE NOTICED A LARGE INCREASE IN THE YELLOW BAG USAGE IN PATEA, BECAUSE OF COST SAVING

OTHER ISSUES

I support / oppose: THE GRASS OR LAWN CUTTING IN PATEA

Because: SINCE THE COUNCIL GOT RID OF INFRACTION THE STANDARD OF MOWING IN PATEA IS A DISGRACE.

THE WATER TAPERS OR GUTTERS NEEDED MORE THAN

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WOODVILLE DISTRICT VISIONS PROPOSAL re: INFRACON BUILDING

Like many in Woodville, I strongly oppose WDV's idea of using the old Infracon building as a new home for the community buildings they are proposing.

At best their figures are very questionable and their reasoning behind the idea "tunnelled visioned."

I submit until council have a fully professionally prepared, cost analysis of the proposal, which is to include all cost; council does not enter into this suggested plan.

I submit, in the absence of an advantage, any professional costed out alternative, which clearly shows a financial advantage in using the old Infracon building, council stays with their proposal of using the current building used by council next to FishSpot.


ALTERNATIVE BUILDING

What I find extremely annoying about the lack of vision in the WDV proposal is they have not explored alternative buildings and the cost effectiveness of them.

I am the agent selling for Hermann the old BNZ Bank building, which offers a very good alternative to the proposal submitted by WDV, and better enhances features focused on by WDV for the move to the ex-Infracon building, and clearly, after the sale of the Infracon building, land etc becomes a very cost effective alternative.

As the selling agent, I have not been approached by WDV to go through this option, even though I believe it more cost effectively represents the advantages of the WDV submission

I wish to speak to this submission



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wish to speak in person on this submission at the Council hearing on Tuesday, 19 May 2015 (please circle): Yes No
Last chance for 10 years!

1. WOODVILLE WATER

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☐ Yes ☐ No

Your comments:

not applicable to me

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Your comments:

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☐ Yes ☐ No

Your comments:

not applicable to me

5. KERBSIDE REFUSE COLLECTION

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☐ Yes ☐ No

Your comments:

not applicable to me - but when is Council going to replace the Pahiatua Recycling Building that was burned down

OTHER ISSUES

I support / oppose:

the Council's decision to "maintain" the districts roads
Because: *over the next 10 years o No improvements planned means no progress means no population growth means fewer ratepayers means stagnation for the Tararua District.*

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1. WOODVILLE WATER

Council has proposed to resolve, via the Water and Sewerage Services Unit, the following issues:
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NA

☐ Yes ☐ No

Your comments:

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NA.

☐ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Should Council retain the pensioner housing units but increase the rentals significantly to ensure operations, maintenance and renewal costs are adequately funded?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Your comments: The well-being of our pensioner residents is paramount.

I don't believe we have a respected social housing provider in our area.

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4. WOODVILLE BUILDINGS

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☐ Yes ☐ No

N.A.

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N.A.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Your comments:

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N.A.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Your comments

- But
Please give some urgency to the rebuilding of our recycle Building. The present set up is high up, windy, frequently overful - not fit for purpose or user-friendly - often disgusting.

OTHER ISSUES

- 1) I support/oppose: I am alarmed that TDC has no plans for 10 years
Because: to improve its rural roading, despite rate increases. No progress?
- 2) I hope a Public meeting will be held in Pahiataua to prioritise the needs of our town for the proposed up-grade - Ask us what we would like - don't tell us.

3) I am among many concerned citizens re Food Stuffs/New World "gutting" our Main Street.

I believe Pahiataua on Track i TDC should be involved and organise a meeting with Food Stuffs + concerned citizens - ASAP.

We do not need or want a green space in our main shopping area - or parking instead of shops! Would Dannevirke tolerate this? .

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I wish to speak in person on this submission at the Council hearing on Tuesday, 19 May 2015 Yes

Should Council proceed with this project as planned? Yes

Your comments

Are you a Pongaroa ratepayer? No

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Your comments

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Your comments

No option here to set up a Council aligned entity to manage this portfolio to enable access to Government funding for social housing

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AND

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Your comments

Should Council exit from kerbside refuse bag collection, and let the private sector deliver this service to the community?

Yes

Your comments

I support / oppose

Open hours and prices for the Pahiatua transfer station will need to be reviewed if this service was to be withdrawn to give residents a viable option of using either private kerbside contractors or the transfer station.

Cycle/walkway and swimming pool

Aim to develop a walkway/cycle way from the Pahiatua Bridge to the Tui Brewery. Initial development to focus on the current grass track to the treatment station which needs a maintenance upgrade and planting beautification programme; but a second phase is to create a longer path to the Brewery. It is envisaged that this would be the start of a programme to establish significant walkways/cycle ways in the area for the use of both residents and eco tourists. Support for better swimming pool facilities in Pahiatua and Eketahuna but question the way the funds are being allocated. Council need to look at the type of pool services offered relative to town size and travel distance between towns.

Because

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Woodville Water Supply Storage Upgrade

The Board supports the Council's preferred option 3 to progress the Woodville water storage upgrade as proposed in its consultation document.

Pensioner Housing

The Board supports option 1 to retain the status quo concerning its pensioner housing as decided in the 2014/15 Annual Plan. It emphasises the importance of these flats remaining as a Council function and the provider of such accommodation throughout the district.

Kerbside Refuse Collection

The Board supports the Council's preferred option 3 to exit from its kerbside refuse bag collection service, but continue to collect recycling at the kerbside.

It notes that the private sector may not currently operate an alternative refuse collection service in Eketahuna, and this detail needs to be resolved as part of any agreement prior to changing the basis of providing this service.

Economic Development Initiatives

The Board supports the Council's commitment to the economic development of the district, and the strategies and approach it is taking to make progress in respect of this matter.

It agrees with the Council's intentions to increase the funding directed to this activity to help manage and deliver the various new projects in its Economic Development Plan.

Animal Control Increase in Service Levels

The Board opposes the Council's proposal to change the structure of the dog registration fees, particularly with regard to the impact this will have on the rural community.

It questions the logic applied to this matter, and the justification for creating one category for both domestic rural and urban dogs.

To provide the funding needed to cover the costs of animal control should take into account where the expenditure is being incurred.

A more transparent approach is to return separate rural and urban classifications for dog registration fees that reflect an actual apportionment of the costs relative to the service being provided.

Eketahuna Camping Ground

The Eketahuna Camping Ground continues to increase in popularity as a place for visitors to stay within the district, and it provides an attractive environment that is well supported by the operators of this facility.

It is very pleasing to note the work completed at the camping ground to upgrade the standard of the kitchen and toilet building, and the Board thanks the Council for making this possible.

As part of the ongoing investment to further enhance the Eketahuna Camping Ground, the Board requests that the Council consider including funding within the Long Term Plan for the construction of an additional two cabins.

This would build on the options available to visitors for accommodation, and further lift the profile of the camping ground that already attracts many favourable comments from those staying at this facility.

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An extra day where the landfill is open for 23 hours. Struggling to have a family life when I need to unload rubbish on a Sunday at the landfill to be able to work again on Monday. Being a new business operator I haven't been able to purchase a second trailer like other contractors. The difficulty is I have to turn work away because my trailer is full and try and plan my work around the landfill not the weather. Lawn mowing / Gardening is a growing industry with more elderly and wanting this service.

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To Tararua District Councillors

Submission

Have you visited the Lindauer Replica Studio?

I only know of two Councillors that have, am I right or wrong? Visit before you close it!!!

TDC marketing manager says that for the Council to take us seriously we have to make money.

This Studio cost Council and Tararua nothing, it is supported by donations and Woodville District Vision.

Our Studio attracts national and international visitors to Tararua. How many do you attract at that cost?

Below are pages from the latest visitors book, read the comments, 35% are international visitors.

You want tourism. They do come to us and the District, and now you plan our forced closure!!

Visitors Book @ Lindauer Replica Studio

| | | | |
|---------|------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 1.4.15 | John & Helen Carpenter | Wanganui | What an amazing treasure you have here! |
| | | | Thanks |
| | | | Family connection thru to Rebe |
| | | | Mason McKinnon RIP Rebe 3rd cousin |
| 2/4/15 | Judy & Cyril Baker | Boston Bay, NZ | Wonderful!!! |
| 15/4/15 | Paul & Margaret Doyle | East Bay, Auckland | Very interesting |
| 16/4/15 | Hermann G. | neighbour in 48 Vogel St | impressive! |

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| 9/2/13 | Pet Luch | 2. Hughes Coast | Richmond |
| 1.3.15 | John & Liz Hill | STANMORE BAY | AUCKLAND |
| 15/3/15 | Shirley & Bill Maclean | Canada | |
| 16/3/15 | Anne Marie Mafi | Sydney | |
| 10.3.2015 | Julia van der Meer | Wellington | |
| 8.3.2015 | Philip & Marie Goring | Christchurch | |
| 9.3.2015 | Hans & Marcia Aukubay | Ried in Tirol, Austria | Der erste Kunstlerauspost war Friedrich Schindler |
| 12.3.2015 | Elly Bors & Andre Ebbe | Holland | |
| 10.3.2015 | Ingrid Tarr | Otago | Fantastic! |
| 11.3.15 | Christine Wood | England | "Love it" |
| " | Rosa Borer | Hungary | truly great exhibit |
| 2.3.15 | Adrienne Gilbert | Granddaughter of Lewis Skinner | |
| 2.3.15 | Alison McKay | " " " " | " " |
| 3.15 | Ratni & Markus Krebber | Germany | Thank you!! |
| 9.3.15 | Carol Anne Vingle | Canberra / NZ | Wonderful |
| 17.3.15 | Barbara & John Andrews | Red Beach | Love |

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| 19/10/14 | Peggy Melville | Blenheim | A privilege to see. Fantastic! |
| 22/10/14 | Ann Coulton | UK | Good to see in 'studio' |
| 2.11.14 | Paul Smith | Auckland | Fantastic ART. LOVED MY VISIT HERE |
| 2.11.14 | Linda Paulin | Auckland | LOVED IT!! |
| 8.11.14 | Nikki O'Leary | Fantastic | |
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| 10.11.14 | HARRY SWANWORTH | VASA FINLAND | LOVELY |
| 22.11.14 | Golf + Kevin Hill | Seckheim - Jugenheim / Germany | sehr schöne Bilder |
| 26/11/14 | Thomas HEATON | Manaratu | Amazing! |
| 28/11/14 | Sarah Poulter | Auckland | beautiful! |
| 29/11/14 | Chloe Poulter | Auckland | Awesome |
| 29/11/14 | Catherine Poulter - My | great great grandfather James Foy photographed | Amazing! |
| 9/12/14 | EVA PALATOVA | CZECH REPUBLIC | Response |
| | | "If only and becomes number one in our lines..." | |
| 11/12/14 | Helena Neville | CHCH most interesting | |
| 4/12/14 | 김영하 박인영 | 뉴질랜드 여행후의 기억과 기대 | AW |

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| | | | ADDITIONAL! |
| 25.1.15 | ALBINA + ARNOLD BRABCOVI | LIBEREC, CZECH REPUBLIC | AWAZING! |
| 30.1 | Alayne Matson | P.N | Glad it was open |
| 5.2 | REIN HLOCHAL | HRADEC KRA'LOVE | I made the effort |
| 5.2 | Marcel Maier | Leidersbach Germany | ALWAYS GREAT TO HAVE YOU BACK. THANK YOU |
| 2/5/15 | GARY HARTER | USA | |
| 5.7.15 | Maggie + Chris | Dresden, Germany | Wonderful picture Great! |
| 7.2.15 | Eliska + Vanilka | BREVEC; TABOR CZECH REPUBLIC | Wow! |
| 19/2/15 | Val + Geoff | Auckland | V. interesting |
| 25/2/15 | Carol + Axel Schreiner | PITTSFORD, New York U.S.A. | beautiful! |
| 07-05-15 | BRAN NADIER | OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND USA | Awesome! AWESOME |
| 07-03-15 | Ken Tatekawa | Japan | enjoyed :) |
| 18-03-15 | elaine dihiem | Pannoni Bunk | Great to see |
| 8-3-15 | Toni Jones | CAMBRIDGE NI | MUCH ENJOY |
| 7-3-15 | Rosy Perma | PNL | So rare! Won |
| 13-3-15 | Marilyn + Mark Mobley | USA | Thanks! |

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| Dec | Doze Robertson | - | Fun. |
| Dec | Ethan Bray | | Awesome! |
| 9/12/14 | Juringer Adrian | Palite | Korotaro !!! |
| 29/12/14 | Lucie, Jan & Jacki Vavra | The Czech Republic - & We Love Kindness pictures! | |
| 0.12.14 | Sarah Duggan & family - Great Great Granddaughter | Pinchaven, Upper Hutt | It gets better every time |
| 19/12/14 | Christine - Chris Jackson | My father, Koro Harnock, lived in the Lindauer home, Pinfold Rd as a child. | |
| 1-1-15 | Ken & Donna King | Orewa | A lovely collection |
| 3/1/15 | Sam Harrison | Whangarei | Beautiful printing |
| 4/1/15 | Leah Anne Herewini | Feilding | beautiful |
| 4/1/15 | Irirangi Warbrick | Feilding | ! |
| 5/1/15 | Mick & William Stef Hubble | Auckland / Woodville | Beautiful. Great |
| 8.1.15 | Margaret & Neil Guyan | Whareroa Auckland. | Impressive. |
| 17/1/15 | Pam & Nelson Hubbard | Feilding | Impressive. |
| 20/1/15 | Pavel Cerny | Zlín, Czech Rep. | Oh yes - baby! |
| 22/1/15 | Ron & Jane Boscal | Torquay UK. | Very moving |
| 24/1/15 | Mary & Dave Hall | Tararua | Special place. |

To continue with our part in the attraction to Tararua we need a connection to your I-Site. We ask for the Status quo or a similar arrangement with the move to the Infracon site.

The preferred options is; strengthen and enlarge the I-Site building by building off the back to house all the present services on the site now, plus the public toilet.

The Studio is well into planning to bring an Artist to NZ from Lindauer's birth place of Pilsen in the Czech Republic as part of an international interest in him and Woodville, your planning will have a negative effect on the Studio, Woodville and the Tararua as an art destination.

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WDV executive member, Lindauer Studio Chairperson, Museum executive member

I am opposed to the TDC preferred plan to relocate the library and I-Site to the alliance building.

I am opposed to the demolition of the present Library/I-Site building under any of the proposals. See research and notes below.

The preferred option is to relocate all the towns' services into the Infarcon building and site, this is a unique chance to truly have a one-stop shop for the betterment of the town and the Tararua District.

Under the Councils plan the future of Woodville looks depressing;-

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| Upgrading the main street | great job. |
| Car park at sports stadium | great |
| All this helps the development of the town and District | |
| BUT does this latest plan help? | NO |

Woodville's downgrade!!

Blair King and staff have done what is asked of them re Woodville's Council building surplus. They have reported to Council on an option to rationalize the buildings Council owns in town. But like a 'tender' process he has put forward the 'cheapest tender' for the bottom line. While this option may satisfies the Council books it lacks a human and community component.

Over the town's history we have had many battles to deal with, 100 years ago a quarter of our working men didn't return from the war, fires destroyed buildings and homes in the area, many floods, 1953 and the last major one 2004, and the Gorge slip with that road being closed for months. The town has had to battle on through all these outside events but never have we had to battle an attack from within.

In some quarters Council is perceived to be stripping and down grading our town, this perception is based on the Council direct and/or indirect demise of Infracon with staff that now, don't live in or purchase from the town and following this with the removal of the engineering service staff to Oringi.

Now with a proposed demolition of the old Borough Council/library building, that will lead onto the closure of the towns iconic Lindauer Studio, due to the isolation it will face being cut off from power and public access.

The Woodville Pioneer Museum (another Council owned building) is old and although a historical part of town, is well past it's 'use by date' and the contents are at risk of further deterioration unless better premises are found.

While in discussions with LTSA re another Woodville instigated project, it was point out that the Woodville funded, I-Site electronic sign was technically illegal as no advertising signage of this type is allowed on SH and if permission was sort for relocating it would be declined, another loss.

We are told of our imbalance of costs with Council preferred plan, WDV used Council's own available figures, as you have, but as an example of inverse imbalance WDV priced up a 40K toilet. Why is it costing Council 100K for a toilet?

Woodville and Council have a unique opportunity to make a difference to the future of the town, Tararua District's gateway town, with a community betterment approach with a one-site for all complex.

Summary;

Loss of Infracon from town
Loss of engineering services staff
Loss of Borough/I site/Library building
Loss of I-Site electronic signage
Loss of Lindauer Studio (due to isolation by Council)
Imminent loss of Museum as building deteriorates

Gains;

One 100K toilet with wonderful potable water on a 60K barren green space, for the tree sculpture people to use while they sit and wait at the Lindauer Studio, which never opens.

Welcome to Woodville's future

The Woodville library/I-Site building earthquake status?

There is a quick ready reckoner tool available to Councils and other bodies to help them prioritise buildings that may need further investigation regarding safety. This is called an IEP (Initial Evaluation Procedure) reporting tool or checking system.

Council use this to enter data about a building such as; usage, number of levels, age, type of construction, alterations, maintenance, land stability and other relevant details.

This then gives a conservative paper estimate of that buildings risk status.

It was never intended to be used as a tool to help Councils dispose of what could be a safe building just because it is surplus to them.

At the Woodville meeting Blair King told those assembled that the percentage was 34% and therefore earthquake prone and the Council's best option was demolition.

34% is a threshold on the building scale, below this 34%, enter at their own risk as it is deemed unsafe, above the 34% up to 67% usage is allowed but strengthen is to take place within the next 10-15 years.

(Comment - There is no legislation or rule that deems the building unusable if earthquake prone. Many organisations take it upon themselves not to use a building with a low rating but this is their own decision. In fact the Wellington Council have recently agreed to continue using a theatre that is less than 34% - they have decided to notify users and let them make their own call on whether or not to enter. The general consensus seems to be that if you have assessed the building and if you are taking steps to address any shortcomings then you are on the right side of the Law. The Department of Labour has confirmed this by stating that it does not consider an employer is negligent if the place of work is earthquake prone - as long as the owner is addressing the problem)

Council has not publicly said whether the 34% rating has come from the IEP guide or that the building has been inspected and analysed by a Chartered engineer who as a result has put the risk at the 34%.

It is likely that if an engineer was engaged in this case, Council would be only too pleased to say so.

So it must be assumed that this hasn't been the case and the 34% is Council sitting on the fence.

If the building was to be inspected by an engineer and with the built in margin of the IEP guide, this building could be found to be higher eg 60% and safe, but if found to be less than 34 the town would understand its removal.

(Comment - that is a very big "COULD". but it is possible. But, for the reasons stated above even if it is less than 34% this still doesn't necessarily justify removal. If a detailed engineering analysis (DEA) shows the building to be well below 34% and if the strengthening is expensive then demolition may be the best answer.)

(Comment - My IEP from the Google street maps (!!!) suggests the building might rate low but that it would not be dangerous and that it would be reasonably easy to strengthen. I would be surprised if it is a demolition case.)

My research in black and comments from a (out of TDC district) Chartered engineer in blue.

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opening Hours for the transferr station in pahiatua. cost structure and between dannivirke and pahiatua transfer station. I would like the oppertunity to discuss with the council the thinking and reasoning behind these issues. many thanks Paul.

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Although not directly relevant to the key projects listed in the Consultation Document, it is relevant to at least 2 of the major challenges faced by the council: (1) turning around the declining population; and (2) maintaining and improving service levels to improve lifestyles. The council admits that it will struggle to fund current and additional facilities that the community needs and wants. In choosing the highest tenderer for the lease of such land (as opposed to the Bush Sports Club, for example, a not for profit organisation that puts back into the community), the council is failing to take into account the community's wants and needs and the very purpose of the Reserves Act 1977 (refer sections 54(1) and 17 for starters). I intend to expand on this submission orally at the meeting on 19 May.

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Submission to Tararua District Council

Dog Registration Fees.

It disappoints me that the TDC proposes to lift Registration Fees for Rural dogs, both working and domestic, without presentation of data that shows rural dogs in any form are contributing to the need for extra facilities and extra Animal Control Officer hours.

Figures presented by the TDC to the Tararua Federated Farmers about six years ago clearly showed rural dogs were implicated in very few Animal Control Officer hours and impoundments yet the fees for these dogs is going up and the fees for proven high risk dogs ie domestic urban, are going down.

The domestic rural category recognises that these dogs rarely leave their home properties and are consequently low maintenance as far as TDC services are concerned yet fees for these dogs have risen \$40.

Proposal

A flat fee per dog suggests that 3 dogs will create 3 times as much cost for Council as 1 dog or a team of 6 dogs will create twice as much cost as 3 dogs. This is not the case and is an example of unfair revenue gathering as the owner is the base unit of the system.

Given that rural dogs both domestic and working create little workload for Council staff, fees for rural dogs should be aligned around a base fee for the owner's first dog (because the vast bulk of the cost is the registration of the owner and the collection of fees) and a smaller flat fee added on per subsequent dog as these extra dogs only require an extra entry and a plastic tag.

Therefore I suggest \$50 for the first dog and \$10 for each dog thereafter for rural working dogs. The fee for domestic rural can remain at \$25.

The "preferred owner" scheme is an excellent way to reward responsible dog owners. These owners go to some trouble to comply and are not regular users of the pound and animal control officers yet their fees are proposed to rise by 18%

The beneficiaries of a well policed dog population in Tararua are the public at large so any costs associated with maintaining this state of affairs should be funded jointly by the General Rate and the lifting of fees for domestic urban dogs.

N J Perry



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Submission

1. This submission relates to:
The Tararua District Council Draft Long Term Plan 2015-25 Consultation
2. The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) wishes to be heard in support of its submission.
3. EECA proposes that the Tararua District Council support greater energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives in Council operations and in the wider community. Specifically, EECA proposes that Council focus on:
 - reducing Council and community energy use;
 - increasing the share of renewable energy used; and
 - improving energy efficiency performance.
4. EECA urges Council to participate in the Voluntary Targeted Rate (VTR) mechanism for insulation, and provide a budget for the provision of an Eco Design Advisor.
5. EECA's reasons for making this submission are as follows:
6. Eco Design Advisors undertake free or low cost in-home consultations with homeowners, provide free phone advice on new home or renovation plans, and increase the understanding of sustainable building in the local Council area.
7. Council participation in the Voluntary Targeted Rate (VTR) scheme will support the community to install energy efficiency measures in the home, by providing ratepayers with another method of funding their insulation requirements. From a Council point of view there is no cost to Council as the VTR debt is secured against the ratepayer's home and so provides first call for repayment over a nine to ten year period.
8. The uptake of insulation provides significant benefits to your community in terms of warmer, drier homes, job creation, improved health outcomes, enhanced air quality, and the ability for the elderly to "age in place". The VTR mechanism is important as cash is not always available for some ratepayers to meet the upfront

costs of insulating their homes. Given that some ratepayers either do not have a mortgage (such as the elderly who are often asset-rich and cash poor), or do not want to take out a personal loan.

9. Ten councils currently use a VTR mechanism successfully. These councils are:
 - Auckland City Council
 - Dunedin City Council
 - Greater Wellington Regional Council
 - Hawkes Bay Regional Council
 - Nelson City Council
 - New Plymouth City Council
 - Marlborough District Council
 - South Taranaki District Council
 - South Waikato District Council
 - Tasman District Council
 - In addition, several other councils are considering joining the scheme.
10. A quick glance at this list shows that the Tararua area is not currently covered by these schemes, which encompass about 60% of New Zealand's population.
11. **EECA's role:** The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) promotes energy efficiency, energy conservation and the use of energy from renewable sources.
12. When it comes to low income and high-health-needs households, the Government is focused on meeting the needs of this group through its \$100 million Warm Up New Zealand: Healthy Homes programme. Administered by EECA, this scheme is targeted at low income homeowners or tenants who have a Community Service Cards, whereby the Government works with community trusts and commercial service providers to provide insulation 100% free. For this sector the Government provides 60% of the cost of insulating a house built prior to the year 2000, with energy trusts and community groups working in partnership with service providers to provide the remaining 40%.
13. The Healthy Homes programme builds on the work of the previous programme Warm Up New Zealand: Heat Smart. As a result of both programmes to date, 277,155 low income and high-health-needs households across New Zealand now have insulation. Since the programmes began, in the Tararua region there are 1,039 households with insulation that have benefited from this 100% funding for insulation.
14. **In conclusion:** The Tararua District Council is a role model for the wider community and could encourage further Corporate energy efficiency initiatives. EECA asks Council to assist the community to install energy efficiency measures by providing a Voluntary Targeted Rate mechanism. This would provide your ratepayers with another method of funding their insulation requirements and can offer a multiplicity of benefits to your community, including warmer, healthier homes, enhanced resource management as well as local jobs. For its part EECA is willing to provide working examples of the VTR mechanism, including draft contracts and ratepayer agreements, as well as facilitating auditing of installed insulation for quality assurance and offers operational support.

15. EECA urges the Council to budget for an Eco Design Advisor to increase the understanding of sustainable building in the local Council area.
16. In addition, improving the management of Council's energy resources will contribute towards supporting the growth and development of the community.
17. Details of the Voluntary Targeted Rate mechanism are provided in Attachment A, further examples of energy management opportunities are provided in Attachment B and more information on the Eco Design Advisor role is provided in Attachment C for your consideration.

Signed:



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Attachment A: Voluntary Targeted Rates for insulation

How installing insulation can benefit your community

Insulating homes can provide multiple benefits to your community. These benefits include:

- **Job creation/economic growth:** This is because insulation is a labour-intensive process, and companies tend to employ and up skill local labour to meet demand.
- **Warmer, drier, healthier homes:**
 - Cold, damp homes mean more problems like asthma in children and adults, and so resolving the causes of this problem through insulation and improved heating creates positive health outcomes.
 - Warmer, drier homes can result in fewer hospital admissions¹.
 - Warmer drier homes can also improve productivity through reduced days off work, and reduced days off school.
- **Insulation helps to reduce energy bills**
A well-insulated house requires less heating. This can reduce energy costs for householders.
- **Increased potential for older people to “age in place”**
A well-insulated and heated house can allow for older people to live in their homes for longer, and with better health. This reduces hospital and rest homes costs, and also builds more resilient communities.
- **Improved health for homeowners:**
An independent survey (Motu Report 2011) has demonstrated that the insulation programme shows a cost-benefit ratio of 5:1 – with the majority of the benefits coming from improvements in health and wellbeing.

How the Voluntary Targeted Rate scheme works in other councils

Throughout New Zealand, a number of other councils have set up a VTR mechanism, whereby ratepayers can choose to pay off the additional costs of their retrofit on their rates over a nine or ten year period.

The VTR mechanism utilised by these councils is designed to be cost-neutral to council as the insulation (and in some cases water, solar energy and clean heating) is only provided to individual ratepayers who request it and who are willing to pay it back over a nine to ten year period. The VTR interest rate margin accommodates any administration costs to council. The scheme has no impact on the general ratepayer as they are not part of the targeted rate unless they voluntarily choose to do so.

Councils set a maximum amount of funding available each year, and also set a cap on the amount each individual household can obtain as a Voluntary Targeted Rate—with some councils setting a maximum for insulation, and a separate cap for heating

This type of scheme is seen as a low risk to councils as rates are a statutory first charge against the property. Indeed the VTR mechanism can be seen as similar to a small (2-3 house) sewerage reticulation scheme, except this scheme is voluntary,

¹ These health-related benefits have been verified by the Wellington School of Medicine.

and targeted only at a single property. The VTR program is primarily targeted at the "general income" groups in the community who do not qualify for low income support.

To illustrate how the scheme works, take Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) as an example:

- commencement of a VTR approach in mid-2010, recently received an extension for another 3 years;
- set a cap of \$3,900 funding per property, which is considered sufficient to cover the cost of insulating an average house (note that other councils, particularly those which also offer clean heating, have individual caps of \$5000 including GST).
- The scheme has been popular with ratepayers who can pay back the funding over a nine or ten year period via the targeted rate.
- The scheme is designed to be cost-neutral to Council, and to result in no cost to the general ratepayer. Council recovers the cost of capital, plus an administration fee.
- The rate is targeted to an individual ratepayer who elects to ask for the targeted rate.

GWRC charges an interest rate on the funding of 7% for the 2013/14 year – and this interest rate is reviewed annually. This means that the funding method is not necessarily cheaper than borrowing from a bank, however, it is proving popular as a simple method of repayment that stays with the property. Upon sale of the property, the homeowner is required to inform the incoming owner of the VTR (who may choose to require that it is repaid in full), and it is also registered against the LIM.

The VTR mechanism has been designed to minimise workload for the Council. Thus the majority of work rests with the Service Providers (who undertake the installations and distribute the Council's VTR agreements to homeowners). In GWRC's case, the administration involves checking to see if the person is a ratepayer in the region and that their rates are up to date, and then approving payment to the Service Provider (Dunedin City Council also require all VTR applicants to agree to pay all rates via direct debit). GWRC originally managed this workload within their existing staff – and since their scheme has grown to \$6 million a year they now fund this position via the interest rate margin as a way of recouping administration expenses.

Councils are deemed to be part of the Consumer Credit and Consumer Finance Act, and are required to join a dispute resolution service at a minimal fee (which EECA is willing to fund in the initial year).

Explanation of how the scheme works in practice

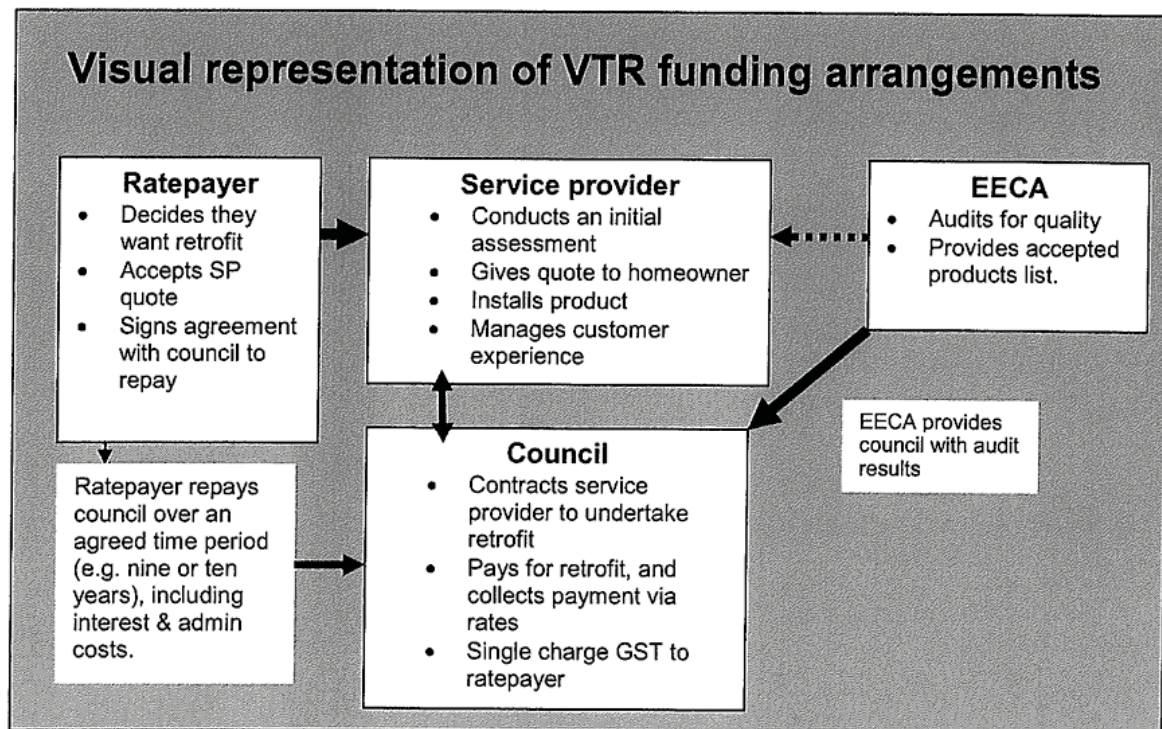
Under the GWRC model, the system for a ratepayer getting their home insulated is as follows:

1. The homeowner contacts one (or preferably several to get a range of quotes) of Service Providers within the district. Alternatively, Service Providers are active in advertising direct to homeowners.
 - a. Note: The VTR schemes only apply to houses which are pre-2000, as after this date the building regulations changed to require a higher standard of insulation.
2. The Service Provider visits the house, and makes an assessment of the cost and suitability of the insulation (if council wishes to fund clean heat options,

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- these can also be assessed by the Service Provider). They provide the homeowner with a written quote.
3. The Service Provider also discusses options for payment with the homeowner. If their area provides it, then one of the options would include the VTR – and the Service Provider has copies of the council application form for the homeowner.
 4. Once the homeowner has chosen a quote, they send the application form and a copy of the quote back to the council. This is likely to be the first time that council staff are involved.
 5. The council checks that the ratepayer lives in the district, that they are not in rate arrears, and then informs the ratepayer if they qualify. Once this occurs, the council indicates to the Service Provider that the work can begin.
 6. The Service Provider undertakes the job.
 7. Once the work is completed, the Service Provider invoices council for the cost of the retrofit. Council pays the invoice from the Service Provider. The ratepayer pays off this funding on their rates over a nine or ten year period.
 8. EECA operates an audit regime of 5% of jobs to ensure Service Providers offer quality products and service.
 9. Note that the council acts as the contractor of the service provider to install insulation into the ratepayer's home. This is to ensure that the job is only charged as single GST (as otherwise, due to payment coming on the rates, the job would be charged twice for GST – once on the job itself, and again with the GST on rates. By the council acting as the contractor, it is deemed to be the principal in the supply chain, and therefore can deduct the GST).

The following is a diagram that sets out how the funding works for the scheme.



Templates available

EECA has worked with a number of councils who have set up VTR mechanisms. During this process, a comprehensive template has been built up, which is available to councils wishing to introduce VTR.

EECA can provide your council with copies of the contracts which EECA has developed with councils. EECA can also supply copies of the ratepayer agreements which other councils have developed. Some of the councils have undertaken independent legal advice, which they may be willing to discuss with you. EECA can also supply wording for the Annual or Long-Term Plan, which other councils have used for things like the Funding Impact Statement, and the Revenue and Financing Policy. EECA can also provide copies of marketing materials, which explain the scheme in simple terms. To summarise, there is an existing suite of templates which can be rolled out, if your council wishes to take up the scheme.

Auditing by EECA: In order to support the VTR scheme EECA will provide auditing of the installed insulation. In addition, EECA will provide a list of accepted products which council can require Service Providers to use.

With auditing, EECA currently uses Opus, a nationwide quality assurance service by auditing 5% of the retrofit jobs, and EECA will be developing a user-pays system for Service Providers so there is no cost to council.

In regard to the list of accepted products, EECA will maintain a list (along with the Ministry for the Environment) which also includes clean heating products which councils can rely on as fit for purpose.

Attachment B: Further energy management opportunities

EECA encourages councils to consider the full range of energy management opportunities available in the area, as the availability of renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy conservation projects is specific to each region.

Energy conservation seeks to avoid wasting energy. Energy efficiency is about using less energy to achieve the same result, or greater results from the same amount of energy. Both result in energy savings. Water and energy use can be related, as reducing water use reduces pumping use. In the case of hot water systems and washing machines a reduction in hot water use can reduce heating energy use.

EECA measures available to support local action:

- EECA's consumer programme, ENERGYWISE™, provides information for motivating change in the community, so residents can make the most of energy efficiency, energy conservation and renewable energy opportunities.
- EECA's transport programme provides information and guidance through:
 - information for motorists on how to drive more fuel efficiently;
 - vehicle fuel economy labels - EECA administers the vehicle fuel economy label, which helps people make an informed decision about the vehicles they are considering buying;
 - fuel efficient tyres - helping consumers identify tyres that meet standards for both fuel efficiency and braking in the wet;
 - heavy vehicles - EECA works to improve the fuel efficiency of the heavy vehicle fleet;
 - renewable transport energy - EECA has developed a range of information about biofuels for industry and consumers, including sustainability information. Electric vehicles present an opportunity to make use of New Zealand's highly renewable electricity for transport. EECA provides advice on electric vehicles to consumers through the ENERGYWISE website.
- EECA's business programme BUSINESS™, provides information and guidance to councils to reduce energy costs through:
 - managing premises.
 - buying and operating equipment.
 - encouraging staff to be energy efficient.
 - managing vehicle use.
 - renewable energy use, such as solar energy for swimming pool heating.
- Funding has been designed specifically for government organisations, for example, Crown loans are available for implementing energy projects such as energy efficient space heating and lighting.
- Case studies and regional energy strategies assist with the identification and use of renewable energy resources including geothermal heat. This includes information on the factors that determine how much of these renewable resources captured, such as:
 - technical potential - how much of the resource can be viably utilised given current technologies
 - economic potential - how much of the technical potential is viable at sufficiently low cost.

Attachment C: Eco Design Advisor role in Council

Eco Design Advisors undertake free or low cost in-home consultations with homeowners, provide free phone advice on new home or renovation plans, and increase the understanding of sustainable building in the local council area. Seven councils already provide this service: Auckland City Council, Hamilton City Council, Palmerston North City Council, Kapiti Coast District Council, Hutt City/Upper Hutt City Council, Nelson City Council, and Invercargill City Council. The Eco Design Advisor service has:

- demonstrated success – the 2013 national customer survey indicates high satisfaction and high rates of improvements as a result of the advice;
- positive feedback indicating this is appreciated by participants as a constructive service provided by councils; and
- contributed to upgrading the condition of the areas housing stock, reducing household running costs (energy/water) and improving residents' health.

There are numerous benefits to engaging an Eco Design Advisor for the Council. These include:

- raising the condition of the housing stock in the region to World Health Organisation standards and improving the energy and water efficiency of all houses, delivering an improved quality of life to current and future residents.
- meeting council objectives relating to sustainability and environmental education, water demand management and resource use, and community well-being.
- supporting the Council's environmental education initiatives.
- promoting sustainable building in design and construction, as required under the Building Act 2004 (sections 3, 4 and 172).
- being a key mechanism for championing sustainable design within the Council and feeding back into the development of Council policy.
- generating positive feedback by offering free, impartial advice and assistance to residents, designers and the building trade – the Eco Design Advisor service is one of the few "carrots" Council can offer in the building compliance area.
- showing the Council is proactive and leading in sustainability issues.

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TARARUA DISTRICT COUNCIL - LONG TERM PLAN 2015 - 2025

SUBMISSION FROM SPORT MANAWATU

Sport Manawatu would like to thank Tararua District Council (TDC) for their ongoing support of our work in the district and for allowing us to contribute towards the TDC Long Term Plan (LTP 2015 – 2025). I would like to acknowledge our close working relationship with Council as we continue to collaborate on mutually supportive recreational and sporting opportunities that contribute to people 'Living well in Tararua' and having a great lifestyle.

Sport Manawatu is a charitable trust and non-profit organisation that was established in 1987, and has grown from small beginnings to become a substantial provider of services and events benefiting the sporting and active recreation interests of the Manawatu, Horowhenua and Tararua communities. Administration headquarters are located at Sports House in Palmerston North, with satellite offices based in Feilding and Dannevirke.

In general, Sport Manawatu is supportive of the TDC Long Term Plan, in particular the focus on ensuring there are good recreational facilities in the region, the Ekatahuna/Eketahuna and Pahiatua pool upgrades, and the safe roading projects for the Saddle Road and Pahiatua Track. We would however encourage TDC to place an emphasis on the development of shared pathways for cyclists and pedestrians in the region. I would appreciate the opportunity to make a presentation to Council outlining our proposal in specific areas of interest to sport and recreation in our region.

Community and Recreational Facilities

It is encouraging to see TDC plan to commit significant financial investment to maintaining and enhancing recreational facilities in the region. Many community buildings are used for sport and recreation and Sport Manawatu would like to see council ensuring that buildings are maintained to ensure continued provision of suitable spaces for sport and recreation. The Bush Multisport facility in Pahiatua continues to see increased usage and growth in participation levels so we would encourage Council to ensure the Service Agreement with Bush MultiSport/Multisport Trust includes adequate funding to continue the successful growth of this facility and its usage.

Sport Manawatu supports initiatives that provide opportunities for people in our community to engage in physical activity. Results from a recent Active NZ survey from Sport NZ (2015) identified the most popular activities of choice are recreational by nature – walking, swimming, cycling and jogging/running. The enhancing of parks and reserves demonstrates TDC commitment to Sport and Recreation in the region, and will only encourage more children and adults to maintain active lifestyles.

Sport Manawatu is also very supportive of the District Wide Walkway Development (p76 DLTP). We would like to see TDC consider the development of some of these walkways as off-road shared pathways for both pedestrians and cyclists in the district. Results from a recent Sport NZ (2015) survey identified that the most popular facilities for sport and recreation were 'a path, cycle-way or walkway in a town or city (53.1%)'. Shared pathways would create a safe recreational off-road experience for walkers and cyclists to enjoy our beautiful region.

Activities and Events

Sport Manawatu endorses TDC's vision to support an outstanding lifestyle through the delivery of recreational activities and events. Through our Tararua Recreation Advisor we support Council's vision by collaborating with a significant number of groups to create opportunities for community participation in structured activities and events. The Tararua Sports Person of the Year Awards is one such community event that not only celebrates the regions sporting successes but more importantly recognises the significant contributions people make in our community. Celebrating community participation in recreational activities is one way we can achieve such outcomes.

Swimming Pool Upgrades

Sport Manawatu supports the planned Pahiatua and Eketahuna pool upgrades (2015 – 2025 LTP p 16). Localised pool complexes provide an essential recreational asset whereby members of the community can engage in formalised fitness programmes or alternately recreate in an informal setting.

The AMP Wai Splash Community pool is one such regional asset that members of the community use to engage in recreational activities. Our Green Prescription staff use the complex to facilitate fitness and educational programmes all year round. These programmes improve the lives of many community members with their target to promote active lifestyles.

TDC may wish to consider a collaborative approach working in partnership with community groups i.e. businesses and schools that would support the upgrade project. The completion of the upgrades would see the Eketahuna and Pahiatua communities benefit greatly from these significant recreational assets.

Roading

We particularly support shared roading initiatives that focus on the safety of pedestrians and cyclists in our region. There has been much debate about the impacts that closing the Gorge Road has on traffic volumes on the Saddle Road and Pahiatua Track and the increased safety risks to cyclists (p23 2012-2022 LTP). TDC links with NZTA on regional roading initiatives so it is encouraging to see TDC recognise the importance of keeping our recreational community safe. A significant number of cyclists use the Saddle Road and Pahiatua Track so an emphasis on widening existing infrastructure will go some way to providing safer access for road cyclists linking with the 'Manawatu Cycleway' (part of the New Zealand Cycleway).

Footpaths

Sport Manawatu also supports TDC's active approach to improving footpaths in the region (p122). In a Tararua Community Survey report carried out in 2014, 49% of residents surveyed mentioned they used walking as a means of keeping physically active. On-going provision of safe footpaths will allow this to continue in the future.

Community Facilities Strategy

Sport Manawatu are proposing to lead and co-ordinate the development of a Regional Sports Facilities Plan and are looking to partner with our respective local authorities, which includes Palmerston North City Council, Manawatu District Council, Tararua District Council, Horowhenua District Council, and Horizons Regional Council.

A Regional Sport Facility Plan will provide a framework for Councils as well as the many regional and local sporting organisations. At a recently held forum involving presidents and CEOs from Regional Sporting organisations the general consensus was that there is a real need for work to be done in this area to provide sound rationale for decision making.

The purpose of a regional plan is to:

- enable better decision making about sport facilities, spaces and places.
- provide rationale for investment into priority facility projects to renew, replace and replenish facilities so they are future-proofed, fit for purpose and well-used.
- foster local collaboration between private providers, community and schools to ensure planning and development is coordinated and aligned.
- support better use of facilities, spaces and places through the provision of great sporting opportunities.

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TARARUA LONG TERM PLAN 2015-2025 PROPOSALS - SUBMISSION

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on Taranaki District Council's Long Term Plan 2015-2025 proposals. Horizons Regional Council (Horizons) generally supports the direction set out in the Plan. We would like to be heard by the Council in support of our submission.

Wastewater Group of Activities

Horizons acknowledges and thanks the District Council for its on-going commitment to the Manawatu River Leaders Accord. We recognise that Council has carried out significant work to improve wastewater discharges over the last three years, more than was originally scoped, to meet this commitment. We support Council's approach of carefully considering the available options to optimise the environmental results of investment in improvements.

Horizons supports Council's commitment to pursue land based treatment options, as set out in the Consultation Document. Horizons would like to see the wording of the statement in the draft Long Term Plan amended to strengthen that commitment.

Horizons also supports Council's efforts to reduce stormwater infiltration into wastewater systems throughout the District. We support the setting of the Level of Service performance measure "*Number of enforcement actions against Council for not meeting resource consent conditions for sewage schemes*" at zero abatement notices, infringement notices, enforcement orders, and convictions, in line with the District's commitments under the Manawatu River Accord Action Plan.

Water Group of Activities

Horizons is very pleased to see that the District is proposing to make improvements to the Woodville water supply. We acknowledge that Council has considerable issues each summer in supplying water to the Woodville Community while meeting the conditions of its resource consent. Whichever option is chosen to improve the reliability of supply, we urge Council to discuss with Horizons how existing consent conditions can be met during the transition period.

Horizons also supports the District Council's on-going work to manage water demand, as highlighted in the Consultation Document.





Stormwater Group of Activities

Horizons supports the approach to stormwater management set out in the Long Term Plan proposals and the draft Infrastructure Strategy, including carrying out stormwater modelling in Dannevirke and Pahiatua, and managing the impact of new subdivision on existing infrastructure. We have information, such as rainfall data, that may be of assistance to the District and would welcome the opportunity to share information to improve knowledge and understanding for both our organisations.

Horizons also supports the setting of the Level of Service performance measure "*Number of enforcement actions against Council for not meeting resource consent conditions for sewage schemes*" at zero abatement notices, infringement notices, enforcement orders, and convictions, consistent with the District's commitments under the Manawatu River Accord Action Plan.

District Promotion and Economic Development Group of Activities

Horizons acknowledges Tararua District Council's cooperation and contribution in relation to the Regional Growth Study and Central New Zealand Agribusiness Strategy. We support Council's continued commitment to economic development in its Long Term Plan. Horizons looks forward to continuing to work with our constituent councils to progress the results of the Study and Strategy, and realise opportunities for economic growth throughout the Region.

Roadings and Footpaths Group of Activities

Horizons acknowledges the identified challenge of ensuring a safe and connected district with the available funding. The Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-2025 has prioritised "*Efficient Road Maintenance and Delivery*" as the most important deliverable over the lifetime of the Plan (Strategic Priority 1). Maintaining roads and bridges to the current level of service is not only important for the viability and sustainability of Tararua's economy, but also contributes to the efficiency, resilience and positive safety outcomes of the wider regional transportation network.

Horizons recognises and supports Tararua District Council's capital investment into the Saddle Road upgrade. The improvements contribute positively to the efficiency and resiliency of the District and wider regional transportation network.

We also support local initiatives, including the Dannevirke Community Vehicle and St John Health Shuttles, as services that support transport opportunities for the District's residents.

Enviroschools

In this submission, Horizons would like to thank Tararua District Council for its support of the Enviroschools Programme.

The Enviroschools Programme is a non-regulatory method that many councils use to achieve their objectives and policies. Enviroschools facilitates a whole of school/centre and community approach to effective resource management, and promotes the sustainable management of natural and physical resources by addressing issues relating to waste, water, energy, transport, and biodiversity. Because a focus of the Programme relates to building a sustainable community, these practices filter through into the home environment as well. It also aims to equip youth with the competencies they need to be leaders in sustainability. The



Programme helps youth think creatively, strengthens connections with the land and the cultural values associated with it, which leads to action on current sustainability issues, and results in long-term behaviour change.

Tararua District Council has become a community leader and advocate through its support of the Enviroschools Programme. It has enabled action projects that have both environmental and educational outcomes that benefit not just the Enviroschool, but also the wider community, as well as youth that advocate for significant issues within their local community. With Tararua District Council's facilitation support over the past two years, Enviroschools in the District have explored waste minimisation, water conservation and sustainable ecosystems. Most of the Enviroschools are starting to have an outward focus, looking to connect with groups, individuals and projects in their local community.

Overall, Tararua District Council has enabled its sustainability-smart schools and early childhood centres to get on board. Two new Enviroschools joined the Programme in the last year, and the Council has provided an increase in the level of facilitation afforded to each Enviroschool. This increase in baseline facilitation funding is a first in the Region. It allows Tararua Enviroschools to have more quality time with their Facilitator above and beyond minimum threshold, and allows the Facilitator to support facilitation without being disadvantaged by distance travelled. Further support from the District Council through the Facilitator will allow more schools and centres with a strong focus on holistic sustainability to join the Programme and further expand the network in the Tararua District.

Thank you for supporting the Enviroschools Programme. We look forward to continuing our relationship with Tararua District Council and furthering the outcomes of the Enviroschools Programme.

We look forward to discussing these matters with Council at the hearing of submissions on 19 May 2015. Please coordinate the time a Horizons' representative will attend by contacting Karen Winchcombe, PA Group Secretary Strategy and Regulation on (06) 9522 849 or email karen.winchcombe@horizons.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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**SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT TARARUA DISTRICT COUNCIL 2015 – 2025 LONG TERM
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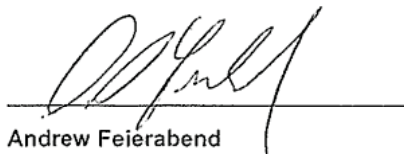
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Meridian Energy Limited (Meridian) makes the following submissions on the Draft Tararua District Council 2015 – 2025 Long Term Plan as set out in the **attached** document.

Meridian would like to be heard in support of its submission.


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For and behalf of Meridian Energy Limited

Dated this 8th day of May 2015

SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT 2015-2025 LONG TERM PLAN AND DRAFT FINANCIAL POLICY

SUBMITTER: MERIDIAN ENERGY LIMITED (Meridian)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. Meridian appreciates the constructive relationship it has with the Tararua District Council and welcomes the opportunity to submit on the draft Long Term Plan (Plan)..
2. In valuing the relationship, Meridian wishes to make a fair and reasonable contribution to the functioning of the District, however it believes it is not being treated fairly with the current and proposed rating of its assets. This is exacerbated in the charges proposed for the coming Plan due to the effects of the revaluation.

NATURE OF MERIDIAN'S OPERATION IN THE DISTRICT

3. Meridian operates its consented wind farms at Te Apati. The wind farms are based on land owned by Meridian and also on leased land. The nature of wind turbines is that they make up a very small percentage of the land occupied, with the significant proportion of the land continuing to be used for agricultural purposes.
4. The nature of the operation is that it does not create any additional demand on the Council services, nor does it create any discharges or adverse environmental effects. In creating renewable energy, the operations add to the social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing of the District.

COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITY

5. The Local Government Act 2002 governs the powers and requirements of local authorities. In particular, subpart 3 sets out requirements for financial management.
6. We refer specifically to Section 101(3)

"The funding needs of the local authority must be met from those sources that the local authority determine to be appropriate, following consideration of –

(a) In relation to each activity to be funded, –

- (i) the community outcomes to which the activity contributes; and*
- (ii) the distribution of the benefits between the community as a whole, and any identifiable part of the community, and individuals; and*
- (iii) the period in or over which those benefits are expected to occur, and*
- (iv) the extent to which the actions or inaction of particular individuals or a group contribute to the need to undertake the activity; and*
- (v) the cost and benefits, including consequences for transparency and accountability, of funding the activity distinctly from other activities; and*

(b) The overall impact of an allocation of liability for revenue needs on the community"

These considerations are inclusive. In the use of differentials, charging one property a higher rate than another, the Council needs to demonstrate that there is:

- a higher level of service, or

- a higher share of benefits, or
- the cost of providing the service to one group is higher than the cost of providing the service to others.

The difference needs to be measurable and not unreasonable.

CURRENT PROPOSED RATES

7. The current rates contribution by Meridian are as follows:

| Property ID | Location | Land Area | 2014/2015 | 2015/2016 |
|--------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 31361 | Saddle Road | 7.7724 ha | 1,493.99 | 1,516.29 |
| 34213 | Saddle Road | - | 6,544.52 | 15,136.47 |
| 34212 | Saddle Road | 168.9724 ha | 2,812.07 | ? |
| 34207 | Cook Road | - | 693.52 | 2,203.04 |
| 34206 | Cook Road | 22.2900 ha | 1,418.23 | ? |
| 34205 | S R Hughes | - | 5,548.16 | 12,190.35 |
| 34199 | Braemore Farms | - | 9,709.30 | 20,834.48 |
| 34193 | Braemore Farms | - | 4,161.13 | 9,244.24 |
| 34211 | Mona Vale | - | 693.52 | 2,203.04 |
| 34214 | J & G Bolton | - | 9,186.80 | 22,029.22 |
| Total | | | \$ 42,261 | \$85,357 |

While the figures for 34212 and 34206 have not been assessed, the rate contribution is increasing by 172% (refer Windfarms, page 180 of the Funding Impact Statement). This equates to a total increase in Meridian rates of 101%.

8. The footprint of windfarms account for approximately 1.5% of the total land area.
- the underlying zoning of the zoning of the area is rural.
 - the windfarms require no additional services from the Council.
 - the benefits received by Meridian related to these properties are no greater than the surrounding rural properties.
 - the largest portion of the properties are used for agricultural purposes.
9. The Council states in its Revenue and Financial Policy (Part 3, page 163) that the "Council does not set the general rates on a differential basis", yet it has an Industrial/Commercial Rural Targeted differential. In targeting this rate, (page 163 refers) "These rates include Uniform Annual Charges, differential rates set on value (land or capital value), rates set over an area of benefits and rates for a service or for an activity."
- This leads to the conclusion that the Industrial/Commercial Rural targeted differential has been set to cover higher levels of benefit and/or service however no higher level of benefit has been identified to this group.
10. The above conclusion is supported by the comments on "Activity Funding Targets", refer page 164 in "setting the level of revenue that is appropriate for the users to contribute for each Council activity identified." (refer to LGA, section 101).

11. The Funding Impact Statement (pages 178-179) refers to the Industrial Commercial rate being based on capital value. The Funding Impact Statement (page 180) refers to rates from Windfarms increasing by 172%, compared to the rural movement of 2.72%.
12. From the documentation, it appears the Industrial/Commercial Rural Targeted Differential rate is used to recover net costs related to Economic Development and Rural Fire Activities. Rural Fire appears a lower cost, however in principle, windfarms present an extremely low risk of rural fires against a proportionately high capital value. The rural fire legislation is based around land based fires rather than structures.
13. The significant impact appears to be due to the allocation of 20% of the net cost of the Economic Development Activities. The rationale for the allocation to this differential is stated on page 187:

*"to attract and retain residents business development and tourism.
Retailers, motels and business gain specific benefits"*

14. Page 188, on the use of capital values, refers:

"the spread of benefits between the high and low rates are generally less extreme."

It is estimated that Meridian accounts for approximately 40% of the rural commercial/industrial differential base. Meridian considers this to have a punitive effect and is unreasonable. As stated in our opening, Meridian is happy to make a reasonable contribution, however considers the benefits it receives from these activities are no greater than any other rural property. In the circumstances Meridian is of the strong opinion that the impact on using capital value on Meridian is unfair unreasonable and inappropriate.

15. Relief Sought

That as Meridian land use is predominantly rural, and that the benefit it receives from the targeted activities is extremely small, Meridian is removed from the Industrial/Commercial Rural Targeted Differential category and be treated the same as all other rural ratepayers.

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Richard Taylor

From: seamless@tararua.govt.nz
Sent: Friday, 17 April 2015 10:08 a.m.
To: Info - Tararua District Council; Richard Taylor
Subject: LTP 2015-2025 Submission Form Submitted

| | |
|--|--|
| Your Name | Garry McGraw |
| Organisation (if applicable) | Ratepayer |
| Postal address | 198 Laws Rd RD2, Dannevirke |
| Daytime phone number | 027198198 |
| Email address | garrymcg6@gmail.com |
| I wish to speak in person on this submission at the Council hearing on Tuesday, 19 May 2015 | Yes |
| Should Council proceed with this project as planned? | No |
| Your comments | Council has expert technical staff that have at least 10yrs to consider this problem and develop appropriate options. i do not believe that you should spend another \$50,000 on option study and consultation. Staff should present the most cost effective long term solution and Council should then make a decision and get on with it. Woodville have had promises for years. |
| Are you a Pongaroa ratepayer? | No |
| <i>As a Pongaroa urban resident, would you prefer:</i> Voting yes to take over your supply separate to Council, and accept the potential health risks? <i>OR</i> Council upgrades this urban system to meet national drinking water standards subject to obtaining Central Government subsidy funding of at least 70%. (This would significantly increase your water targeted rates to match that charged district-wide for other schemes.) | |
| Your comments | this supply should be left to a private provider as such small system cost a huge amount to maintain the DWS requirements |
| Should Council sell its pensioner housing units to a respected social housing provider who can access the Government's Social Housing Funding? <i>OR</i> Should Council retain the pensioner housing units but increase the rentals significantly to ensure operations, maintenance and renewal costs are adequately funded? | Yes |
| Your comments | Council should research the possibility of entering into a partnership with Govt social housing dept as a method of |

retaining some local influence.

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Your comments

absolutely yes, returning earthquake listed/prone buildings is a huge risk for Council.

Should Council exit from kerbside refuse bag collection, and let the private sector deliver this service to the community?

Yes

Your comments

this service is NOT one of the Local Govt Acts "Core activities" and as such i believe it could be delivered commercially and may open up opportunities to local business, also would create a possible competitive environment.

I support / oppose

I oppose the changes to the dog registration fees. As i believe this is penalising those ratepayers/public who follow the regulations. the pound should be self funding and self sustaining. Council is breaking a promise to those who have paid to be "Preferred Status" by now removing the discount?.

Because

As i believe this is penalizing those ratepayers/public who follow the regulations. the pound should be self funding and self sustaining. Council is breaking a promise to those who have paid to be "Preferred Status" by now removing the discount?. also the LTP summary Document talks about a increase in preferred dog owner fees but the fees and charges document removes this fee and set the reg fee the same as normal. the LTP document also state that a increased level of service will be delivered? not to those paying the Fee?.

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Your comments:

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Your comments:

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OR

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Your comments:

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☐ Yes ☐ No

Your comments:

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5. KERBSIDE REFUSE COLLECTION

Should Council exit from kerbside refuse bag collection, and let the private sector deliver this service to the community?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Your comments: I KNOW BOTTLES PLASTIC'S ARE PUT OUT IN KERBSIDE BINS AND CONTRACTORS SHOULD BE CHECKED TO CONFIRM THIS

OTHER ISSUES

I support / oppose

(ie) Heavy trucks, Farm vehicles and those pulling over

Because: for cellphone use) may I suggest that the existing curbing

and channelling corner Smith and Ruahine Street Northern

be extended north along western side of Ruahine Street to

opposite Scanpower's ground green transformer cabinets. It's

noted that Chronos and Scanpower service their respective unit

For your perusal page 2 (attached) and page 3 (attached).

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Outline my case. My neighbour at 27 Ruahine

Street has a copy of pages 2 and 3.

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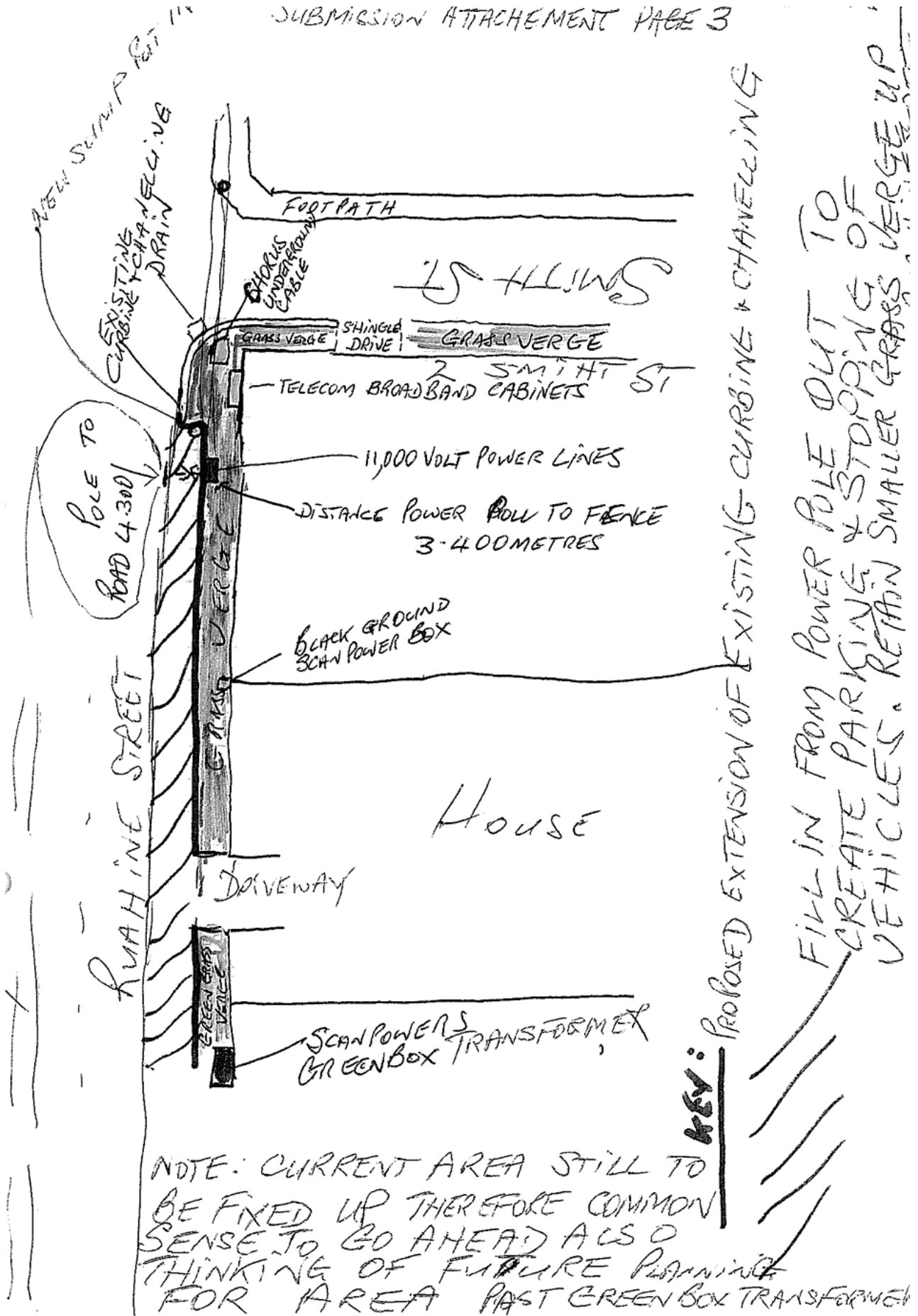
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I wish to recommend that consideration be given for a proposal to extend curbing and channelling along the western side of Ruahine Street Dannevirke to approximately adjacent to Scanpower's green ground transformer boxes. The existing curbing and channelling coming out from Smith Street Dannevirke stops just short of the recently installed sump. No doubt at some later stage when development of sections come on stream past the Scanpower cabinet this proposed curbing may be extended. At present Chorus and Scanpower service their respective units.

A new sump was installed recently to coincide with the roadworks on Ruahine Street (see diagram attached page 3) and the proposed curbing and channelling would extend inward from the existing one to the rear of the sump then travel outside the power pole to opposite the Scanpower ground transformer cabinets. The 11,000 volt power lines come from Ruahine Street to the power pole then go underground to the Scanpower ground transformer cabinets. Also the existing grass verge would reduce in width behind the power pole in a straight line to the ground transformer. Distance from power pole to road edge is 4.300 metres and behind power pole to fenceline is 3.400 metres.

The area in front of the power pole could be filled in and then curbing and channelling added which would then allow parking/stopping of vehicles and this would allow safety for same.

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Richard Taylor

From: Blair King
Sent: Wednesday, 22 April 2015 11:01 a.m.
To: Info - Tararua District Council
Cc: Chris Edsall; Jack Steed; Roly Ellis; Richard Taylor
Subject: RE: submission on spraying Glyphosate and other chemicals for the purpose of drain management

Thanks Lyn

I have passed your request to Richard to coordinate, and will treat this as a submission to our long term plan

Regards

Blair King | Chief Executive

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From: Info - Tararua District Council
Sent: Wednesday, 22 April 2015 9:18 a.m.
To: Blair King
Subject: FW: attention

From: lyn charlton [<mailto:1gardenstone1@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, 21 April 2015 3:22 p.m.
To: Info - Tararua District Council
Subject: attention

Good Afternoon,

I request the opportunity to speak to council regarding the program of spraying Glyphosate and other chemicals for the purpose of drain management.

. I was given 10 minutes by Horizons, with time for questions to follow, and their response was encouraging and informed. I would appreciate the same time frame from Tararua. Council .

kind regards

Lyn Charlton N.D
Gardenstone

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Your comments: However, ~~cost~~ rates increase should fall to those who directly benefit, i.e. Woodville residents, & not those in other schemes.

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Are you a Pongaroa ratepayer?

☐ Yes ☒ No

As a Pongaroa urban resident, would you prefer:

voting yes to take over your supply separate to Council, and accept the potential health risks?

☐ Yes ☐ No

OR

Council upgrades this urban system to meet national drinking water standards subject to obtaining Central Government subsidy funding of at least 70%. (This would significantly increase your water targeted rates to match that charged district-wide for other schemes.)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Your comments: Option 2 or 3 at decision of Pongaroa Ratepayers/Council, but again, not rate increase for those who do not benefit from upgrade.

3. PENSIONER HOUSING

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☒ Yes ☐ No

OR

Should Council retain the pensioner housing units but increase the rentals significantly to ensure operations, maintenance and renewal costs are adequately funded?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Your comments: Option 2 offers best/most likely improvement, since Council will sell those oldest units & upgrade remaining. This balances social service with financial restraint. If Option 3 is possible, then sell, but my reading of this situation is that Salvation Army etc will not/cannot afford to buy & upgrade.

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Your comments:

Having all Council services in one building makes sense, providing toilets for travelers is helpful. New large construction as per "Vision" proposal is likely to cost way more than benefits returned. Modest rate increase for proposal Option 3 is acceptable.

5. KERBSIDE REFUSE COLLECTION

Should Council exit from kerbside refuse bag collection, and let the private sector deliver this service to the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Your comments:

We use private refuse bag, & recycle centre, this works fine for us.

OTHER ISSUES

I support oppose:

the rate increase (5.6% of us) which is more than 3 x CPI.

Because:

Council must be frugal managers with ratepayers money, & T.W.C. has shown good restraint in past. But with declining daily payouts, near 0% increase in private sector wages for some years & elders on fixed income, the Council must do better than current proposals. rate increases, rates are far far higher here than Auckland City.

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Kerbside Refuse Collection

The Board supports the Council's preferred option 3 to exit from its kerbside refuse bag collection service, but continue to collect recycling at the kerbside.

Public Toilets in the Dannevirke Upper Domain

The Board supports the Council's proposal to include provision within the budget for a new public toilet facility in the Dannevirke Upper Domain. This project is a high priority, and the intention to locate these toilets where they are visible near to the road front is agreed as appropriate.

Pensioner Housing

The Board opposes the proposal for the Council to exit from its pensioner housing portfolio, and supports option 2 of the consultation document to sell part of the older units (12 in all) for redevelopment.

To contemplate the sale of the entire portfolio to profit orientated private investors or social housing groups is a step too far.

We have an obligation to ensure quality housing for our senior citizens who have limited financial resources to give them quality of life and peace of mind.

If the pensioner housing is sold there will be no control over rents, surroundings, complaints or access to services, and no control if the owner wishes to on-sell, and no such guarantees in place.

The Council should be able to access funds for social housing, and the Board will lobby our Member of Parliament on this serious matter.

Whoever owns the housing will have to increase rents, and with Council ownership they shall be at a controllable level within the reach of residents.

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Your comments:

OTHER ISSUES

I support oppose: the development of improved sporting and recreation facilities in Dannevirke including the construction of a multi sports stadium and turf.

Because:

The current facilities are not adequately meeting the needs of the community. Sport and recreation facilities are important.

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Your comments:

OTHER ISSUES

I support / oppose:

Because:

proposed dog registration fee schedule
see attached

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Ruahine Kennel Association

The Ruahine Kennel Association (RKA) is an “all breeds” kennel club, and a constituent member of the NZKC (New Zealand Kennel Club), the accredited pure breed kennel club in the country. RKA is one of the oldest kennel clubs in New Zealand, having been established over 115 years ago.

Each year, RKA organises and runs two all-breeds championship shows in Dannevirke. As part of our shows, we run a “Kids and K-9’s” event, inviting children from town to bring their pet dogs to the grounds, take them around a show ring, be introduced to a wide variety of breeds, and learn some of their obligations as responsible dog owners.

Like our parent organisation (NZKC), the Ruahine Kennel Association and its members are committed to the promotion of responsible dog ownership, the care and welfare of canines, and the maintenance of strict standards related to breeding and training.

The RKA has an interest in Tararua District Council's Long Term Plan, particularly with regards to the proposed changes to dog registration fees, and the restructuring of the fee schedule. We also have an interest in the Preferred Owner policy of the council, particularly the current process for acquiring that status.

Acknowledgements

The RKA acknowledges the need for an impounding facility that meets code requirement. We acknowledge that dog registration fees are an important and basic component of the financial structure required to fund such a facility. We acknowledge that fines connected to canine-related offences are another component in that financial structure.

The RKA also acknowledges that Tararua District Council (TDC) dog registration fees are among the lowest in the country, and in keeping with dog registration fees in other primarily rural jurisdictions – particularly those in the lower North Island. The RKA also believes that just because they are among the lowest does not justify raising the fees and that any fee structure must correspond to the cost of canine-related animal control. We also note that statistics show a marked difference between complaints regarding rural dogs and complaints regarding urban dogs (with the exception of one anomalous situation re: barking dogs in and around Matamau).

Facts of the Matter:

In response to a request for information directed through Cr. Isaacson, Council staff has provided the following data:

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| 1) Number of registered "Urban dogs" | - 959 |
| 2) Number of registered "Rural Domestic dogs" | - 1872 |
| 3) Number of registered "Working dogs" | - 3523 |
| 4) Number of registered "Rural Domestic dogs" impounded | - 24 |
| 5) Number of registered "Working dogs" impounded | - 26 |
| 6) Number of registered "Urban dogs" impounded | - 155 |
| 7) Number of unregistered, roaming dogs impounded | - 214 |
| 8) Number of customer complaints from rural areas | - 269* (see note) |
| 9) Number of customer complaints from urban areas | - 413 |
| 10) Number of registered "Preferred Dog Status" | - 348 |

*Note: customer complaints from rural areas include 208 barking dogs in the North Ward and 3 barking dogs in the whole of the South Ward. This anomaly may be explained in that there were a large number of complaints related to a barking dog problem in Matamau.

The data shows the following:

- 1) With the exception of barking dogs, complaints from the rural North and South wards represented 19% of the total customer complaints, while complaints from the urban North and South wards represented 81% of total customer complaints.
- 2) Canines registered as "Rural Domestic Dogs" represent 28% of the total dog registration and "Working Dogs" represent 52% of the total dog registration. Together, these rural animals represent 80% of the total dog registration in the district. "Urban Dogs" represent 15% of the total dog registration, while "Preferred Dog Status" registration accounts for a meagre 5%. Assuming that those with "Preferred Dog Status" would lose that status if subject to a complaint, this means that 15% of dogs are causing 81% of the complaints, and 80% of dogs are causing 19% of complaints.

- 3) With an elimination of the "Rural Domestic Dog" category, as proposed in the Long Term Plan, those currently registered as such will face an increase of \$40 per canine. Those currently registered as "Urban Dogs" will enjoy a decrease of \$13 per canine, and those registered as "Working Dogs" will be charged an extra \$5 per canine.
- 4) The RKA concludes that this is manifestly unfair, because the burden of animal control is being placed on those who are largely not responsible for the complaints that lead to the need for the current level of control.

Preferred Dog Status

RKA is strongly supportive of local authority initiatives that encourage responsible dog ownership. Although some urban councils are considering the discontinuation of such policies, many district councils have proactive policies in place to ensure this happens. In the lower North Island, seven out of eleven District Councils include in their dog registration fee structure a reduced registration fee for those who comply with council requirements designed to promote responsible dog ownership, variously called "Preferred Dog Status", "Good Owner Status", "Selected Dog Status", "Responsible Owner Status", etc.

Some councils offer a reduced fee to members of the New Zealand Kennel Club, similar to that offered by the same councils for de-sexed animals and so recognising that NZKC-registered owners can be trusted to manage and handle their whole animals in a way that is consistent with owners of de-sexed canines.

Within TDC's jurisdiction, a "Preferred Dog Status" option is available to residents. This requires the payment of a fee, the inspection of the property where the animal is to be homed, and – unlike any other lower North Island district council's requirements – the passing of a knowledge-based test. This test is available on the council's web-site. The source of answers to this test is not identified, although the Dog Control Act and various council bylaws are available for download on the web-site. The RKA committee recently reviewed the test and were surprised and concerned, finding the questions sometimes simple, sometimes silly and sometimes open to interpretation. Yet, a successful applicant would need to score correct answers on all but two of the questions.

For other lower North Island district councils, typically the requirements for becoming a "selected" or "preferred" owner include a physical inspection of the property where the animal will be homed, but this is sometimes not required, depending on the council. As mentioned above, in no other case in the lower North Island do District Councils require the applicant to complete a "knowledge test" of the Dog Control Act and Council Bylaws. Two councils provide a printed brochure that outlines their expectations for responsible dog ownership, but require no test.

RKA is concerned that the current process for acquiring "Preferred Dog Status" does not promote or encourage responsible dog ownership, but rather discourages residents from pursuing this option. The fact that only 5% of canines are registered under this scheme underlines this concern. As a comparison for example, Rangitikei District Council, which has a no-test, brochure-supported, robustly-encouraging "Good Owner" policy, reports that 42% of their canines are registered under that scheme.

We believe that the process should be as simple as that required in other lower North Island jurisdictions that have a responsible dog ownership policy – an examination of the property by an animal control officer, the payment of an inspection fee, and the understanding that the status will be lost if certain conditions are not found to be compliant.

If TDC is insistent that a written knowledge-based test should be required, then applicants should be given a brochure – as is given to all dog owners in some LNI jurisdictions - that includes the information expected to be understood by responsible dog owners – similar to the Road Code that is available to learner drivers. In any case, if TDC is serious about encouraging responsible dog ownership then obtaining Preferred Dog Status should be encouraged and facilitated because it leads to responsible dog ownership.

Recommendations:

Fee Structure: RKA recommends that TDC adopt a simple rural/urban/preferred owner fee structure, in keeping with the majority of lower North Island Councils. The fees might follow the following pattern:

Urban = 1

Rural non-working = .6

Preferred Owner = .5

Working = .3

In any case, RKA believes that council should be robustly encouraging applicants to pursue Preferred Owner status and should eliminate the written test, make the application process simpler, more personal and much more relevant to responsible dog ownership.

If council decides to pursue a working/non-working dog structure, rather than a rural/urban dog structure, then the issue of encouraging the Preferred Owner status becomes all the more important.

We encourage council to consider other Responsible Owner options like a reduced registration fee for those applicants holding NZKC membership, as well.

We note that Manawatu District Council offers Gold Card holders the same fee as working dogs and Special Owner Permits, which is \$30.50, as compared to \$95 for General dog owners. Council might want to look in that direction, as well.

Conclusion

The Committee of the Ruahine Kennel Association would like to thank Tararua District Council for the opportunity given to us to make this submission. We look forward to the opportunity to discuss its contents with council at the appropriate time and place.

Addendum

Current Dog Registration Fees of **Lower North Island District Councils**

South Wairarapa:

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-------|
| Approved Owner: | Urban de-sexed | \$56 |
| | Rural de-sexed | \$33 |
| | Urban whole | \$80 |
| | Rural whole | \$44 |
| | Urban breeder (whole dogs) | \$70 |
| | Flat fee for 5+ Rural dogs | \$210 |

Carterton:

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| Rural Owner | \$59 for 1 st and 2 nd , \$31 for all subsequent | |
| Urban Owner | Whole | \$84 |
| | De-sexed | \$59 |

Masterton:

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| Urban de-sexed | \$80 |
| Urban whole | \$125 |
| Rural | \$80 for first two |
| | \$20 for each subsequent |

Manawatu:

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| Working/Special Owner/ Gold Card | \$30.50 |
| General | \$95 |

Kapiti Coast:

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|-----------------|--|
| Working | \$62 for 1 st and 2 nd , \$36 for all subsequent |
| Non-working | \$168 whole |
| | \$87 de-sexed |
| Approved Owner: | \$144 whole |
| | \$62 de-sexed |
| | \$139 NZKC current membership |

Horowhenua:

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|---------------------|-------|
| SOP (Special Owner) | \$45 |
| NZKC current member | \$47 |
| Urban Pet de-sexed | \$58 |
| Urban Pet whole | \$102 |
| Working | \$47 |
| Rural | \$53 |
| Puppy | \$34 |
| Gold Card | \$53 |

Ruapehu:

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| Working | \$26 |
| Non-working whole | \$85 |
| Non-working de-sexed | \$57 |
| SOP (Special Owner) | \$36 |

Rangitikei (Prompt Payment)

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| Working | \$37 |
| Non-working whole | \$170 |
| Non-working de-sexed | \$156 |

Approved Good Owner:

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| Whole | \$67 |
| De-sexed | \$53 |

Central Hawkes Bay (Prompt Payment)

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|------------------------|------|
| Urban | \$85 |
| Rural | \$37 |
| RO (Responsible Owner) | \$45 |

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We wish to be heard in support of our submission.

The Tararua Province of Federated Farmers welcomes this chance to submit on the Tararua District Council Draft Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

We acknowledge any submissions made by individual members of Federated Farmers.

Federated Farmers is focused on the transparency of rate setting, rating equity, levels of service for key responsibilities and both the overall and relative cost of local government to agriculture. We submit to Annual Plans and Long Term Plans through out New Zealand.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations:

1. That rates increases are reduced to no higher than the Local Government Cost Index and Council endeavours to prioritise expenditure with the view to decrease unnecessary costs.
2. That we support Council's continued use of itemised rates demands.

3. That a full break-down of rates are provided for a range of example properties are included in the Long Term Plan so readers are able to compare rates between property types.
4. That Council prioritises expenditure and seeks to expand other means of funding than simply the land value based general rate.
5. That targeted rates and targeted uniform charges continue to be used in the manner in which they are employed by Tararua District Council, with exception of the targeted uniform rate for swimming pools and libraries for which we suggest a rural urban differential is applied.
6. That Council increases use of the Uniform Annual General Charge to the statutory maximum of 30%.
7. That Council revise their proposed fee structure to ensure that fees are increased only for the sub-set of dog owners who are creating the need for the additional costs.
8. That Policy Five which provides rates remission for land in QEII Covenants is extended to include land that is protected by District Plan provisions for important natural landscapes, significant indigenous vegetation and cultural and historic sites.
9. That Policy Six for relief of uniform charges for rural land that is non-contiguous but still farmed as a single entity and owned by the same owner is retained in the Long Term Plan.
10. That Policy Seven which provides for remission of uniform charges for rural land on a fair and equitable basis to ratepayers when they are paying these charges on another property is retained in the Long Term Plan.
11. That Policy Ten which provides for full or partial remission of rates on land affected by natural calamity is retained in the Long Term Plan.
12. That the rate based on capital value targeted at the industrial commercial sector for district promotion and economic development is retained.
13. That an evaluation be conducted to outline the cost benefit of District Council's investment in economic development.
14. That the fixed amount targeted rate is continued to be used as a mechanism to fund roading activities, and that the percentage of funding by this mechanism is increased over 10 years.
15. That the district wide roading rate is shifted to capital value for urban and industrial commercial properties to reflect that development and buildings are a factor in the benefits they receive from roading.
16. That Council engages in early consultation with each affected landowner regarding limits to the usage of Council supplied water.

FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Federated Farmers supports the Council's strategies of continued investment in core infrastructure and the continued financial viability through sustainable growth and investment.

Federated Farmers notes the Council's recognition of the current climate for Tararua ratepayers, including the impact of natural events, farm product price swings and changes in government policy. This is important context to inform Council's decision making and priorities.

Federated Farmers notes that rates affordability is one of the pillars of the Financial Strategy and underpins all of Tararua District Council's other strategies. Federated Farmers commends the Council's aims to keep rates increases low.

However, we are not convinced that the planned expenditure items embrace this vision.

Debt

Federated Farmers commends the Council for their low debt levels. While debt levels are currently \$11 million and forecast to increase to \$17 million in 2017/18, we note that at no stage does Council exceed their net external debt limit. This is encouraging to Federated Farmers.

We support the Council's efforts to operate in a fiscally prudent and conservative manner, including the maintenance of a low level of debt and operating a lean cost structure. However, we are unsure whether Council is making all efforts possible to keep rates increases at an affordable level.

Rates Increases

Federated Farmers notes that rates increases for the ten years of the plan average at 2.7% per year. However rates increases exceed the Local Government Cost Index in the initial three years of the plan, with average rates increases of 4.56%, 4.26% and 4.04%. This is higher than the cost of inflation.

Examining the rates examples, Federated Farmers notes that many rural properties are subject to greater rates increases than the average increase indicated above. In fact, there are numerous rural properties within the examples with increases of between 5.7% and 5.9%. When compared with the industrial and commercial properties, it is evident that rates for rural properties are rising while industrial and commercial properties are dropping significantly. Some have fallen by as much as 12.6%.

Further, our members are experiencing rates increases of 13%. Federated Farmers understands that this may have been in part a response to recent valuations.

We urge the Council to keep rates increases as low as possible, as the Council is not the only entity that is feeling pressure to increase performance while balancing this with affordability and financial health. This means that nice-to-have projects may have to be postponed or cancelled. Federated Farmers urges the Council to focus on core functions and reduce rates increases. This means that the proposed redevelopments of the Pahiatua and Eketahuna town centres may need to be postponed. Similarly, plans to redevelop the Woodville Service Centre, Library and I-Site need to favour the most economical option.

We remind Council that the incomes of ratepayers will in no way increase to the same extent as the proposed increases in rates, with the implication that the costs Council is imposing on its ratepayers will squeeze out other areas of expenditure, whether this is investment in businesses or putting food on the table. Subsequently we recommend rates increases over the life of the plan be kept to within the Local Government Cost Index.

Recommendations:

1. That rates increases are reduced to no higher than the Local Government Cost Index and Council endeavours to prioritise expenditure with the view to decrease unnecessary costs.

TRANSPARENCY

Transparency of rate funding sources and spending is extremely important to Federated Farmers. Federated Farmers appreciates the efforts Tararua District Council has made to provide a transparent system. The Long Term Plan is exemplar in transparency, and other Councils should be encouraged to follow suit.

Itemised Rates Demands

Federated Farmers appreciates the itemised rates demands provided by the Council.

We commend the level of transparency provided in the rates demands which clearly shows individual rating mechanisms, how these are calculated and what the ratepayer is contributing to each rate. Information showing the land and capital value for the previous valuation and the most recent is also useful.

The technique of posting out to individual properties showing what their forecasted rates will be for the year ahead and information about submitting on the draft LTP is useful. Ratepayers will be able to get a clear picture of what the proposed rating will mean for them personally.

Example Properties

Federated Farmers notes the Council has provided a comprehensive list of example properties within the consultation document. This enables ratepayers within each sector with high, medium and low property values to see the rating impact on their rates.

Section 15(5) of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 now requires that the Funding Impact Statement must include examples of the impact of rating proposals for a range of properties. While examples have been provided, these only show the total rates demand and the difference in dollar terms as well as a percentage. Federated Farmers considers that these examples should show the individual rating mechanisms applied to a range of representative properties, so that the reader can see how the targeted rates, general rates, uniform annual general charges and uniform charges for individual activities will change. The Council has the ability to itemise draft rates demands for individual properties, some similar examples for average properties would be well within the Council's ability to include in the Long Term Plan.

Recommendations:

1. That we support Council's continued use of itemised rates demands.
2. That a full break-down of rates are provided for a range of representative properties are included in the Long Term Plan so readers are able to compare rates between property types.

REVENUE AND FINANCING STRATEGY

General Rate

Federated Farmers notes that the general rate is increasing by 10% each year on average for the first three years of the plan. Meanwhile, the Uniform Annual General Charge is declining from \$498.06 to \$452.31.

Federated Farmers is concerned that this represents a significant shift in costs, with a higher rate burden placed onto higher value properties. Given the general rate is a land value based rate, this ultimately impacts the farming community whom require large amounts of land to earn a living. Despite Council discourse about fiscal prudence and rates affordability, the general rate is dramatically increasing at the expense of landowners. Further, the one benefit to landowners, roading, is decreasing in expenditure.

This is sure indication that Council cannot do everything that they are proposing to do in the Long Term Plan, such as swimming pools and town centre developments. Council will need to prioritise.

Recommendations:

1. That Council prioritises expenditure and seeks to expand other means of funding than simply the land value based general rate.

Targeted Rate

Federated Farmers supports the Council's extensive use of targeted rates as a funding mechanism for a range of activities. Funding these services on a user-pays basis means that there is a direct link between benefits and funding sources.

Targeted rates are an appropriate mechanism to fund activities that provide a direct benefit to certain communities. Federated Farmers supports the use of targeted rates to fund many activities, particularly solid waste refuse and recycling, water supply, sewerage, and specific services.

The great strength of targeted rates, whatever their basis, is the fact that they are transparent by appearing as a separate line item on the rates demand and being reported separately from activities funded by the all purpose general rate. This makes it easier to compare the cost of the service to a farm as compared to an urban business or residential property.

Activities such as the Main Street upgrades should be fully funded by rates targeted at businesses that will directly benefit.

Targeted Uniform Rate

Federated Farmers supports the use of the targeted uniform rate which is used to fund libraries and swimming pools.

We are pleased that libraries and swimming pools are no longer funded using the general rate based on land value. Land value has no link to benefit derived from community facilities like libraries and swimming pools.

Federated Farmers suggest that in order to make this rate fairer and more equitable a rural urban differential could be applied, such as 45% rural and 55% urban. This would reflect the greater use of library and swimming pools by the residential ratepayer.

Specific Services

Federated Farmers supports the categories for rating targeted at specific services that are provided for rural, urban and industrial/commercial sectors. The Council has identified that services provided have a distinct uneven sector benefits, and that the targeted rating mechanism is appropriate.

Rating targeted at the urban sector for emergency management and footpaths, and for economic development for the industrial/commercial sector reflects that these sectors receive the benefits. The capital value basis for industrial/commercial is supported in that this better reflects that the majority of value of these types of properties is in the development and buildings rather than in the bare land.

Recommendation:

1. That targeted rates and targeted uniform charges continue to be used in the manner in which they are employed by Tararua District Council, with the exception of the targeted uniform rate for swimming pools and libraries for which we suggest a rural urban differential is applied.

Uniform Annual General Charge

Federated Farmers supports maximum use of general and targeted uniform charges. When these mechanisms are utilised every ratepayer pays the same amount for the public good services of council. The high use of the UAGC also reduces reliance on the general rate as a funding mechanism, and flattens the distribution of rates bills between high to low value properties.

Council notes that they are at 29% use of the UAGC in 2015/16, of a 30% cap. This is predicated to decrease to a low of 27.1% during the ten year period. Federated Farmers notes in the Revenue and Financing Policy that this figure includes the general rates and uniform annual general charge. Federated Farmers would like to point out that the 30% cap is for the use of the UAGC, not the general rate. Therefore Tararua District Council has greater opportunity to utilise the UAGC as a funding mechanism.

Federated Farmers noted earlier in the submission our concern with increasing reliance on the general rate. We believe the UAGC provides an alternative funding mechanism, to create a more equitable and fairer rating system.

Recommendation:

1. That Council increases use of the Uniform Annual General Charge to the statutory maximum of 30%.

Fees and Charges

Federated Farmers notes the proposed change in dog registration fees. Page 17 of the consultation document notes that this is to fund additional resources required to improve public safety arising from the risks associated with wandering and dangerous dogs. Council has also increased the hours of the Animal Control Officers and notes the increased costs of running the new dog pound in Dannevirke.

The problems outlined are seemingly problems faced within urban communities within the District. Federated Farmers is therefore concerned to see that farmers are being asked to fund these services through the increase in dog registration fees. Farmers will see an increase in the rural working dog fees from \$25 to \$30. Further, rural domestic dogs will be subject to a \$40 increase to reach the new category of registration for domestic dogs at \$65. Meanwhile, domestic urban dogs, for which the increases in services are designed to support, benefit from a decrease in registration fees.

Dog registration can be a significant cost to livestock farmers, particularly sheep farmers with teams. Federated Farmers would like to remind Council of the status of working dogs under the Dog Control Act. In 2006 Federated Farmers fought a hard but successful battle to have working dogs exempted from the then new micro-chipping requirements. This exemption is based on the general understanding that working dogs, particularly farm dogs, virtually never cause a public nuisance requiring the attention of a dog control officer.

The fact of the exemption and the provision defining farm working dogs in the Dog Control Act, being those kept principally for the purposes of herding or driving stock, suggests some leniency might also be accorded farm working dogs in the area of registration fees.

Federated Farmers understands there clearly needs to be registration fees to fund a community's dog control costs. Roaming dogs, noise problems and safety concerns all require the attention of council officers. Working dogs, on the other hand, are contained, managed and generally very busy animals. They do not roam around town, or contribute to dog control costs in any significant way.

Federated Farmers supports the shift to a user pays principle, in making animal control user pays rather than taking the funds from the general rate. However, we suggest that Council revise their proposed fee structure to ensure that fees are increased only for the sub-set of dog owners who are creating the need for the additional costs. The fee structure as proposed in the Long Term Plan does not adequately reflect this. Federated Farmers also notes that other Councils with significant hill country area such as Wanganui, Masterton, Caterton and South Wairarapa all have rebates for multiple working dogs.

Recommendation:

1. That Council revise their proposed fee structure to ensure that fees are increased only for the sub-set of dog owners who are creating the need for the additional costs.

RATES REMISSIONS

Federated Farmers is very supportive of policies that provide for rates remissions and rebates where appropriate.

Remission for QEII Covenanted Land

Federated Farmers supports Remission Policy Five which aims to recognise and support the environmental value of protected areas, and acknowledge the non-commercial use of this land.

Land owners invest personal time, effort and resources into protecting land that is publically valued, and rates remission is a positive method of showing recognition of this stewardship. However the policy only refers to covenants under QEII Trust, and excludes land that is protected at the directive of the District Plan.

Land will be protected by provisions in the District Plan for important natural landscapes, significant indigenous vegetation and cultural and historic sites.

Federated Farmers submits on District Plan provisions around the country that seek to manage activities to protect landscapes or biodiversity, and we suggest that councils provides remissions as an acknowledgement that private land is being protected by the District Plan for public good.

Recommendation:

1. That Policy Five which provides rates remission for land in QEII Covenants is extended to include land that is protected by District Plan provisions for important natural landscapes, significant indigenous vegetation and cultural and historic sites.

Other Rates Remissions

Support is given for Remission Policy Six which provides for remissions of the Uniform Annual General Charge and targeted uniform charges for rural properties that are non-contiguous but still farmed as a single entity and have the same owner.

Federated Farmers supports Policy Seven, Rates Remission for Leases, and considers it to be a fair and equitable policy, which reflects that some properties that are farmed do not place pressure on council services when there are no additional houses.

Federated Farmers supports policies that allow farmers to get back on their feet after a natural disaster has affected their ability to pay their rates.

Recommendations:

1. That Policy Six for relief of uniform charges for rural land that is non-contiguous but still farmed as a single entity and owned by the same owner is retained in the Long Term Plan.
2. That Policy Seven which provides for remission of uniform charges for rural land on a fair and equitable basis to ratepayers when they are paying these charges on another property is retained in the Long Term Plan.
3. That Policy Ten which provides for full or partial remission of rates on land affected by natural calamity is retained in the Long Term Plan.

DISTRICT PROMOTION & DEVELOPMENT

The Long Term Plan indicates that economic development and promotion will receive more expenditure over ten years. Council notes the rationale is that economic growth will provide quality employment opportunities that will encourage businesses and residents to stay, and attract new residents to the district.

Ongoing and sustained economic development outcomes result from the effective operation of the private sector. While there is a role for local government in promoting, providing and/ or enabling economic development at the local level, any such involvement should balance the risk that Council may crowd out private sector development and innovation, or simply result in a transfer of funding from ratepayers to commercial operations. Where local government involvement does not achieve this balance, the result is restricted, not better economic development.

We encourage Council to play a facilitative role, listening to and addressing the concerns of primary producers and rural communities and developing solutions to address these concerns, particularly in respect to potential resource management issues and/or regulatory costs imposed on the sector. For instance we believe Council has a critical role in supporting business through keeping rates to an acceptable cost and having an effective and efficient consenting process. This facilitative role includes providing easy access to District Plan rules, consents, infrastructure plans and connections, information, statistical and demographic data.

Federated Farmers notes that funding from general rates and uniform annual general charges will increase from \$264, 000 in 2015/16 to \$330, 000 in year ten of the plan. Targeted rates will also increase from \$422, 000 to \$529, 000.

60% of district development and promotion costs will be funded by a new rate targeted at industrial commercial sector, the remaining 40% of costs will fall on all ratepayers through the land value based general rate. Federated Farmers supports the targeted rate that incurs the cost of district promotion on those sectors that will most benefit from it.

However, with increasing investment in economic development, we expect that there will be an evaluation to demonstrate the impact of the funding. (

Recommendation:

1. That the rate based on capital value targeted at the industrial commercial sector for district promotion and economic development is retained.
2. That an evaluation be conducted to outline the cost benefit of District Council's investment in economic development.

ROADING

Roading is arguably the most important service that councils provide to farmers. Roads are one of the few council services that farmers use every day, and there are significant economic and social benefits arising from a safe roading network that offers access for isolated rural people to urban areas, and vice versa.

Funding of roading can create discrepancies between what rural ratepayers contribute compared to other ratepayers. This discrepancy is compounded by the fact that rates are not the only possible funding source. Central Government receive significant Road User Charges and Fuel Tax revenue from those who actually use the road, based on the extent to which that road use creates a need for expenditure. Central Government then allocates this to territorial authorities to fund a significant proportion of roading costs. Farmers and heavy vehicles that service farms are already contributing to this funding pool in relation to their level of use.

Federated Farmers is pleased to see the increase of the FAR rate from 62% to 65% in 2018/19. Federated Farmers acknowledges that this increase in subsidy over the next three years will help to maintain the roading network in the medium term.

Fixed Amount Targeted Rate for Roothing

Federated Farmers supports the concept of the targeted uniform charge with differential based on sectors of rural, urban and industrial commercial. The targeted fixed amount is expected to provide 25% of the District's roading costs.

The fixed amount targeted rate is struck at \$273.56 for rural properties in 2015/16, urban at \$42.70 and industrial commercial at \$92.75.

Rating inequities that we see in other districts that rely solely on a property-value general rate has been addressed in Tararua by using a hybrid model to fund roading. Using a portion of the Uniform Annual Charge and funding the remainder with the general rate will reduce the vast discrepancy between what a property with high land value will pay and a property with low land value.

Recommendation:

1. That the fixed amount targeted rate is continued to be used as a mechanism to fund roading activities, and that the percentage of funding by this mechanism is increased over 10 years.

District Wide Roding Rate

The District-wide roading rate is on a land value basis and will be struck at about \$183.82 per \$100,000 of land value in 2015/16, increasing to \$216.14 by 2024/25.

This means that a farmer with a land value of \$1,200,000 and a capital value of \$1,600,000 will be contributing \$2,205.84 in 2015/16, and including the fixed amount charge their total contribution to roading will be \$2,479.40. In this case land value makes up 75% of the property value. Federated Farmers is pleased that with the increase in the FAR rate the burden on ratepayers to fund roading costs has decreased.

This can be compared with an industrial commercial property with a land value of only \$46,000 and a capital value of \$115,000 which will contribute only \$84.56 to the district wide roading rate, and along with the \$92.75 fixed fee their total contribution to roading activities will be \$177.31. Land value is only 40% of the total property value.

| Example Property | Land Value | LV as a percentage of CV | Contribution towards Roding activities |
|---|-------------|--------------------------|--|
| Pahiatua Rural property | \$1,200,000 | 75% | \$2479.40 |
| Woodville Industrial commercial property | \$46,000 | 40% | \$177.31 |

An option to reduce discrepancy between ratepayers contributions to the district wide roading rate is to move from land value to a capital value based rate. While capital value is still an imperfect measure of relative benefit or road use, it has been noted as having a stronger relationship with residential household property values, see for instance the 2007 Rates Inquiry's recommendation 57, and the Local Government Commission's proposal for the amalgamation of Tasman District and Nelson City. The underlying rating equity is also why Waimakariri District Council, for example, has recently decided to move from a land value basis for rating to a capital value basis. Capital value based rating for roading costs would reduce the clear discrepancy between what farmers pay to the cost of roading, compared to other ratepayer categories

If the district wide roading rate was to shift to a capital value basis, the industrial commercial property would contribute \$211.39 to the district wide roading rate and a total of \$304.14, which is still only about 12.2% of what the rural example is currently contributing. Industrial commercial properties rely on roads to transport goods which are processed or sold in their buildings.

Similar to how the special services rate recognises that land value or capital value is more appropriate for the three sectors, capital value could be used for urban and industrial commercial properties and rural could remain on land value.

Recommendation:

1. That the district wide roading rate is shifted to capital value for urban and industrial commercial properties to reflect that development and buildings are a factor in the benefits they receive from roading.

WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT

Federated Farmers notes Council's intentions to address security of water within major towns within the District. With the review of non-urban use of Council water supplies, a number of farms just outside the town boundaries will be affected. This includes a few farms on the outskirts of Woodville. Federated Farmers suggests that early consultation must occur with each affected landowner. If Council is to limit the usage of Council supplied water as set out in early agreements, then this will require significant planning and investment on behalf of landowners. Council will need to allow time for this planning to occur.

Federated Farmers supports the initiative of Council to invest in infrastructure to achieve the desired discharge quality for all urban waste water networks. Federated Farmers is a member of the Manawatu River Accord and notes the commitment of Council to meeting the accord. We support cost recovery from the residents of communities requiring this upgrade. Federated Farmers hopes that Council has done due diligence in investigating perusal of land based treatment options, before purchasing or leasing land.

Recommendation:

1. That Council engages in early consultation with each affected landowner regarding limits to the usage of Council supplied water.

Federated Farmers is a not-for-profit primary sector policy and advocacy organisation that represents the majority of farming businesses in New Zealand. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the interests of New Zealand's farmers.

The Federation aims to add value to its members' farming businesses. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:

- Our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment;
- Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community; and
- Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.

This submission is representative of member views and reflect the fact that local government rating and spending policies impact on our member's daily lives as farmers and members of local communities.

Tararua Federated Farmers thanks the Tararua District Council for considering our submission to the Draft Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

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Presentation to Tararua District Council to review annual grant from the Tararua Aquatic
Community Trust
8th May 2015

Our submission to Council last year to review our grant fell outside Council's time frame and was unfortunately deferred. It is several years since we had any significant increase in our grant and our operational expenses have increased hugely. During the last year we have increased our operational payments to our contractor by using reserves. We are unable to continue that past the end of June. However, even with this increase our contractor Kelly Webber is showing a significant loss on his bottom line. Our treasurer Ian McKenzie and the contractor's accountant have thoroughly investigated his financial position and the trust is satisfied that he is doing all that the trustees require of him to contain expenses and is in danger in the trusts view of having to cut corners in an attempt to remain financially viable. This state of affairs can't be tolerated by trustees as it could compromise Health & Safety standards and comes at a time when the Health & Safety Act is currently being reviewed and trustees actions will be under the spot light which ultimately could also impinge on the council.

Last year the trust undertook a review of the pool operation, concentrating particularly on health and safety areas. As a result changes were made to staffing requirements, minimum lifeguard numbers were introduced, rosters were changed, hourly rates were increased and as a consequence this led to higher wage costs to the contractor. While we are able to offset that as explained above, we are not able to offset the huge increase in our operating costs over the last 5 years.

The pool's costs over the last 5 years in percentage terms have risen by the following; Power 45%, Insurance 160% & Wages 55%. The Council operating grant in that time has increased by 5%. In broad dollar terms the total running costs have increased by \$100,000 while pool income has increased by \$40,000 and the Council Grant by \$9,000. We are discussing with council management the possibility of our power costs coming under the umbrella of council thereby reducing our charge out rate using councils buying power. The power costs currently, account for 60% of our council grant! and amount to \$110,000 per annum and rising. Based on the above we have no option but to apply for a 26% increase in our grant or \$50,000.

We have given a confidential combined set of accounts for both the trust and the contractor's management business to Council Management that support and underline the urgent need for this increase. We acknowledge that this is a large sudden increase in both percentage and dollar terms. However it is only in the last twelve months that the major increase in staffing costs occurred and the review of our contractor's situation revealed the effect that the other cost increases over the last five years have had on the contractor's bottom line.

Further, since then management have conducted research that shows that based on a throughput of 48,000 people last year, which has increased on an annual basis from 42,000 in 2009, the cost of running our pool is very competitive when compared to similar pools around NZ.

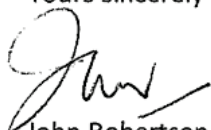
The trust is constantly looking at ways of improving our operations and how we can in conjunction with our contractor, attract further patronage and further add value to the services we provide.

Here is a brief of things to come and ideas we are working on.

- 1) Moving the reception area to improve visibility
- 2) Refurbishing adjoining rooms for public use
- 3) Adding toilets and improving staff facilities
- 4) Consideration to adding spa pools like the lido
- 5) Rebranding the complex and highway with a fresh look and adding Viking to the name
- 6) Further encouraging schools to use the complex during the winter months
- 7) Outside funding achieved for blow up toy and defibrillator
- 8) Increased entrance charges
- 9) We are engaging with the high school over using the indoor pool, explaining that it is much more cost effective than their cold outdoor pool that needs an expensive upgrade.
- 10) Pahiatua/Woodville pool users. Exploring with council cost effective ways of possible subsidies on transport to encourage pool use rather than the hugely expensive alternative of an indoor complex in Pahiatua
- 11) Increasing Aerobic classes from 1 to 4 weekly
- 12) Incentive winter programmes for both individuals and teams in a competitive environment to improve fitness and swimming ability.
- 13) Discussing with Sealand the renewal of funding to assist in the swim for life programme from 3 – 6 years. This involves all children being able to swim 200 metres.
- 14) Altering the contractors remuneration so that it involves incentives to help achieve the trusts aims and goals and adding opt out clauses in the contract for either parties should the need arise.
- 15) Finally and very importantly we have applied for pool safe accreditation. The trust has worked closely with the contractor over several months and we are waiting for the audit process to be completed.

In conclusion we are not sitting on our hands. Trustees have worked extremely hard over the last 2 years with our contractors support to make sure we meet with the new pending health and safety standards and improve and encourage extra patronage, but we can no longer operate on our existing grant, we urgently need this extension to our grant. We are grateful for councils continued support.

Yours sincerely



John Robertson
Chairman
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Wish to speak in person on this submission at the Council hearing on Tuesday, 19 May 2015 (please circle): ☒ Yes ☐ No

1. WOODVILLE WATER

Council has proposed to resolve water storage and security issues in Woodville by 30 June 2019 (2015/16 – explore options; 2016/17 – consult with community; 2017/18 to 2018/19 – construction).

Should Council proceed with this project as planned?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Your comments: *Essential service due to Council's responsibility*

2. PONGAROA WATER

Are you a Pongaroa ratepayer?

☐ Yes ☒ No

As a Pongaroa urban resident, would you prefer:

Voting yes to take over your supply separate to Council, and accept the potential health risks?

☐ Yes ☐ No

OR

Council upgrades this urban system to meet national drinking water standards subject to obtaining Central Government subsidy funding of at least 70%. (This would significantly increase your water targeted rates to match that charged district-wide for other schemes.)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Your comments: *Clearly the provision of potable water for Pongaroa supply is not warranted. A scheme to provide treated water to residents and school etc is sensible. Individual filtering or mini village scheme water supply etc.*

3. PENSIONER HOUSING

Should Council sell its pensioner housing units to a respected social housing provider who can access the Government's Social Housing Funding?

☐ Yes ☐ No

OR

Should Council retain the pensioner housing units but increase the rentals significantly to ensure operations, maintenance and renewal costs are adequately funded?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Your comments: *Can the rentals be kept to affordable levels by another social housing provider. If so sell.*

4. WOODVILLE BUILDINGS

Should Council relocate the Library/Service Centre and i-SITE into the Council building used by Tararua Alliance when it becomes vacant?

☒ Yes ☐ No

AND

Should Council demolish the current earthquake-prone Library/Service Centre (separate to the Gallery) and provide public toilets and green space on that site?

☒ Yes ☒ No

OR

Should Council consider the proposal from Woodville Districts' Vision to:

- Modify the existing buildings on 49 Vogel Street (Site 3) to house the Service Centre, i-SITE and Lindauer Studio and Museum and construct a new library building on the same site. This will require new debt, to be offset by any future sale of the current separate offices used by the Library/Service Centre (which is considered earthquake-prone) and the Tararua Alliance?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Your comments:

What is not cost effective. If an existing building can be cost effectively modified that is the way to go.

5. KERBSIDE REFUSE COLLECTION

Should Council exit from kerbside refuse bag collection, and let the private sector deliver this service to the community?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Your comments:

OTHER ISSUES

I support / oppose:

Because:

*See attached submissions re
describe walkways
swimming pools
commercial rates*

Continue on a separate page, if necessary.

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District Promotion & Development

New targeted rate on industrial/commercial properties from this activity.

Fine but consider that industrial/commercial pay library, swimming pool, rates as part of UAGC.

How many of the owners /operators of these premises get to use their facilities and if they do, they most likely are already paying out of their residential properties.

Many small commercial premises are already paying a disproportionate rate relative to "their footprint" in the town ie 60 m² land area paying \$2,500 is more than a 1,000 m² residential section and there is inconsistency between commercial premises.

Swimming pools

Good to see some common sense prevailing around the affordability of a replacement swimming pool in Eketahuna. Clearly the provisioning of \$500,000 for less than 400 people in 2 – 3 years is not feasible at \$315 per person compared to Pahiatua at \$483 per person and with much more prospect of Bush Multi Sports raising funds and getting the job done.

The mind boggles at the thought of the ratepayer subsidy necessary for a \$526,000 pool as well as the ongoing operating costs and depreciation funding the replacement.

If any part of the district is likely to suffer population decline, it is this area despite the fact that a few Wellingtonians and Masterton people might buy a cheap weekend property there.

Footpaths/Walkways

As Council will be aware the long planned Smith Road/Adelaide Road walkway work is now underway after an 8 year gestation period. To date the cost of this work has been funded by a Dannevirke Community Board grant of \$10,000, private charitable trust donations at \$20,000, service club donations of \$5,000 and applications are currently before two funding organizations for a further \$30,000. Plus considerable voluntary labour by service clubs – Rotary, Lions and discounted rates from local businesses is helping get the \$60,000 project going.

Council has approved this project on the above basis some years ago but thus far has not made any provision for this popular walking route. This is despite the fact that both Pahiatua and Woodville walking routes have been established at ratepayer expense in the recent past. I do acknowledge that Dannevirke got a cycle/walking in the Wahipai Domain Reserve recently. However, the area we are working on is very popular and there are significant safety concerns at present given the number of users and the lack of off road suitable walking surfaces.

Also I note that some of the proposed walking route does not have street lighting.

I believe this expenditure on both street lighting and the footpath work could satisfy the criteria of minor safety works for funding and this would have no impact on rates. The provision of around \$15000 per annum from the footpath activity or a small targeted rate on Dannevirke residential property and adjoining lifestyle properties on the route would provide a fund that would facilitate the ongoing provision of these amenities.

In addition there are other popular walking routes – namely the Tipapakuku Riverdale Road area that does not have formed paths and similarly safety and amenity concerns apply.

The provision and completion of walking paths in these areas will provide a significant amenity benefit to Dannevirke and be a favourable draw card to enhance the towns attractiveness etc for the maintenance and lifting of the population.

Chris Southgate



Rangitāne o Tamaki nui a Rua Incorporated

TARARUA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Re: Long Term Plan 2015-2025

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IN THE MATTER OF Consultation and feedback on the Long Term plan 2015 - 2025.

SUBMISSION BY HINEIRIRANGI HARIATA CARBERRY on behalf of RANGITĀNE O TAMAKI NUI A RUA

Friday 8th May 2015

PEPEHA

Ruahine Te Maunga

Manawatū Te Awa

Te Rangiwhaka-ewa Te Tangata

Rangitāne Te Iwi

Ko Hineirirangi Carberry ahau.

He kai penapena rawa o te Taiao ahau, i raro i te maru o te roopu mo ngā take tōrangapū, me te tautoko i te iwi o Rangitāne o Tamaki nui a Rua.

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa.

My name is Hineirirangi Carberry; I am the Resource Management Officer at Cultural and Political Services for Rangitāne O Tamaki nui a Rua (RTnaR) Inc. We are involved in a range of environmental and cultural and political activities, which are complemented by primary health services that include Mental Health and Social Services, and much more.

Te Kāuru –Eastern Manawatū Hapū Collective (of which we are a member of) is a Manawatū River Leaders Accord signatory that was formed specifically to assist in the clean up of the Manawatū River its tributaries and surrounding environments. The Ruahine Range contains our Maunga and they are covered in native bush while the Tararua Range has forest fragments along it. Both are very significant to Rangitāne and need protecting. The source of the Manawatū begins in the foothills of the Ruahine range, weaving its way down through Tamaki nui a Rua, before cutting back through at a point which separates the Ruahine and Tararua Ranges; the Manawatū Gorge. We have many significant sites scattered in and around this entire area and all over the region. These sites, though known by local hapū, have not been formally mapped out as of yet.

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In the last year, through RTnaR and/or Te Kāuru efforts we have participated in or been consulted on a number of projects and consents

These include:

- Community Riparian planting days at the source of the Manawatū River and Kaitoki near Dannevirke, as part of the Manawatū River Leaders Accord works.
- Weed control and restoration on Parahaki Island at the Ashhurst end of the Manawatū Gorge as part of the Manawatū Gorge Biodiversity Project and the Manawatū River Leaders Accord.
- 1x Site visit
- 6x Resource consent applications.
- Manawatū Gorge Biodiversity Project
- Education and awareness raising related to conservation and freshwater quality.

) We are committed to continue working closely with Tararua District Council to ensure a **Safe and Healthy Environment where people and communities** live together in harmony.

In the Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Policy Statement it states-

A **Safe and Healthy Environment where people and communities** in pursuing their cultural, economic and social aspirations live in harmony with the natural environment and where:

- The effects of pollution in land, water and air on communities are minimised.
- The nature and rate of development meets the needs of people but takes place within environmental limits;

RTnaR supports the move to sustainable energy sources and other solutions that help to minimise the impact on the environment. We are not prepared to support the continued focus on extracting fossil fuels in our oceans and onshore areas. Delaying the transition to renewable energy sources is only doing more damage to the environment.

) As an affected iwi, Rangitāne takes this opportunity to submit to the Long Term Plan (LTP) 2015-25. This document presents several areas that we would like to address.

Water Upgrade Projects

- **Woodville Water Supply- Storage upgrade:** RTnaR support the storage upgrade for Woodville's water supply, so that adequate drinking water is available to the community throughout the year (p8 of LTP Summary). We note option three as the preferred option for this issue.
- **Pongaroa Township water treatment upgrade:** RTnaR support the water treatment upgrade for Pongaroa, to bring the current water supply up to Ministry of Health drinking water standards (p12 DLTP Introduction and Overview). We note that option three is the preferred option for this issue.
- Upgrade the water treatment in Akitio (p22 Infrastructure)
- Upgrade stormwater Dannevirke (p22)
- Upgrade stormwater Pahiatua (p22)

Manawatū River Accord

The Clean-up Fund project funding from central government from which we have both received funding from, is coming to an end and the intention is to revise the Accord's Action plan in 2015.

Te Kāuru has completed a number of weed control and planting projects along the Manawatū River with good community involvement. We have been successful in securing more funding to do additional planting at Parahaki Island in the Gorge, and some fencing for walkway security and maintenance at Kaitoki. We will also be holding a River Festival in the summer to help celebrate the Manawatū River, as well as educate and connect whanau and communities with this stretch of water.

We appreciate your support in our Kaitoki Project.

RTnaR and Te Kāuru also support the proposed funding for more fencing and fish passage projects, and community protection projects on priority waterways that are being done through this Accord.

Wastewater

We support council's statement to remain 'committed to further reducing impacts from wastewater discharges into river, and over the 10 years will continue to pursue land based treatment options' (p15 of LTP Summary).

RTnaR and Te Kāuru support this statement and encourage a nil discharge of wastewater to our waterways.

We also note councils statement '*To provide urban areas with a reliable wastewater system that protects people's health and our environment*' (p143 of Draft LTP Activities and Services). Key Issues: Meeting the commitments to the Manawatū River Leaders Accord, renewal of resource consents, upgrades and land based disposal.

Water Demand Management

RTnaR note councils efforts to address security of water in our major towns (p15 of LTP Summary). We support the possible amendment to the Water Supply Bylaw, to consider separate rain water tanks for non-portable use during summer (p15)

Exploration Projects

Oil Exploration needs to be included in this LTP, its impacts, risks and mitigations (similar to the Wind Farm section p289 of DLTP Significant Forecasting) It is being explored by the Central Government and we have been approached by a number of projects both on shore and off shore.

Horizons Regional Council is undertaking an independent report on the 'Effect of Oil Exploration to the Manawatū-Wanganui region.

What is Tararua District Councils stance on this and what research are you doing about it outside of Government provided information?

RECOMMENDATION: That council includes a section on Oil and Gas Exploration in the Tararua Region, in the Long Term Plan 2015-25.

Smoke Free Environments

We encourage council to look into more smoke free environments, smoke free outdoor dining and the New Zealand Governments goal of a Smokefree Aotearoa by 2025.

RECOMMENDATION: That council during this LTP Term, seriously look at making all CBD in Tararua as smokefree.

Development of Māori Capacity to Participate

RTnaR have a working relationship with council, however we would like to see more communication and connection in regards to achieving '*a sustainable natural and built environment and a strong prosperous economy*' (Draft LTP 2012-22). We are not being included in the process enough, having only received a handful of Resource Consents from Tararua District Council over the past year and a number of times at the last minute.

Involvement in consent decision-making at an early stage is what hapū of RTnaR see as necessary for the health and well being of our future generations.

The points within the current Long Term Plan in regards to Māori contribution to Councils decision-making is a work in progress.

RECOMMENDATION: That council includes RTnaR at the table before decisions have been finalised.

That there is more meaningful engagement not just consultation in regards to resource consents, receiving them at the last minute is not acceptable.

Rangitāne stretches from the gorge end of the Ruahine ranges to the source of the Manawatū river and as an iwi have held mana whenua in the Tamaki nui a Rua district for over 600 years. All other iwi groupings in this area are effectively manuhiri. That is to say that their authority should not extend beyond the rights afforded to all other visitors. The practice of offering patronage to foreign iwi groupings within our area undermines the political autonomy of Rangitāne as mana whenua. Further, this practice violates article 2 of te tiriti o Waitangi which states,

*"The Queen of England agrees to protect the Chiefs, the subtribes and all the people of New Zealand in the **unqualified exercise of their chieftainship over their lands, villages and all their treasures**"* (English translation of Māori text)

Section 8 of the *Resource Management Act* (1991) further states:

*"All persons exercising functions and powers under the RMA are required to 'take into account the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi'. This includes duties to act reasonably and in **good faith and to actively protect Māori interests**"*

The principle of *Rangatiratanga* is directly related to the concept of mana whenua. In light of these values and the above commitments it is incumbent on the council to acknowledge and uphold the authority of Mana whenua by prioritizing the interests of Rangitāne above those of foreign iwi groupings.

RECOMMENDATION: We encourage the council to conduct an independent inquiry and/or consult with a reputable historian that they may ascertain fully the legitimacy of our concerns regarding this matter.

Conclusion

We understand that without processes in place, there is potential for unregulated activities to cause environmental harm, affecting habitats and the biodiversity of our communities. We therefore propose that a framework be put in place that moves beyond patronage and effectively facilitates environmental protection. If compromises are to be made, let them favour the environment over commercial or economic interest.

On behalf of Rangitāne o Tamaki nui a Rua Incorporated I would like to speak to these submissions. Rangitāne O Tamaki nui a Rua Inc. acknowledges all the good work that Tararua District Council is doing.

Ngā mihi

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Submissions to the TDC Draft Annual Plan

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1. An opportunity exists in this moment for Council to future-proof the gateway to Tararua, Woodville, as a visitor destination, with access to iconic and unique attractions, and a one stop shop operation.

The Infracon site is the superior location for the Council Services in Woodville. Serviced by 3 pedestrian crossings, visible from 4 directions, accessible on foot or by vehicle, this site is large enough to accommodate the entire Council operation plus local visitor icons, community activities, a toilet, a new Tararua exhibition gallery, storage, parking on site, and more.

Yes, we know there are questions about the trepidation with which visitors will approach the crossroads of SHW 2 and SHW 3. These questions can be answered by any superficial reading of a Placemaking site such as Project for Public Spaces (also see Appendix)

http://www.pps.org/reference/what_is_placemaking/

In summary, Placemaking is a multi-faceted approach to the planning, design and management of public spaces. Placemaking capitalizes on a local community's assets, inspiration, and potential, with the intention of creating public spaces that promote people's health, happiness, and well being. The principles of Placemaking offer guidelines to help communities

- (1) integrate diverse opinions into a cohesive vision
- (2) translate that vision into a plan and program of uses, and
- (3) ensure the sustainable implementation of the plan.

The key considerations right now are that the community knows what they want. They have been asked, and they have spoken. This is what they want: A place where many activities can be going on concurrently. The more activities that people can access on one site, the better the chance of recruiting local volunteers and making the place 'buzz'. Imagine a site right in the most central place in Woodville where locals and visitors are admiring artworks, and talking about displays. Asking questions, buying tickets, and accessing information. Reading the newspapers, accessing the internet, and taking out library books. Enjoying meeting each other, for a community activity like sewing poppies, and even just going to the loo. The place will be humming !

We urge Councillors to gather in all the important Woodville identities into the Infracon site. Sell off the other Council owned sites and build a purpose-built building if necessary. After all what other kind of business could successfully operate out of that site on the most important crossroads in Tararua?

2. We acknowledge the need for staff to be removed from the existing Library / "i" SITE building due to working space capacity and compliance with expected Qualmark standards. However this building is an asset to Woodville and needs to be retained. It is an iconic building and one of only two on that block of Vogel Street. It is aesthetically attractive, historic and provides important shelter in blocking prevailing wind from the established memorial rose gardens. Our recommendation is for Council to on-sell this building for residential or commercial purchase. Or, in the event that the Infracon site is not the new home of all Council and community services in Woodville, we recommend that this building be donated to the Woodville community since the site already houses the 'tree' sculpture and the Lindauer studio. Councillors, we will not permit this building to be demolished.
3. The Lindauer Replica Studio is a major attraction in Tararua and is a unique asset to the region. There are plans for an artist in residence to come from Czechoslovakia in early 2016 (in Lindauer's name) to produce a body of work from the studio environment. Consequently the studio must remain open and accessible during current "i"SITE hours. If the studio is open visitors will experience and appreciate this exceptional attraction. If it is closed, it will be invisible and useless. Our recommendation to Councillors is to move the building to the new site.
4. The Woodville Pioneer Museum has an extraordinary range of artifacts, but is simply not performing according to today's visitor expectations. There are straightforward reasons for this: the museum is sited off the main road in an extremely elderly, fragile building which is damp ridden. Is it any wonder that no-one is volunteering to help in the Museum? Our Tararua district needs to be future-proofed by ensuring that our Woodville icons are included, not excluded. Our recommendation is that Councillors make space for the award winning Pioneer Museum to run exhibitions and have storage alongside Council activities on the new site.
5. We acknowledge the need for a Public Toilet at the Woodville bus stop, wherever that may be. Councillors already know that the porta-toilet is well used. We do not need an expensive luxury toilet. A perfectly appropriate unit toilet can be installed for under \$40K. Our recommendation is that Councillors locate the toilet in close proximity to the bus-top and "i"SITE, on the new site.
6. Tararua Exhibition Gallery opportunity: There are many possible users of an exhibition gallery space: Dannevirke Art Society, local Museums, DOC, Te Apiti project, artist in residence, local schools, etc . Our recommendation to Councillors is to create a new gallery space on the new site.
7. WDV has gathered a large amount of feedback that residents need privacy from the Library function in order to discuss Council service matters. Please can Councillors ensure that private space is made available on the new site for any resident to discuss private issues.

8. WDV acknowledges that Council owned properties in Woodville could be deemed surplus to requirements. It would be pragmatic to sell these properties and reduce the Council's footprint in Woodville, thereby generating funds which could be applied to future proofing the gateway to the Tararua by creating the very best new site for all Council services and community icons and activities. We recommend to Councillors that the following buildings could be sold: Tararua Alliance Building, Museum site in Ormond St, back section of Infracon site, existing Library/"I" SITE. (Even the tennis courts could be sold).
9. We expect TDC to act responsibly regarding the Woodville Pensioner housing and to sell, if need be, to a responsible purchaser.
10. Impounded Water Supply. As per Council's preferred option: Fix it. Start now. Take a maximum of 3 years doing it.
11. WDV acknowledges TDC is investigating the management of extraordinary water usage.
12. The Memorial Rose Garden is cared for by volunteers and continues to need biennial support from TDC in the form of soil fertilizers and the removal of the rose prunings. These volunteers drove water in containers into Woodville for the roses during the last two dry summers. A rain water tank to supply water for this garden during the summer drought period would help. WDV recommends that Councillors continue to support the Rose Garden volunteers with gardening materials and removal of prunings, and assists them with a ready supply of rainwater during the drought months.
13. WDV understand why TDC are considering removing themselves from kerbside refuse collection for financial reasons. The alternative is a commercial operator which many of our residents will in fact be unable to afford. The result of this will be that rubbish will remain on properties within the town boundary, potentially harbouring rats and other vermin. There must be other alternatives. Other Councils have all ratepayers pay for the kerbside collection, which does not then allow ratepayers to opt out of the service.
14. WDV is not satisfied with the performance of the contract for street cleaning to date. Gutters and footpath surfaces need cleaning at least weekly, waterblasting and bleaching out moss and weeds at least monthly. We request a meeting with the contractors as per the arrangement with the berm mowing contractors.
15. Thank you for the opportunity to negotiate which berms require mowing and to what level. We are currently working on establishing a bridle trail which will be included in the final contractual process. We also intend to create some new plantings at the eastern threshold and to prune the plantings at the western threshold as part of our negotiation with the contractor.

16. There are currently incidences of regular flooding throughout properties in Woodville. We seek a commitment from Council that these flooding issues will be satisfactorily resolved within a reasonable timeframe.

17. Footpaths / kerb and channel:

- Weber St - new kerb and channel and stormwater pipe upgrade needed between Ross and Ormond Sts
- Pollen and Ormond Sts sides of Fountaine Square - new kerb and channel, with asphalt extended onto parking area
- Vogel St entrance to Caltex service station – entry turning space for trucks too tight. Needs a wider turn in to prevent trucks driving over the kerb, mashing up the concrete and creating a muddy mess.

18. Camping ground: There are 3 or 4 Woodville residents who wish to be involved in the process for the camping ground upgrade. Please advise the timeframe for this process.

19. WDV acknowledge the efforts of TDC to engage government and extract funds from Transit NZ for upgrading the Saddle Road as the alternative route to the Manawatu Gorge Road (our road of strategic importance). We also acknowledge that efforts are being made to add to that sum to further improve the Saddle Road. WDV requests that Council provides a full disclosure of monies received for the use of Saddle Hill during closures of the Manawatu Gorge Road over the past 15 years. ie what was received over what time frame and what was spent over what time frame (after the upgrading work done by Meridian prior to 2000).

20. WDV request that TDC establishes a bylaw for cats. For example the Palmerston North City Council bylaw states the following, and we would envisage something similar for Tararua:

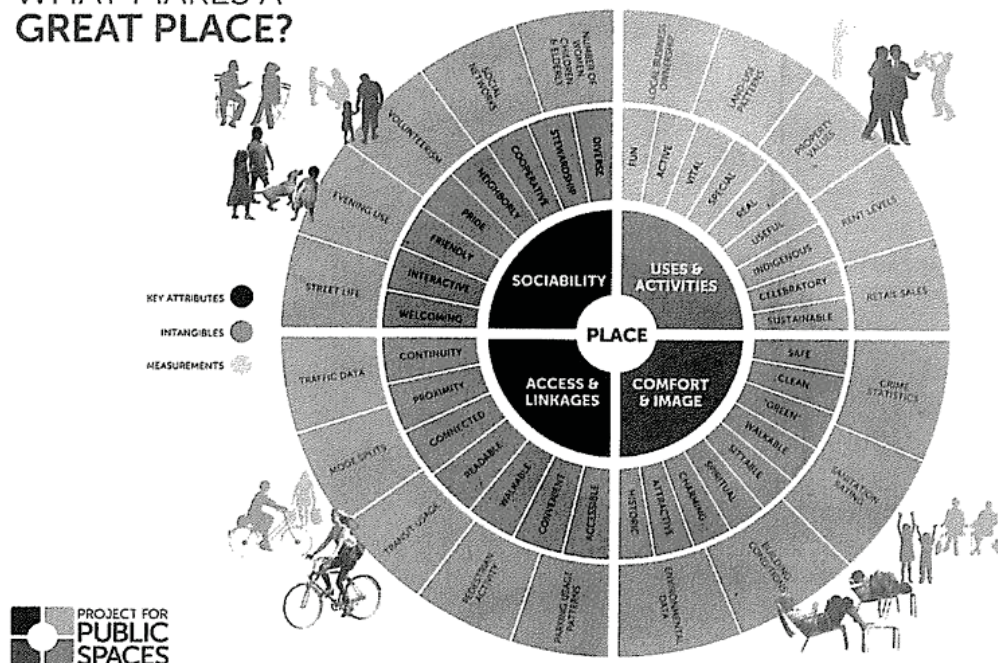
- No person may keep more than three cats on any private land with an area less than 2,000m² in the urban area without a permit issued under this Bylaw.
- No cats kept for breeding purposes shall be housed within 1.8 metres of the boundary of any adjoining property in the urban area unless the housing is within a dwelling house.
- The restrictions of the above clauses shall not apply to kittens below the age of three months.

21. WDV has applied to the Horizons Community Grant Scheme for the establishment of a community garden on the Horizons Vogel Street land. This garden to be a venture supported by a number of Woodville organizations a persons from the community. We request that Council supports this community venture.

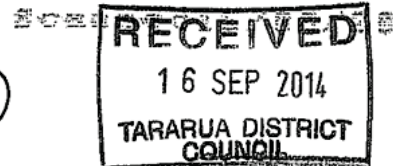
Appendix

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WHAT MAKES A GREAT PLACE?



Submissions not requesting to be Heard



10 September 2014

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The Chief Executive
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Dear Sir/Madam

World Health Organisation's Age Friendly Cities

We all know that the country is facing an increasing imbalance in demographics with increased numbers of retirees and in particular over 80 year olds and increasing numbers of disabled.

You will be aware that the Government has a policy of Ageing in Place. This will not be a satisfactory policy until the environment in which older persons live is a one which enables them to live a fulfilling life in their community.

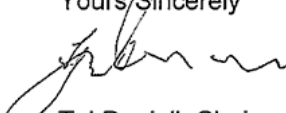
Local Bodies have a role in ensuring that this occurs. Details of the policy can be found at: http://www.who.int/ageing/publications/Global_age_friendly_cities_Guide_English.pdf
World Health Organisation has prepared a checklist for Age Friendly Cities.
Details can be found at: http://www.who.int/ageing/publications/Age_friendly_cities_checklist.pdf

A number of local bodies already adopted these principles in New Zealand and Tauranga City Council has established a strategy for implementation. Canada has a significant number of cities that are accredited as Age Friendly. There is also a growing movement in Australia. In New Zealand SUPA NZ www.supnz.co.nz is a prime mover of this policy.

The Federation recommends to you that you include these Age Friendly principles in next year's LTP and indicate that you intend to prepare a strategy that will lead to your community becoming age friendly.

We also recommend that a stakeholder's forum be established to assist in the formulation of strategy for implementation over time.

Yours Sincerely


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cc Local and Community Boards, and CEOs and Board Members of all District Health Boards

Submission to Councils Future Community and Regional Plans

The Trustees of PSGR thank Council for their response to previous correspondence.

We ask that you accept and consider the following as a submission, with feedback, when establishing your planning and budgeting documents and in so doing support a sustainable future for your district and a healthy community, and in doing this draw support from members of District Health Boards and Community and Local Boards.

Physicians and Scientists for Global Responsibility is a Charitable Trust established to provide independent scientific assessment and advice on matters relating to genetic engineering and other scientific and medical matters.

We accept many Councils have already taken steps to meet public demand in matters of genetically engineered organisms released into the environment and thank them for doing so. While other Councils leave such concerns to central government, it is important to consider the impacts at local levels extending beyond the timeframes and jurisdiction of central government authorities like the Environmental Protection Authority.

In meeting their duty of care, the work undertaken by the Northland and Auckland Councils forming the Inter-Council Working Party (ICWP)¹ provides experience and guidance for all New Zealand Councils. The ICWP sought legal advice and Council members have placed or are in the process of placing precautionary statements in their Plans to protect their communities and regions.

The ICWP work has highlighted the shortcomings in the HSNO Act including a lack of strict liability to moderate commercial risk taking and no mandatory requirement for the EPA to take a precautionary approach to experiments and release outdoors of transgenic organisms. We note that legal representatives of companies submitting against council controls in regional plans claim the opposite is the case, but they provide no reference to show any requirement for the EPA to take a precautionary approach.

¹ <http://www.fndc.govt.nz/your-council/meetings/record-of-meetings/2012-archived/2012-08-30-council-record-of-meeting/2012-08-30-Council-4.3-Inter-Council-Working-Party-on-Genetically-Modified-Organisms.pdf>

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The ICWP commissioned an independent poll which showed how necessary was Council input.² In December 2013 community opinion was confirmed when a national poll by Colmar Brunton, undertaken for Pure Hawke's Bay, showed 79% of New Zealanders support Councils being able to use the RMA to protect farmers, exporters and their residents from the long-term unmanaged and known and unknown risks of genetically engineered organisms. Risks include exposure to increasingly more toxic chemicals.³

Reports from qualified bodies on transgenic organisms include New Zealand's own McGuinness Institute, a privately funded, non-partisan think tank working for a sustainable future, contributing strategic foresight through evidence-based research and policy analysis.⁴ Ten years after the New Zealand moratorium on genetic engineering ended a McGuinness Institute study suggests it is time for it to be reinstated and time for a strategy to benefit the economy as a producer of food free of transgenic DNA for the world market. The Institute found that despite huge investment in experiments on transgenic plants and trees, there has been little benefit and significant economic risk incurred. Protecting the value of New Zealand's status as a producer of safe, high quality food, is of national strategic importance. The benefits are equally relevant for regional economic development and public health.

When the Bay of Plenty Regional Council placed a precautionary statement on genetic engineering in their long-term plans, an appeal lodged by Scion (NZ Forest Research Institute) went to the Environment Court. The Court decision released on 18 December 2013⁵ allowed the BOP RC to retain reference to transgenic organisms in its Regional Policy Statement. The Court's decision sets a precedent. It clearly indicates that the Resource Management Act can be used to manage such activities in the Bay of Plenty region and it will also assist any future case in front of the Environment Court on this emerging issue. Communities and industries in the Bay can now work towards the inclusion of stricter rules in their District and City Plans to protect and keep their 'GE-free' environment status and marketing advantage. The Regional Policy Statement includes a policy directive to apply a Precautionary Approach to activities that have scientific uncertainty and where there is a serious risk of irreversible adverse effects. This can apply to the use of transgenic organisms in the BOP environment.

The Environment Court recognised the community concerns regarding the outdoor use of transgenic organisms. It also indicated in its decision that the Council may propose more directive regulation in the future, including policies, objectives, and methods. These regulations would come as a result of further investigation, via a Section 32 report, showing that transgenic organisms are elevated to a matter of regional significance. The Court decision will also encourage New Zealand Councils to take steps to protect their communities in a similar manner.

Local government's role is to work in service to the public interest of present and future generations. Local government responsibility encompasses the environmental and social spheres in their regions. The precautionary approach as discussed here speaks to this responsibility in regards to new technologies such as any proposal to release transgenic organisms.

Read the legal opinion by Dr Roydon Somerville QC on 'Managing Risks Associated with Outdoor Use of Genetically Modified Organisms' (January 2013) on <http://www.wdc.govt.nz/PlansPoliciesandBylaws/Plans/Genetic-Engineering/Documents/Proposed-Plan-Change/Legal-Opinions-combined.pdf> and a statement from Dr Kerry Grundy, ICWP Convener on www.rmla.org.nz/upload/files/obiter/jurisdiction_of_councils_to_regulate_gmos_under_the_rma_-_dr_k_grundy.pdf.

² <http://www.wdc.govt.nz/PlansPoliciesandBylaws/Plans/Genetic-Engineering/Pages/default.aspx>.

³ <http://purehawkesbay.org/overwhelming-support-for-local-decisions-on-gm-free-status-national-poll/>

⁴ http://mcguinnessinstitute.org/Site/Publications/Project_Reports.aspx. 'An Overview of Genetic Modification in New Zealand 1973-2013: The first forty years' published in August 2013.

⁵ <http://www.boprc.govt.nz/media/321876/environment-court-decision-18-dec-2013-env-2012-339-000041-part-one-section-17.pdf>

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The ability to manage activities can be hindered by a lack of understanding about environmental processes and the effects of activities. Therefore, an approach which is precautionary but responsive to increased knowledge is required. It is expected that a precautionary approach would be applied to the management of natural and physical resources wherever there is uncertainty, including scientific, and a threat of serious or irreversible adverse effects on the resource and the built environment. It is important that any activity which exhibits these constraints is identified and managed appropriately. Although those intending to undertake activities seek certainty about what will be required of them, when there is little information as to the likely effects of those activities, public authorities are obliged to consider such activities on a case-by-case basis. Such consideration could be provided for in regional and district plans, through mechanisms such as zoning or rules enabling an assessment of effects through a resource consent process, or through other regulation such as bylaws. Any resource consent granted in such circumstances should be subject to whatever terms and conditions and/or reviews are considered necessary to avoid significant adverse effects on the environment and protect the health and safety of people and communities.⁴

With the protection of a precautionary statement, Council can oversee and control for any transgenic content in feed coming into their region and in foods sold in eating establishments. Those involved could be asked to supply test results that prove that their product does not compromise food and environmental safety before their product is allowed to be imported into regions under Council's jurisdiction. For example, with strict control of food safety of restaurants, etc., Council can use testing to show that feeding glyphosate-contaminated feed has or has not contaminated food supplies such as dairy and meat products with glyphosate or with fragments of transgenic DNA. Establishing or negating risk, Council can ban any product that creates any unacceptable risk to food and environmental safety. A regional strength would be being able to advertise a guarantee of products free of genetically engineered organisms in your jurisdiction. (See page 9 of attached document on feed imports.)

PSGR advises against the release of transgenic organisms. Should any approvals be made against this advice by New Zealand's EPA leading to the release of transgenic organisms, PSGR supports the following additional protocols:

- Making any outdoor experiments or field trials approved by the EPA a discretionary activity subject to stringent local additional conditions, particularly those not required under the Hazard Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act;
- Applicants paying a substantial bond and being held fully accountable for any necessary remediation and other costs;
- Establishing stringent on-going monitoring of releases by independent scientists. Under the HSNO Act, the EPA ceases to have responsibility or jurisdiction over an approved release of a transgenic organism once that new organism ceases to be considered as such. Little or no further attention or testing by an independent body applies.

Such requirements are needed to protect New Zealand's:

- Biosecurity;
- Unique biodiversity;
- Producers and exporters of primary products from agriculture, horticulture, beekeeping, viticulture, silviculture and forestry, and its gardeners;

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- Food sovereignty;
- Heritage seeds;
- Growing domestic and export organic industry;
- Environment and economy as a whole;
- Public health from the proven and potential risks posed by releasing genetically engineered organisms into the environment.

It is important to realise that irrespective of planned changes to the RMA announced by government and seeking to prevent council oversight of genetically engineered organisms, other policy and legislative action is required.

A further concern is that if the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) includes allowing biotechnology companies such as Monsanto to sell their transgenic seeds in New Zealand with, as suggested, penalties for refusing to do so, this country would lose its GE free status. This is in opposition to the wishes of the majority of the public, and would damage exports, tourism and our 100% Pure New Zealand reputation.

Transgenic applications in agriculture have made the problems of industrial monoculture cropping worse and do not support a sustainable agriculture and food system with broad societal benefits. The technologies have been employed in ways that reinforce problematic industrial approaches to agriculture.

Policy decisions about the use of genetic engineering technologies are too often driven by public relations campaigns run by the biotechnology industry, rather than by what science tells us about the most cost-effective ways to produce abundant food and preserve the health of farmland.

PSGR acknowledges there may be potential benefits from genetic engineering technology and supports continued advances in molecular biology, which is the underlying science, when fully contained, supervised use of genetically engineered technology is for the furtherance of ethical science. We are critical of the business models and regulatory systems that have characterized early applications of the various transgenic technologies involved.

PSGR does not gain an advantage in trade competition.

PSGR urges all Councils to apply strong precautionary policies on genetically engineered organisms for Unitary, Local and Regional plans to meet your duty of care to your community and to protect district environments. We also call on Councils and District Health Boards to be cognisant of the risks of genetically engineered organisms in terms of human health. We ask that the information here and attached be taken into account for current and future considerations to manage any potential release of genetically engineered organisms in the environment in your region.

Please consider this correspondence as a formal submission to your plans. We wish to be kept informed of the process of submissions and outcomes. In general we do not wish to appear to speak to the submission at hearings, although we are open to invitation by Councils and District Health Boards to address representatives on genetic engineering when required and feasible.

We suggest your Council appoint a contact representative with whom we can work more closely, and to whom we can supply further information and/or answer questions from Council.

We look forward to your response.

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Why New Zealand should not release genetically engineered organisms into the environment

NB genetic engineering, genetic modification and transgenic are synonymous
Only a very small percentage of biotechnology is given to genetic engineering

What is genetic engineering and what problems does the technology present?

The application of genetic engineering technology alters the DNA of a living organism in ways which are much more radical than what occurs due to the generally incremental, slow processes of natural evolution. It does this in a way that is inevitably disruptive to some degree as a result of the essentially random insertion of transgenic (or cisgenic) DNA into the functional DNA of a host organism. It may cause noticeable changes in the appearance of the organism and/or differences in the biochemistry and physiology of the organism. These changes are unpredictable and may result in the production of new proteins within the transgenic organism with potential toxic effects,¹

The insertion of more than one sequence of DNA in a transgenic plant is described as 'gene stacking' or 'pyramided' traits. Stacking has been found to cause unexpected effects, including synergistic effects, which are not investigated in regulatory authorisations.²

When transgenic organisms are released into the environment transgenes can be transferred to other organisms so that the engineered characteristics spread through the eco-system in compatible host plants. For example, farmers in the US face having to eradicate weed species that have developed herbicide-resistant traits, including some with resistance to multiple herbicides. These so-named 'superweeds' can grow aggressively and out-compete transgenic crops, and now infest large tracts of agricultural land. The over-application of herbicides and pesticides in general and to transgenic herbicide-resistant crops has increased substantially the volume of agricultural chemicals used and this has aided in the development of weeds resistant to those chemicals.

The Australian government has committed AUD\$15.3 million over four years to establish a comprehensive National Weeds and Productivity Research Programme to reduce the impact of invasive plants such as weeds contaminated with novel DNA.³ Weeds already cost Australia over AUD\$4 billion/pa for control and in lost production.⁴

Wild radish (*Raphanus raphanistrum*) costs the Australian grain industry AUD\$140 million/pa.⁵ Britain's advisory committee on releases to the environment (ACRE) identified wild radish, wild turnip, hoary mustard, brown mustard and wild cabbage as species from which hybrids could form with transgenic canola/rapeseed varieties. In one field trial plot, 46% of seeds in a wild turnip plant were found to be contaminated with transgenic DNA.⁶

Wild radish, wild turnip and wild cabbage grow in New Zealand. New Zealand already has 'superweeds' caused by the over application of the herbicide, glyphosate.⁷

Biotechnology companies reason the solution is to genetically engineer crops that are resistant to chemicals more toxic than those currently used. Such applications will further contaminate weed species with DNA that will resist those chemicals which will fail to kill those weeds. Resistant weeds can occur in all parts of the environment, especially in fields of crops and roadsides.

¹ Other official definitions of genetic engineering technology include <http://www.csiro.au/Outcomes/Food-and-Agriculture/WhatsGM.aspx>, http://www.who.int/topics/food_genetically_modified/en/ and http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biotechnology/index_en.htm.

² 'Failure to yield - Evaluating the Performance of Genetically Engineered Crops' - Union of Concerned Scientists http://www.ucsusa.org/sites/default/files/legacy/assets/documents/food_and_agriculture/failure-to-yeild.pdf

³ http://www.daff.gov.au/natural-resources/invasive/national_weeds_productivity_research_program

⁴ <http://www.csiro.au/en/Outcomes/Safeguarding-Australia/Aust-Weed-Management.aspx>

⁵ http://www.daff.gov.au/natural-resources/invasive/national_weeds_productivity_research_program

⁶ www.guardian.co.uk/science/2003/jul/10/gm.sciencenews

⁷ <http://www.3news.co.nz/Weeds-herbicide-resistance-a-big-concern/tabid/1160/articleID/280328/Default.aspx>.

In the Application from Dow Agroscience for its Enlist Duo product resistant to 2,4-D and glyphosate⁸ the company stated that tens of millions of acres of US farmland are infested with glyphosate resistant weeds and the problem has grown worse every year. (NB 2,4-D is an ingredient in Agent Orange.)

Transgenic crops are also being released to resist 2,4-D and dicamba (a herbicide in the 2,4-D family), HPPD-inhibiting herbicides, and glyphosate and AL (GAT).⁹ Scientists confirm transfer to weeds and other species of these novel DNA sequences is inevitable. For a graph of the 'Increase in Unique Resistant Weed Cases for the USA' see page 6 on <http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-11/documents/enlist-duo-technical-briefing-cbi-redacted.pdf>.

Developers claims transgenic crops benefit farmers. A film released in October 2013 shows a study on the socio-economic impacts of transgenic corn on the lives and livelihoods of US farmers after over 10 years of commercial growing. Farmers explain how they became indebted because of the rising cost of transgenic seed and the increasing cost and quantity of inputs used such as herbicides.¹⁰ View another released 14 June 2011.¹¹

The United Nations International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development (IASSTD) is a large, comprehensive study. It supports the premise that transgenic crops could threaten food security.¹²

1 Genetic engineering in the New Zealand environment

1.1 Genetically engineered trees

Significantly and of much concern to PSGR was the approval¹³ for the New Zealand Forest Research Institute, trading as Scion, to plant *pinus radiata* with a number of engineered traits. The premise was that the trees would largely be engineered using what is commonly termed 'terminator' technology, making them sterile and thus not able to flower or replicate. The variants of terminator technology offer no absolute guarantee of sterility. The traits can break down and the trees revert to flowering. Genes can spread horizontally in soil bacteria, fungi and other organisms in the extensive root system of forest trees. There could be long-term impacts on soil biota and fertility. Trees that do not flower and fruit cannot provide food for the organisms that feed on pollen, nectar, seed and fruit; thus essential pollinating insects may not be available, especially for beekeepers, horticulturalists and crop growers.

Wilding pines are already invasive in many parts of New Zealand and herbicide-resistant pines could lead to wilding pines becoming 'super' weeds. Conventional *pinus radiata* seeds are viable "at least up to twenty-four years"¹⁴ and distance is no guarantee of safety from contamination. Singh et al (1993)¹⁵ found pollen from pine trees had travelled over 600 kilometres. It would need a failure rate of only a part of a percent for transgenes in tree pollen to contaminate other trees, potentially at great distances, in ways that could not easily be monitored.

The risks of releasing transgenic DNA are environmental and economic. Terminator technology has attracted a voluntary moratorium from many countries because of the risks involved. The effect on New Zealand's reputation overseas and our export markets of using terminator technology would be damaging.

1.2 Genetically engineered ryegrass

New Zealand scientists are running experiments with transgenic rye grass overseas. Dr Michael Dunbier of AgResearch claims the benefits of transgenic grasses outweigh the potential negative responses. Confusion has entered the debate by the use of the term "cisgenic"; a form of genetic engineering that uses genes from a single species.¹⁶

⁸ Registration of Enlist Duo™ Herbicide, 15 October 2014 <http://www2.epa.gov/ingredients-used-pesticide-products/registration-enlist-duo>

⁹ www.soils.wisc.edu/extension/wcmc/2012/ppt/Davis_2.pdf

¹⁰ Ten years of failure: farmers deceived by GM corn, Masipag 12 June 2014, http://www.grain.org/bulletin_board/entries/4958-ten-years-of-failure-farmers-deceived-by-gm-corn

¹¹ GM Crops Farmer to Farmer https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=iEX654gN3c4

¹² www.iaassd.org/docs/SCReport.English.pdf

¹³ PSGR submission to the Environmental Risk Management Authority, now the jurisdiction of the EPA: www.psg.org.nz/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=80:submission-on-application-erma200479-to-field-test-in-containment-pinus-radiata&catid=24:environmental-risk-management&Itemid=39

¹⁴ 'The Fire Pines', Richard Warren and Alfred J Fordham, <http://arnoldia.arboretum.harvard.edu/pdf/articles/1040.pdf>

¹⁵ G Singh et al., "Pollen-rain from vegetation of North-west India." *New Phytologist* 72, 1993, pp. 191-206.

¹⁶ NZ scientists running GM field trials, 1 September 2012, *New Zealand Herald*, http://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c_id=3&objectid=10830932

A key question is, are there potential benefits to introducing transgenic ryegrass? The facts suggest not. For our neighbour, Australia, ryegrass (*Lolium rigidum*) is a problematic weed.

The country's first glyphosate-resistant weed was annual ryegrass (*Lolium rigidum*) which emerged in 1996 in the State of Victoria.¹⁷ Commercial herbicide-resistant cotton was grown there in 1996 and may have contributed the resistance trait. Since 1996, glyphosate-resistance has been confirmed in eight other weed species. In 2013, the Australian Glyphosate Sustainability Working Group supported by the Grains Research and Development Corporation, confirmed the first case of glyphosate plus paraquat resistance in a weed species in Western Australia.¹⁸

Across Australia, resistance has been found in broadacre cropping, chemical fallow, winter and summer grains and irrigated crops. Ryegrasses and tall fescue occur as typical weed species in riparian zones in rural and urban areas, affecting horticulture, tree crops, vine and vegetable crops, driveways, fence lines and crop margins, around buildings, irrigation channels and drains, waterways, wetlands, airstrips, railways, roadsides, floodplains, and public areas. In New Zealand, contamination by glyphosate-resistant DNA would cause like damage.

The Department of Primary Industries, State of Victoria, has published an overview of baseline biological information relevant to the risk assessment of genetically engineered forms of ryegrass species released into the Australian environment.¹⁹ It states that Italian ryegrass, perennial ryegrass and tall fescue are "highly outcrossing, wind pollinated species" and all three are listed as weeds in native and agricultural ecosystems throughout Australia. Extensive gene flow can occur of viable and non-viable material, and dispersal of pollen can be "forward, backward and upward". Pollen clouds can rise high into the atmosphere, move with wind patterns and be re-deposited in times of calm weather.²⁰ It is conceivable that pollen could move significant distances from the source, and studies have shown that the amount of pollen dispersed/deposited does not always decrease with increasing distance from a source.¹⁷

Grass seeds are also capable of germination after passing through the digestive systems of grazing animals. Viable seeds of perennial ryegrass, Italian ryegrass and tall fescue have been recovered from faeces 12-24 hours after feeding. Seeds of Italian and perennial ryegrass were found transported in sheep wool, the perennial ryegrass seeds still found after 1-2 months. Moving such stock would increase the risk of spreading contaminated material. Viable Italian ryegrass seeds have also been found in the faeces of European hares showing wild animals assist in seed dispersal, as do birds, irrigation water, storm water runoff and human traffic.

Seed persists in soil, dormancy time varying. A New South Wales study of tall fescue and perennial ryegrass showed 14 months after seed production the seed bank contained 14% perennial ryegrass and 10% tall fescue seed. Under controlled conditions, seeds of tall fescue and Italian ryegrass maintained germination ability for at least 12 months. Researchers found that the likelihood of weediness is increased by the intentional introduction of plants. *Lolium* species have many weedy characteristics and are capable of adapting rapidly to their environment, producing large amounts of seed which are easily dispersed.

The ryegrasses in general are significant weeds among wheat crops worldwide. Italian ryegrass can be a difficult-to-control contaminant in turf-grass farms and cause decreased marketability of cool-season sod. New Zealand growers produce ryegrass/fescue turf for use in lawns, sports, parks and reserves, racecourses, vineyards and orchards. If sods were contaminated, they could spread transgenic traits throughout the country. Volunteer tall fescue growing near certified seed production enterprises requires control measures to prevent contamination of the seed. (See next page).

Seed production for overseas sales is a big export earner for New Zealand. The New Zealand Grain & Seed Trade Association (NZGSTA²¹) website says: "Many New Zealand-bred cultivars, especially ryegrass, tall fescue and clover species, are commercially adopted in other countries. Pasture seed has traditionally been the mainstay of New Zealand seed exports," and goes to over 60 countries. Statistics New Zealand figures show their value continues to rise.

¹⁷ *Sydney Morning Herald*, 8 May 2012.

¹⁸ See more at: <http://www.grdc.com.au/Media-Centre/Media-News/National/2013/11/Paraquat-and-glyphosate-resistant-ryegrass-a-wake-up-call#sthash.YehKdgZM.dpuf>

¹⁹ 'The Biology of *Lolium multiflorum* Lam. (Italian ryegrass), *Lolium perenne* L. (perennial ryegrass) and *Lolium arundinaceum* (Schreb.) Darbysh (tall fescue)', #AG1241; 1 May 2008 Version. Australian Government Office of the Gene Technology Regulator <http://www.oqtr.gov.au>.

²⁰ A report in the *Hawkes Bay Times* (October 2003) described how an experienced pilot, flying "in a thermal at 7000 feet altitude over a corn field that was being harvested" was "surrounded by corn husks that were being sucked up by the thermal."

²¹ <http://www.nzgsta.co.nz/>

Herbage seed from rye grass, clover and other grasses accounted for 53 per cent of total seed exports by value and Australia, the largest market, accounts for 16 per cent of total shipments.²²

NZGSTA general manager, Thomas Chin, is reported to have said New Zealand is “a world leader in seed multiplication and its strong export performance is consistent with the Government's business growth agenda and its goal to increase the ratio of exports to GDP from the current 30 per cent to 40 per cent by 2025.”

Seed and grain production for export is based in the temperate plains of the east coast of both islands. New Zealand does not need transgenic pasture grasses potentially destroying this valuable industry and other agribusinesses by contaminating agricultural land.

1.3 More on genetically engineered crops

It is reported that four international biotechnology companies control over 50% of the global market; companies involved in the development of transgenic seed crops and in producing herbicides. Monsanto, the US-based multinational agricultural biotechnology corporation, is a leading producer of Roundup, their proprietary herbicide with glyphosate as its active ingredient. In 2003, Monsanto also produced over 90 percent of the transgenic seeds planted globally.

Transparency Market Research (<http://www.transparencymarketresearch.com/>) has estimated the global glyphosate herbicides market was valued at US\$5.46 billion in 2012 and predicts it to reach US\$8.79 billion by 2019. In 2012, transgenic crops accounted for 45.2% of the total glyphosate demand and glyphosate demand for conventional crops has been increasing substantially as a result of the growth in unsustainable agricultural practices globally.²³ Such transnational companies hold enormous sway in decisions made by governments and regulatory authorities.

Gene flow is a natural phenomenon not unique to transgenic crops. It can occur via pollen, seed and vegetative propagules. Gene flow from transgenic glyphosate-resistant crops can result in the transgene entering the DNA of other crops or weeds and which may negatively impact markets. Gene flow can also produce glyphosate-resistant plants that may interfere with weed management systems.²⁴ Gene flow via pollen and seed from glyphosate-resistant canola and creeping bentgrass fields has been documented and the presence of the transgene responsible for glyphosate resistance has been found in commercial seed lots of canola, corn and soybeans.

When a weed crossbreeds with a farm-cultivated relative and acquires new genetic traits – including engineered DNA that make it more hardy – the hybrid weed can pass the traits on to future generations. The result may be very hardy, hard-to-kill weeds. Farmers in the US have seen the significant impact of transgenic DNA outcrossing to weed species and contamination of large tracts of land by those weed species. In 2012, 49% of US farmers reported they had glyphosate-resistant weeds on their farm, up from 34% in 2011. Regular surveys indicate that the rate at which glyphosate-resistant weeds are spreading is gaining momentum; increasing 25% in 2011 and 51% in 2012. Not only are glyphosate-resistant weeds spreading geographically, the problem is also intensifying with multiple species now resistant on an increasing number of farms.²⁵

If introduced, experience overseas shows transgenic crops will contaminate and potentially destroy our valuable agribusiness. In meeting their duty of care, the work undertaken by some local Councils on behalf of farmers and other ratepayers and residents in their region has highlighted the shortcomings in the HSNO Act, including a lack of strict liability and no mandatory requirement for the EPA to take a precautionary approach to outdoor transgenic organisms' experiments and releases, nor to monitor releases.

1.4 Genetic engineering – would it be a good thing for New Zealand agriculture?

The New Zealand Government is seen as maintaining one of the most comprehensive and rigorous approval regimes for genetically engineered organisms in the world. To date, several contained trials have been conducted, but no organization has submitted an application for a conditional or full-scale release of a transgenic organism.²⁶ In the two decades since transgenic crops were released for commercial crops, New Zealand's regulatory authorities – initially the

²² <http://www.stuff.co.nz/business/farming/cropping/9695230/Seed-exports-rise-in-value>

²³ See the full report on www.transparencymarketresearch.com and <http://www.transparencymarketresearch.com/glyphosate-market.html>

²⁴ 'Gene flow from glyphosate-resistant crops', Mallory-Smith and Zapiola, Pest Manag Sci. 2008 Apr; 64(4):428-40. doi: 10.1002/ps.1517. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/18181145>

²⁵ <http://farmindustrynews.com/technology-solution-center/glyphosate-resistant-weed-problem-extends-more-species-more-farms>

Environmental Risk Management Authority (ERMA) and latterly Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) – have approved experiments. There followed a succession of non-starters, failed experiments and breaches of controls, which have been reviewed in the report of the McGuinness Institute on transgenics in New Zealand over four decades. The independent 2013 Report recommends a moratorium on commercial release based on the evidence.²⁶

An application for contained experiments with transgenic wheat made by Monsanto read: "Application for approval to field test (including large scale fermentation) in containment any genetically modified organism under Section 40 of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996."²⁷ Monsanto proposed to import and field test eleven new organisms as defined by its Roundup Ready® transgenic wheat (*Triticum aestivum*) tolerant to glyphosate. The wheat test plots were to be isolated from other crops by a 6-metre border planted to non-transgenic wheat which isolation barrier, said the application, is expected to minimize the spontaneous release of transgenic wheat pollen outside of the test plots.

AgResearch, a Crown Research Institute (CRI), has had approvals from ERMA (now EPA) to conduct research on transgenic cows, goats and mice. In June 2010, it and a subsidiary company announced they can improve white clover (*Trifolium repens*) to give grazing animals a higher intake of protein and reduce methane emissions. The Pastoral Genomics Research Consortium, a research consortium for forage enhancement through biotechnology, is researching a cisgenics approach to develop perennial ryegrasses that are drought resistant and reduce animal methane emissions. The use of a range of genetic engineering techniques brings risks that are not mitigated by describing an organism as 'cisgenic'.

*Organic New Zealand*²⁷ reported that CRIs have approvals for thousands of indoor laboratory experiments to create transgenic animals and plants. AgResearch has approval to engineer a wide range of forage legumes, grasses and vegetable plants in laboratory containment and glasshouses. In 2001 a HortResearch trial in Kerikeri on tamarillos genetically engineered to be resistant to mosaic virus ended after the Royal Commission on Genetic Modification recommended post-trial monitoring. In 2003, the Forest Research Institute, trading as Scion, gained approval to field trial transgenic pine and spruce trees carrying reproductive-altering and herbicide-resistant traits. In 2004, Crop and Food, with a subsidiary of Monsanto, Seminis, gained approval for a transgenic onion field trial. The onions were infested with thrips and the bulbs did not store well. The trial ended early. A 2006 application for garlic, onions, leeks and other alliums is on hold. In 2007, Crop and Food, now part of Plant and Food, received approval to trial transgenic brassicas (cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, kale) that would produce an insecticide (Cry) gene. This trial breached regulatory controls after only four months when a flowering plant was discovered from unchecked regrowth. The breach was so serious that the CRI and MAF-Biosecurity NZ closed down the trial site.

No transgenic organisms from the foregoing experiments have been approved for release into the environment.²⁸

2 What are the results of growing transgenic crops for two decades?

2.1 Field trial sites of transgenic canola in Tasmania

Monsanto Australia and Aventis (now Bayer CropScience) conducted field trials of transgenic canola in Tasmania in the late 1990s and 2000. In 2001, the Tasmanian Government decided to pursue agriculture free of genetically engineered organisms. The Office of the Gene Technology Regulator advises canola seeds can be viable for up to 16 years.²⁹ A Swedish study confirmed Tasmania's experience, finding transgenic canola seed can remain viable in the wild even 10 years after release.³⁰ Management issues of the 57 Tasmanian sites included seed persistence.

Regular audits of sites have taken place. In May 2013, 53 sites were inspected, four having canola volunteers. In 2008, volunteers were found at twelve of the 53 sites,³¹ twelve different sites to the 2013 audit. An audit in May 2014 showed volunteer canola plants at three former trial sites.³² Over half the 2013 sites had not involved recent soil disturbance and

²⁶ http://mcguinnessinstitute.org/Site/Publications/Project_Reports.aspx. 'An Overview of Genetic Modification in New Zealand 1973-2013: The first forty years' published in August 2013.

²⁷ <http://organicnz.org.nz/node/571>

²⁸ <http://www.epa.govt.nz/new-organisms/popular-no-topics/Pages/GM-field-test-crop-and-ornamental-plants.aspx>

²⁹ Former GE Canola Trial Sites Audit Reports, Dept Primary Industries <http://www.dpiwve.tas.gov.au/internnst/WebPages/CART-6795X9?open>

³⁰ 'Long-term persistence of GM oilseed rape in the seedbank', D'Hertefeldt T et al, *Biol Lett*. 23 June 2008; 4(3): 314–317.

www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2610060/.

³¹ <http://safefoodfoundation.org/contamination-from-field-trials-in-tasmania/>

it is acknowledged that these will have dormant canola seed in the soil that will not germinate until soil disturbance takes place. During audits, nearby roadsides and other areas are inspected to ensure containment is being achieved. Germinating canola volunteers not located would provide further potential contamination.

This management protocol has been strengthened with a recent decision for an indefinite moratorium on the release of transgenic organisms into the environment to protect Tasmania's brand and export economy.³³ Australian farmers growing conventional canola regularly secure a higher price for their crops. A list of countries that ban transgenic crops and/or require food labelling for any transgenic element can be found on <http://naturalrevolution.org/list-of-countries-that-ban-gmo-crops-and-require-food-labels/>.

2.2 US farmers are using more hazardous pesticides to fight contaminated weeds

Dr Charles Benbrook is a research professor at the Centre for Sustaining Agriculture and Natural Resources at Washington State University. In a recent study, he found genetically engineered crops have led to an increase in overall pesticide use by 404 million pounds from the time they were introduced in 1996 through to 2011. This has aided in the appearance of the so called 'superweeds': *"Contrary to often-repeated claims that today's genetically-engineered crops have, and are reducing pesticide use, the spread of glyphosate-resistant weeds in herbicide-resistant weed management systems has brought about substantial increases in the number and volume of herbicides applied. If new genetically engineered forms of corn and soybeans tolerant of 2,4-D are approved, the volume of 2,4-D sprayed could drive herbicide usage upward by another approximate 50%."*³⁴

3 Genetically engineered crops vs conventional non-transgenic crops

The loss of genetic diversity is an acknowledged fact in commercially important crops. Despite crops being bred for superior resistance, the current practice of genetic uniformity and monoculture increases the possibility of pests and diseases evolving to overcome a host plant's resistance.

Transgenic crops were introduced with promises that they would overcome many of today's agricultural problems. However, scientists cannot easily quantify the exact effect/s novel organisms will have when released into the environment; each one may differ to the next. Genes move naturally within a species, by seed dispersal and pollination, a basic biological principle of plant evolution facilitated by insects, wind, animals, humans and other factors. The ecological risks in releasing transgenic plants include non-target effects of a crop and transgenic DNA escaping into wild populations.³⁵

An estimated 90 percent of transgenic crops grown worldwide are glyphosate resistant.³⁶ US Department of Agriculture data show glyphosate-based herbicide use increased 6,504% 1991-2010. In a survey of growers, Farm Chemicals International confirmed (February 2013):³⁷

- 61.2 million US crop acres have glyphosate-resistant weeds, nearly double the 2010 number;
- 49% of growers had glyphosate-resistant weeds on farms in 2012, up from 34% in 2011;
- 92% of growers in Georgia have glyphosate-resistant weeds;
- from 2011 to 2012 the acres with resistance almost doubled in Nebraska, Iowa and Indiana;
- total resistant acres increased by 25% in 2011 and 51% in 2012;
- more farms had at least two resistant species on their farm - in 2010 12%, in 2012 27%.

Graphs 15, 16 and 17 on the International Survey of Herbicide-Resistant Weeds illustrate the spread of glyphosate-resistant weeds since the introduction of transgenic crops. Click on <http://www.weedscience.org/summary/home.aspx> and scroll down to click on 'PowerPoint Charts Available for Download – December 6th 2014'.

³² Dept Primary Industries, Parks, Water & Environment – Biosecurity Tasmania.

<http://dpiptwe.tas.gov.au/Documents/GM%20Canola%20Former%20Trial%20Sites%20Audit%20Report%20May2014.pdf>

³³ <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-01-09/tasmania27s-gmo-ban-extended-indefinitely/5192112>

³⁴ <http://www.nlpwessex.org/docs/benbrook.htm>.

³⁵ 'Ecological effects of transgenic crops and the escape of transgenes into wild populations', Pilson D and Prendeville, H, Annu. Rev. Ecol. Evol. Syst. 2004. 35:149–74

<http://fbae.org/2009/FBAE/website/images/PDF%20files/Important%20Publication/ecological%20effects%20of%20transgenes.pdf>

³⁶ Powles (2008) Glyphosate: a once-in-a-century herbicide, Pest Manag Sci 64: 319-325

³⁷ <http://www.farmchemicalsinternational.com/crop-inputs/herbicides/glyphosate-resistance-spreads-in-the-u-s/> 5 February 2013

Herbicide-resistance is not confined to glyphosate-based herbicides. One study predicts total herbicide use in the US will rise from around 1.5 kilograms per hectare in 2013 to more than 3.5 kilograms per hectare in 2025 as a direct result of growing transgenic crops, and that the new technologies will also lose their effectiveness.³⁸ As indicated, the increase in herbicide-resistant weeds species has led to the development of GE crops and weeds that are resistant to more toxic herbicides such as 2,4-D.

In August 2012, conventional farmer, Bob Mackley, spoke in New Zealand about transgenic crops and their effects in his native Australia. He reported that many farmers have suffered significant losses as a result of transgene contamination of their conventional crops, and legislation favours seed companies, not farmers. Legally without the means to protect his livelihood, Mackley has been forced to time his plantings to avoid contamination from transgenic crops grown by a neighbour. His is a critical balance between profit or contamination and loss.

Most growers in Australia are GE-free and support the GE Crops Free Areas Act 2003 which came into currency in 2014. They want the biotechnology industry to pay its way, with a Farmer Protection Fund levying 50cents/kg on seed sales so growers are compensated for losses from GE contamination. GE-free canola premiums are up to \$40/tonne.³⁹

US farmers growing transgenic corn say they now face a future of lower prices and higher inputs. The trend is to abandon transgenic seed because non-GE crops are more productive and profitable.⁴⁰

There already exist effective, sustainable solutions to the problems that this novel technology claims to address; for example, conventional plant breeding, helped by safe modern technologies like gene mapping and Marker Assisted Selection. MAS moves complex traits into new crop varieties using genetic information and conventional breeding, raising fewer safety issues than transgenic crops and respecting species barriers. It is more acceptable to shoppers and faster to market. MAS continues to outperform genetically engineered crops in producing high-yield, drought-tolerant, and pest- and disease-resistant plants that can meet present and future food needs.^{41 42}

Key markets want foods free of novel DNA, a requirement driven by the demands of well-informed and discerning consumers from China, Japan, Europe, the US and elsewhere. The global market for foods and beverages produced without the use of any transgenic ingredient/s has led many leading international food companies such as Unilever, Nestlé, and Coca-Cola to introduce or be developing non-GE versions of their products to meet the demands of consumers who do not want transgenes in their food.⁴³ Global sales of non-GE food and beverage products are predicted to double to US\$800 billion by 2017.⁴⁴

4 Genetically engineered crops and human health

Consumers in the US have been ingesting significant quantities of foods containing novel DNA since the introduction of transgenic crops on a commercial basis in the mid 1990s. About 94 percent of US soybean farmers and 72 per cent of corn farmers use Roundup Ready (glyphosate-resistant) crops. Soy and corn go into a substantial range of food products, along with transgenic canola and cottonseed.⁴⁵ In addition, animals fed glyphosate-resistant crops bio-accumulate⁴⁶ glyphosate and/or glyphosate metabolites, adding to the human end user intake.

Glyphosate-resistant transgenic crops especially represent a large percentage of the transgenic seed market; for example, in the US alone, nearly 93 percent of soybeans and 80 percent of corn came from Monsanto's RoundupReady seeds in 2009.⁴⁷ Glyphosate is the active ingredient in Roundup and many proprietary herbicides and since the introduction in the mid-1990s of glyphosate-resistant crops on a commercial basis its use has increased many-fold.

³⁸ Mortensen et al, BioScience 62, 75–84 (2012).

<http://www.jstor.org/discover/10.1525/bio.2012.62.1.12?uid=3738776&uid=2129&uid=2&uid=70&uid=4&sid=21103352335931>

³⁹ Gene Ethics Oz

⁴⁰ <http://modernfarmer.com/2013/12/post-gmo-economy/>.

⁴¹ 'An evidence-based examination of the claims made for the safety and efficacy of genetically modified crops' (June 2012) Earth Open Source <http://earthopensource.org/index.php/reports/58>

⁴² Gene Ethics News | December 2014

⁴³ <http://www.packagedfacts.com/Non-GMO-Foods-7822141/>.

⁴⁴ www.environmentalleader.com/2013/11/12/non-gmo-food-market-to-hit-800-billion-by-2017/; www.globalresearch.ca/american-farmers-abandoning-genetically-modified-seeds-non-gmo-crops-are-more-productive-and-profitable/5366365; Global Research, 27 Jan 2014 ofthegridnews.com.

⁴⁵ http://www.soyconnection.com/soyfoods/product_overview.php

⁴⁶ <http://extoxnet.orst.edu/tibs/bioaccum.htm>, <http://www.saferchemicals.org/resources/chemicals/pbts.html>

⁴⁷ <http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/factsheet/monsanto-a-corporate-profile/>

The negative impacts of glyphosate ingestion on humans manifest slowly over time by damaging cellular systems, playing a part in most common diseases and conditions allied with a Western diet, including gastrointestinal disorders, obesity, diabetes, heart disease, depression, autism, infertility, cancer and Alzheimer's disease.⁴⁸

A huge increase in the prevalence of chronic diseases in the US has been reported over the past 20 years. For a 2014 study, US government databases were searched for transgenic crop data, glyphosate application data and disease epidemiological data. Correlation analyses were then performed on 22 diseases in these time-series data sets. While correlation is not proof of certain cause, the researchers produced graphs suggesting a connection between the introduction of genetically engineered crops on a commercial basis and increases in those diseases.⁴⁹

A 2013 study detected glyphosate in 43.9 percent of human urine samples taken from participants living in urban areas in 18 European countries.^{50 51} When diets favoured organic produce humans excreted significantly less glyphosate. The levels in urine of generally healthy humans were significantly lower than levels in a comparative chronically diseased population.

In the 1970s, glyphosate was identified as a chelator of minerals, a compound that combines with other minerals making them available only under certain conditions. Studies show plant uptake systems are susceptible to the chelating effects of glyphosate⁵² which will affect the quality of crops and grasses, as well as making them more susceptible to pathogens.

One study⁵³ hypothesizes glyphosate mixed with hard water forms a complex with heavy metals like cadmium, resulting in its accumulation in the body. The study proposed a link between chronic kidney disease and glyphosate. Chronic kidney disease of unknown origin (CKDu) is increasingly common in poor farming communities in some developing countries. Identified in the mid-1990s, CKDu is estimated to afflict 15 percent of working age people in northern Sri Lanka alone: 400,000 patients with an estimated death toll of 20,000.

There remains no official monitoring of effects on the human population of ingesting transgenic foods and consumers have no official notification of the risks related to commercial transgenic crops. With US consumers increasingly growing aware of the potential results of ingesting transgenic DNA, the fastest growing sector in its grocery industry is for foods free of transgenes, that sector now estimated to be at close to one third of the total market. This is the result of consumer pressure, and from medical professionals recommending foods free of transgenes with consequent improved health for patients.⁵⁴ New Zealand is still well-positioned to help meet that demand for GE-free food.

4.1 Genetically engineered organisms - no proof of safety for consumers or farmers

The 2014 'Hot Debate' at Lincoln University, featured six experts representing those proposing and those against the release of into the environment of genetically engineered organisms. Panel members Dr Jon Hickford and Dr Tony Connor, proponents of the technology, stated transgenic foods were safe to eat. They were asked (a) could they provide 10 human studies to support this statement, and (b) would they also advise where the diagnostic tools are available for health professionals to identify if transgenic foods in the human diet are contributing or not to illnesses. Drs Hickford and Connor admitted there are no safety studies nor are there any diagnostic tools for monitoring public health impacts of transgenic foods.⁵⁵

Because of the controversy that follows the safety issues an extensive three-year study is to ask, *Is genetically engineered food and associated pesticides safe for human health?* Launched on 12 November 2014, it is the largest ever, independent safety study on transgenic foods.⁵⁶

⁴⁸ 'Glyphosate's Suppression of Cytochrome P450 Enzymes and Amino Acid Biosynthesis by the Gut Microbiome: Pathways to Modern Diseases', Samsel et al, Entropy 2013, 15(4), 1416-1463; doi:10.3390/e15041416 <http://www.mdpi.com/1099-4300/15/4/1416>

⁴⁹ 'Genetically engineered crops, glyphosate and the deterioration of health in the United States of America', Swanson et al, Journal of Organic Systems, 9(2), 2014, http://www.organic-systems.org/journal/92/JOS_Volume-9_Number-2_Nov_2014-Swanson-et-al.pdf

⁵⁰ 'Determination of Glyphosate residues in human urine samples from 18 European countries', carried out by Medical Laboratory Bremen, Germany, http://www.foeeurope.org/sites/default/files/glyphosate_studyresults_june12.pdf.

⁵¹ http://www.foeeurope.org/sites/default/files/press_releases/foee_1_introducing_glyphosate.pdf

⁵² Roemheld et al., 2005; Neumann et al., 2006; Eker et al., 2006

⁵³ 'Glyphosate, hard water and nephrotoxic metals: are they the culprits behind the epidemic of chronic kidney disease of unknown etiology in Sri Lanka?' Jayasumana C1, Gunatilake S2, Senanayake P3. Int J Environ Res Public Health. 2014 Feb 20;11(2):2125-47. doi: 10.3390/ijerph110202125. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24562182>

⁵⁴ <http://www.aamonline.org/gmopost.html>.

⁵⁵ <http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO1404/S00063/myths-revealed-about-safety-of-ge-food.htm>.

⁵⁶ <http://www.gmwatch.org/index.php/news/archive/2014/15753-largest-international-study-into-safety-of-gm-food-launched-by-russian-ngo>

Rats are to be fed Monsanto RoundUp Ready corn and glyphosate, which the corn is engineered to resist and which is widely used in growing such crops. The use of the herbicides to which transgenic crops are resistant has increased many-fold since their introduction in the mid-1990s and there is a notable lack of published, peer-reviewed independently sourced data on their safety and on the increased use of the herbicides. For the most part, biotechnology companies carried out safety studies and those claimed 'no health risk'. Government regulators have not required evidence of long-term safety. This study should fill that gap. The experiment will be conducted in Western Europe and Russia and have no input from biotechnology corporations or the anti-genetic engineering movement.

In *Alliance for Bio-Integrity et al v Shalala* (1998) over 44,000 pages of files produced at the direction of the Court by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) revealed it had declared genetically engineered foods to be safe despite its own experts disagreeing, and that it falsely claimed a broad scientific consensus supported its stance. Internal memoranda and reports disclosed agency scientists repeatedly cautioned that foods produced through recombinant DNA technology (genetically engineered organisms) entail different risks than do their conventionally produced counterparts and that this was consistently disregarded when FDA policy was written in treating transgenic foods the same as conventional ones.⁵⁷

In taking this stance, the agency violated the US Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act in allowing transgenic foods to be marketed without testing on the premise that they are 'generally recognized as safe' (GRAS) by qualified experts. The consensus of scientists working for the FDA was that transgenic foods were inherently risky, and might create hard-to-detect allergies, poisons, gene transfer to gut bacteria, new diseases, and nutritional problems. They urged rigorous long-term tests.⁴⁴ The FDA has admitted to being directed "to foster" the biotech industry. After two decades of growing transgenic crops on a commercial-scale results to the environment and consumers unknowingly ingesting transgenes are becoming obvious.

5 New Zealand exports – are we 100% Pure Clean Green New Zealand?

The Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, Dr Jan Wright, says New Zealand urgently needs a National Environmental Reporting Act if it is to maintain its clean green image. The act would provide for regular national environmental reporting in line with other OECD nations, New Zealand being the only OECD country not doing so.⁵⁸

One of New Zealand's export strengths is being able to guarantee products free of genetically engineered organisms. New Zealand's position as a provider of clean, GE-free, and safe food is a significant economic and marketing point of difference. In the task of lifting exports above commodity status, there is added value in food safety, natural, uncontaminated foods, and sustainable, ethical production. One of the major emerging growth sector in US grocery is Non-GE food; as stated, close to one third of the market.

Exclusion of GE crops now advantages New Zealand and assists in increasing exports to markets wanting products free of transgenic DNA and in supplying new markets. Our regulatory system has protocols in place aimed at protecting these exports. For example, exported meat has to comply with the standards applying to cadmium levels in liver or kidney, particularly from animals older than three years.⁶¹ Because of the known chelating qualities of glyphosate, growing glyphosate-resistant transgenic crops could increase the cadmium presence in animal feed. Cadmium levels can affect stock grazed on transgenic crop stubble and the mineral may be present in imported animal feed.

Genetically engineered soy enters through New Zealand's seaports, mainly from Argentina. The large poultry industry in the Waikato and elsewhere uses transgenic feed and our substantial dairy industry spreads poultry manure on mainly dairy farms at 1-2 tonnes/hectare as a fertiliser. Any glyphosate-resistant gene would contaminate the environment and the milk as will the glyphosate-based herbicide contained therein. The spreading of manure then provides the opportunity to widely distribute any potentially viable transgenic material and associated chemical residues. Currently, transgenic crops are included in near 200,000 tonnes of feed imported into New Zealand annually. These imported feeds are only tested for non-viability of transgenic crops with no quality reassurance on purity. The reported practice is that loads are largely assessed visually rather than tested in a laboratory. Neither the glyphosate content, nor other toxic ingredients in glyphosate-based herbicides are tested for and the Ministry for Primary Industries confirmed they will not be in the immediate future. Thus New Zealand is at risk potentially from both the transgenic content and the glyphosate-based herbicide residues contained in the feed, the levels of which are also not monitored.

⁵⁷ Alliance for Bio-Integrity <http://www.biointegrity.org/list.htm>.

⁵⁸ <http://www.pce.parliament.nz/media/media-releases/our-clean-green-image-at-risk-says-commissioner>

It was a Norwegian study that investigated contamination levels and nutritional contents of three varieties of lowa-grown soybeans⁵⁹ - Roundup Ready soybeans, conventional soybeans grown using Roundup herbicide, and organic soybeans, grown without agricultural chemicals. On average transgenic soy contained 11.9 parts per million (ppm) of glyphosate; the highest level 20.1 ppm. No residues of either kind were found in the conventional and organic varieties. In a 2012 nutritional analysis of transgenic corn 13 ppm of glyphosate were found, compared to none in non-GEO corn. In an article for *The Ecologist* two of the study's researchers pointed out that these levels are actually double or more of what the developer of Roundup Ready transgenic crops, Monsanto, has referred to as "extreme levels:"

The question has to be asked, why is New Zealand importing any product likely to be contaminated with novel DNA and glyphosate when there are countries exporting conventional crops? Brazilian feed is free of transgenes, and there is enough to meet demand and an increasing supply. Soya production in China and India is 100% non-transgenic.

A recent privately tested sample of soy meal imported into New Zealand revealed 3.4 parts per million glyphosate and 1.4 parts per million AMPA (aminomethylphosphonic acid), the primary degradation product of glyphosate in plants, soil, and water. Stock fed such feed will ingest any viable transgenes that escape scrutiny, and pesticide residues, and can potentially pass the effects on to humans ingesting their meat or milk products.³ That such feed is not adequately tested or labelled undermines the integrity of the New Zealand food system and consequently its export reputation.⁶⁰

Russia recently announced it will not allow any seed or food containing transgenes into Russia, that the country has the land to grow its own conventional, organic foods, as does New Zealand. The Technical Expert Panel of India's Supreme Court has also backed an indefinite moratorium on GEOs. Japan opposes transgenic crops, although canola imported from Canada has led to transgenic volunteers growing wild around Japanese ports and roads leading to major food oil processing companies. Ireland bans all GE crops. Austria, Hungary, Greece, Bulgaria and Luxembourg have bans on the cultivation and sale of GEOs. Germany bans the cultivation or sale of GE maize. In France public demand has successfully kept transgenic crops out of the country. Madeira has a countrywide ban on GE crops. Switzerland banned all GE crops, animals, and plants on its fields and farms in a public referendum in 2005, extended to 2013, and further extended to December 2017.⁶¹ Californian counties Mendocino, Trinity and Marin have banned GE crops, and a number of US States are working towards at least adequate labelling to give consumers a choice.^{62 63}

Alongside banning transgenic crops, countries are banning glyphosate, as evidence grows that it is not safe as was conveniently assumed by regulators and industry. Glyphosate is the active ingredient in Monsanto's proprietary herbicide, Roundup®, and an ingredient in proprietary brands marketed by Bayer, Dow, Zeneca and other transnational companies.⁶⁴ With an estimated 90 percent of transgenic crops grown worldwide being glyphosate-resistant, the trait has transferred to weeds, with glyphosate-resistant weeds now located in 18 countries. These have had particularly significant impacts in the US, Australia, Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay.⁶⁵

Glyphosate-resistance has been confirmed in several New Zealand locations, the cause here given as "over application" of the herbicide.⁶⁶

⁵⁹ 'Compositional differences in soybeans on the market: Glyphosate accumulates in Roundup Ready GM soybeans', Böhna et al, Food Chemistry, Volume 153, 15 June 2014, Pages 207–215doi:10.1016/j.foodchem.2013.12.054
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⁶⁰ In New Zealand, the maximum concentrations of a residue (MRLs) - resulting from the registered use of an agricultural or veterinary chemical legally permitted or recognised as acceptable in or on a food, agricultural commodity, or animal feed - are established by the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Group (ACVMG) within the NZ Food Safety Authority. There is no glyphosate MRL for maize currently listed in the MRL Standard; however, there is a provision for residues of up to 0.1 mg/kg for agricultural compound/food combinations not specifically listed. The Standard does recognise Codex standards for imported food. The Codex MRL for glyphosate in maize is 5 mg/kg (the residue definition only includes parent glyphosate). Under Food Standards ANZ, the current ADI for glyphosate of 0.3 mg/kg body weight per day set in 1985⁶⁰ based on the no observed effect level (NOEL) of 30 mg/kg bw/day, the highest dose tested in a two year study on rats, and using a 100-fold safety factor (10-fold intra and interspecies safety factors). There is currently no ADI for NAG, AMPA or N-acetyl AMPA. The FAO estimate of acceptable daily intake for humans is 0-0.3 mg/kg bw (sum of glyphosate and AMPA) (1986) <http://www.fao.org/docrep/w8141e/w8141e0u.htm>

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⁶⁶ <http://www.far.org.nz/index.php/media/entry/glyphosate-resistance-confirmed-in-new-zealand>.

A January 2014 Press Release from the biotechnology company, Dow AgroSciences⁶⁷, stated new data "indicate an astonishing 86 percent of corn, soybean and cotton growers in the South (of the US) have herbicide-resistant or hard-to-control weeds on their farms. The number of farmers impacted by tough weeds in the Midwest ... now tops 61 percent. Growers need new tools to address this challenge." The "new tools" are their transgenic crops and associated more toxic agricultural proprietary chemicals.

Growing transgenic crops would have negative impacts on the New Zealand environment, agricultural industries and on exports and tourism. Conventional and organic farmers in New Zealand already achieve premiums for non-transgenic food products. If New Zealand grew genetically engineered crops, many export markets would be adversely affected. (NB As an example, see grain and seed exports page 4.)

5.1 Remaining 'GE free'

The Inter-Council Working Party (ICWP) sought legal advice and has placed precautionary statements in their Plans to protect their communities and regions. An ICWP-commissioned independent poll showed how necessary this was. See this on <http://www.wdc.govt.nz/PlansPoliciesandBylaws/Plans/Genetic-Engineering/Pages/default.aspx>.

Community opinion was confirmed in December 2013 when a national poll by Colmar Brunton, undertaken for Pure Hawke's Bay, showed 79% of New Zealanders support Councils being able to use the RMA to protect farmers, exporters and their residents from the long-term unmanaged and unknown risks of genetically engineered organisms. The risks include exposure to increasingly more toxic chemicals.⁶⁸

The UN's science-based International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD) states mixed approaches to agriculture, not transgenic monocultures, are needed to feed future generations. Systems should enhance sustainability and maintain productivity in ways that protect the natural resource base and ecological provisioning of agricultural systems.⁶⁹

Reports from qualified bodies on transgenic organisms include New Zealand's own McGuiness Institute, a privately funded, non-partisan think tank working for a sustainable future, contributing strategic foresight through evidence-based research and policy analysis.²⁶ Ten years after the New Zealand moratorium on genetic engineering ended, an Institute study suggests it is time for it to be reinstated and time for a strategy to benefit the economy as a producer of food free of transgenic DNA for the world market. The Institute found that despite huge investment in experiments on transgenic plants and trees, there has been little benefit and significant economic risk incurred. Protecting the value of New Zealand's status as a producer of safe, high quality food, is of national strategic importance.

The 'United Nations Conference on Trade and Development Review 2013 - Make agriculture truly sustainable now for food security in a changing climate'⁷⁰ states:

"Developing and developed countries alike need a paradigm shift in agricultural development: from a 'green revolution' to a 'truly ecological intensification' approach. This implies a rapid and significant shift from conventional, monoculture-based and high external-input-dependent industrial production towards mosaics of sustainable, regenerative production systems that also considerably improve the productivity of small-scale farmers. We need to see a move from a linear to a holistic approach in agricultural management, which recognizes that a farmer is not only a producer of agricultural goods, but also a manager of an agro-ecological system that provides quite a number of public goods and services (e.g. water, soil, landscape, energy, biodiversity, and recreation)."

An evidence-based examination of the claims made for the safety and efficacy of transgenic crops was published in June 2012 http://earthopensource.org/files/pdfs/GMO_Myths_and_Truths/GMO_Myths_and_Truths_1.3b.pdf.

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5.2 Future agricultural planning for New Zealand

Plant breeding largely favours varieties determined by the vested interest providing funding rather than on end user safety and choice. A current favourite is genetic engineering technology which includes the development of transgenic food crops, and many of these food crops are resistant to herbicides, especially glyphosate. Important points are that:

- (a) Such crops substantially increase the amount of herbicide applied to the crop;
- (b) The novel DNA giving herbicide-resistance has transferred to an increasing number of major weed species in areas growing transgenic crops;
- (c) This has made glyphosate in particular ineffectual on those resistant weeds; and
- (d) Weed species now require more toxic chemicals to achieve eradication.⁷⁵

Glyphosate-resistance has already been identified in several locations in New Zealand, the cause being given as 'over application'.⁷¹ On experience overseas, growing transgenic glyphosate-resistant crops would increase that considerably.

Two studies give further evidence-based reasons for New Zealand farmers taking a precautionary approach and not adopting genetically engineered crops and thus releasing novel DNA into the environment, particularly those crops using glyphosate-based herbicides⁷²:

- Thirty dairy cows from each of eight Danish dairy farms were investigated and all were found to excrete glyphosate in their urine. The study demonstrated that glyphosate is toxic to the normal metabolism of dairy cows.⁷³ The likely source of the glyphosate would be animal feed containing transgenic food and/or feed crops, and residual glyphosate from spraying. (N.B. See page 8 - glyphosate found in human urine.)
- Glyphosate enhances the growth of aflatoxin-producing fungi, lending an explanation for the substantial increase in fungal toxins now found in corn grown in the US⁷⁴; the USDA indicating in 2012 that 88 percent of US corn/maize grown was transgenic. Most would be glyphosate resistant, thus increasing the potential for large areas of corn crops to be affected.⁷⁵

Aflatoxins affect grains, oilseeds and tree nuts, among other crops. Contamination of grains by aflatoxins threatens human and livestock health, and international trade. The UN Food and Agriculture Organisation estimates 25% of the world food crops are affected annually. Crop loss due to such contamination costs US producers over US\$100 million/year on average.⁷⁶ Tate & Lyle, a British maker of sweeteners and starches, has said quality problems with US corn, primarily due to aflatoxin, were forcing changes to the firm's buying programme.⁷⁷

Thousands of conventional crop varieties have been lost since the introduction of agrichemicals and monoculture practices, including transgenic food crops since the mid 1990s.⁷⁸ Changes in genetic structure can be long term and affect several generations. No insurer will cover the complex and long-term risks, this fact alone reason for precaution.

If transgenic crops are introduced into New Zealand, many of our farmers growing premium quality and organic crops stand to lose their livelihoods. There will follow, as it has in other countries, inadvertent contamination of non-transgenic crops and grasses, resulting in extortionist claims from the seed producers for farmers to compensate them for harbouring – be it unwillingly and unknowingly – crops contaminated with patented novel DNA. Farmers have no legal protection against this and insurance protection is not available. The end result for many has been financial ruin.⁷⁹

⁷¹ <http://www.far.org.nz/index.php/media/entry/glyphosate-resistance-confirmed-in-new-zealand>.

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⁷⁹ Report 'Seed Giants vs US Farmers' <http://www.centerforfoodsafety.org/reports/1770/seed-giants-vs-us-farmers>

6 Concluding

Tasmanian Deputy Premier, Bryan Green, said the State's "island status and our biosecurity system mean that our food and agricultural industries are well placed to take advantage of the State's GE-free status."⁸⁰

New Zealand's island status offers the same advantages. This country should reject growing transgenic food or feed crops, trees and grasses; in fact, any release into the environment of genetically engineered organisms. Transgenes released into the environment have the potential to invade and damage the biological infrastructure of New Zealand's primary industry sectors and our unique biodiversity. As has been shown overseas, once released into the environment, transgenes will spread and potentially contaminate irreversibly native and domestic gene-stocks alike.

6.1 Supporting ethical science

PSGR acknowledges there may be potential benefits of genetic engineering technology and supports continued advances in molecular biology, which is the underlying science, in containment. We are critical of the business models and regulatory systems that have characterized early applications of the various technologies involved.

Transgenic applications in agriculture have made the problems of industrial monoculture cropping worse and do not support a sustainable agriculture and food system with broad societal benefits. The technologies have been employed in ways that reinforce problematic industrial approaches to agriculture.

Policy decisions about the use of genetic engineering technologies are too often driven by public relations campaigns run by the biotechnology industry, rather than by what science tells us about the most cost-effective ways to produce abundant food and preserve the health of farmland.

We offer these following ideas for policy makers on what they should do to best serve the public interest:

- Expand research funding for public crop breeding programmes, so that a broad range of non-transgenic varieties remain available;
- Expand public research funding and incentives to further develop and adopt agro-ecologically based farming systems;
- Take steps - such as changes in patent law - to facilitate independent scientific research on the risks and benefits of genetic engineering technology / genetically engineered organisms;
- Take a more rigorous, independently verified approach to transgenic product approvals, so that products do not come to market until their risks and benefits are understood through non-biased review;
- Support food labelling laws that require foods containing transgenic-derived ingredients to be clearly identified as such, so that consumers can make informed decisions about supporting transgenic applications in agriculture.

PSGR supports fully contained, supervised use of genetically engineered technology for the furtherance of science.

PSGR does not gain an advantage in trade competition.

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Appendix 1

Because of the disproportionate influence of 'big business' in governmental decision-making, policies have largely favoured the interests of industry, often with a seeming disregard for the wishes or safety of private citizens and the environment. This situation has given rise to strong public reaction and the need for controls outside of Regulatory Authorities to protect the interests of local communities and future generations.

On 12 November 2014, an Open Letter from those in North America with direct experience of the commercial release of genetically engineered organisms was released on line to the UK and Europe, and published in *The Ecologist*.⁸¹ Their first-hand experience should influence decisions made in other jurisdictions including in New Zealand. They said:

We are writing as concerned American citizens to share with you our experience of genetically modified (GM) crops and the resulting damage to our agricultural system and adulteration of our food supply. In our country, GM crops account for about half of harvested cropland. Around 94% of the soy, 93% of corn (maize), and 96% of cotton grown is GM.[i]

The UK and the rest of the EU have yet to adopt GM crops in the way that we have, but you are currently under tremendous pressure from governments, biotech lobbyists, and large corporations to adopt what we now regard as a failing agricultural technology.

Polls consistently show that 72% of Americans do not want to eat GM foods and over 90% of Americans believe GM foods should be labelled.[ii] In spite of this massive public mandate, efforts to get our federal[iii] and state[iv] governments to better regulate, or simply label, GMOs are being undermined by large biotech and food corporations with unlimited budgets[v] and undue influence.

As you consider your options, we'd like to share with you what nearly two decades of GM crops in the United States has brought us. We believe our experience serves as a warning for what will happen in your countries should you follow us down this road.

Broken promises

GM crops were released onto the market with a promise that they would consistently increase yields and decrease pesticide use. They have done neither.[vi] In fact, according to a recent US government report, yields from GM crops can be lower than their non-GM equivalents.[vii]

Farmers were told that GM crops would yield bigger profits too. The reality, according to the United States Department of Agriculture, is different.[viii] Profitability is highly variable, while the cost of growing these crops has spiraled.[ix]

GM seeds cannot legally be saved for replanting, which means farmers must buy new seeds each year. Biotech companies control the price of seeds, which cost farmers 3-6 times more than conventional seeds.[x] This, combined with the huge chemical inputs they require, means GM crops have proved more costly to grow than conventional crops.

Because of the disproportionate emphasis on GM crops, conventional seed varieties are no longer widely available leaving farmers with less choice and control over what they plant.[xi]

Farmers who have chosen not to grow GM crops can find their fields contaminated with GM crops as a result of cross pollination between related species of plants[xii] and GM and non-GM seeds being mixed together during storage.

Because of this our farmers are losing export markets. Many countries have restrictions or outright bans on growing or importing GM crops[xiii] and as a result, these crops have become responsible for a rise in trade disputes when shipments of grain are found to be contaminated with GM organisms(GMOs).[xiv]

The burgeoning organic market here in the US is also being affected. Many organic farmers have lost contracts for organic seed due to high levels of contamination. This problem is increasing and is expected to get much bigger in the coming years.

⁸¹ http://www.theecologist.org/blogs_and_comments/commentators/2632105/living_with_gmos_a_letter_from_america.html

Pesticides and superweeds

The most widely grown types of GM crops are known as 'Roundup Ready' crops. These crops, mostly corn and soy, have been genetically engineered so that when they are sprayed with the herbicide Roundup - the active ingredient of which is glyphosate - the weeds die but the crop continues to grow.

This has created a vicious circle. Weeds have become resistant to the herbicide, causing farmers to spray even more. Heavier use of herbicides creates ever more "superweeds" and even higher herbicide use.

A recent review found that between 1996 and 2011, farmers who planted Roundup Ready crops used 24% more herbicide than non-GMO farmers planting the same crops.[xv]

If we remain on this trajectory with Roundup Ready crops we can expect to see herbicide rates increase by 25% each year for the foreseeable future.

This pesticide treadmill means that in the last decade in the US at least 14 new glyphosate-resistant weed species have emerged[xvi], and over half of US farms are plagued with herbicide-resistant weeds.[xvii]

Biotech companies, which sell both the GM seeds and the herbicides,[xviii] have proposed to address this problem with the creation of new crop varieties that will be able to withstand even stronger and more toxic herbicides such as 2,4-D and dicamba.

However it is estimated that if these new varieties are approved, this could drive herbicide use up by as much as 50%.[xix]

Environmental harm

Studies have shown that the increased herbicide use on Roundup Ready crops is highly destructive to the natural environment. For example, Roundup kills milkweeds, which are the key food source for the iconic Monarch butterfly[xx] and poses a threat to other important insects such as bees.[xxi]

It is also damaging to soil, killing beneficial organisms that keep it healthy and productive[xxii] and making essential micronutrients unavailable to the plant.[xxiii]

Other types of GM plants, which have been engineered to produce their own insecticide (e.g. "Bt" cotton plants), have also been shown to harm beneficial insects including green lacewings[xxiv], the Daphnia magna waterflea [xxv] and other aquatic insects,[xxvi] and ladybugs (ladybirds).[xxvii]

Resistance to the insecticides in these plants is also growing[xxviii], creating new varieties of resistant "superbugs" and requiring more applications of insecticides at different points in the growth cycle, for instance on the seed before it is planted.[xxix] In spite of this, new Bt varieties of corn and soy have been approved here and will soon be planted.

A threat to human health

GM ingredients are everywhere in our food chain. It is estimated that 70% of processed foods consumed in the US have been produced using GM ingredients. If products from animals fed GM feed are included, the percentage is significantly higher.

Research shows that Roundup Ready crops contain many times more glyphosate, and its toxic breakdown product AMPA, than normal crops.[xxx]

Traces of glyphosate have been found in the breastmilk and urine of American mothers, as well as in their drinking water.[xxxi] The levels in breastmilk were worryingly high - around 1,600 times higher than what is allowable in European drinking water.

Passed on to babies through breastmilk, or the water used to make formula, this could represent an unacceptable risk to infant health since glyphosate is a suspected hormone disrupter.[xxxii] Recent studies suggest that this herbicide is also toxic to sperm.[xxxiii]

Likewise, traces of the Bt toxin have been found in the blood of mothers and their babies.[xxxiv]

GM foods were not subjected to human trials before being released into the food chain and the health impacts of having these substances circulating and accumulating in our bodies are not being studied by any government agency, nor by the companies that produce them.

Studies of animals fed GM foods and/or glyphosate, however, show worrying trends including damage to vital organs like the liver and kidneys, damage to gut tissues and gut flora, immune system disruption, reproductive abnormalities, and even tumors.[xxxv]

These scientific studies point to potentially serious human health problems that could not have been anticipated when our country first embraced GMOs, and yet they continue to be ignored by those who should be protecting us.

Instead our regulators rely on outdated studies and other information funded and supplied by biotech companies that, not surprisingly, dismiss all health concerns.

A denial of science

This spin of corporate science stands in stark contrast to the findings of independent scientists.

In fact, in 2013, nearly 300 independent scientists from around the world issued a public warning that there was no scientific consensus about the safety of eating genetically modified food, and that the risks, as demonstrated in independent research, gave "serious cause for concern".[xxxvi]

It's not easy for independent scientists like these to speak out. Those who do have faced obstacles in publishing their results, been systematically vilified by pro-GMO scientists, been denied research funding, and in some cases have had their jobs and careers threatened.[xxxvii]

Control of the food supply

Through our experience we have come to understand that the genetic engineering of food has never really been about public good, or feeding the hungry, or supporting our farmers. Nor is it about consumer choice. Instead it is about private, corporate control of the food system.

This control extends into areas of life that deeply affect our day-to-day well-being, including food security, science, and democracy. It undermines the development of genuinely sustainable, environmentally friendly agriculture and prevents the creation of a transparent, healthy food supply for all.

Today in the US, from seed to plate, the production, distribution, marketing, safety testing, and consumption of food is controlled by a handful of companies, many of which have commercial interests in genetic engineering technology.

They create the problems, and then sell us the so-called solutions in a closed cycle of profit generation that is unequalled in any other type of commerce.

We all need to eat, which is why every citizen should strive to understand these issues.

Time to speak out!

Americans are reaping the detrimental impacts of this risky and unproven agricultural technology. EU countries should take note: there are no benefits from GM crops great enough to offset these impacts. Officials who continue to ignore this fact are guilty of a gross dereliction of duty.

We, the undersigned, are sharing our experience and what we have learned with you so that you don't make our mistakes.

We strongly urge you to resist the approval of genetically modified crops, to refuse to plant those crops that have been approved, to reject the import and/or sale of GM-containing animal feeds and foods intended for human consumption, and to speak out against the corporate influence over politics, regulation and science.

If the UK and the rest of Europe becomes the new market for genetically modified crops and food our own efforts to label and regulate GMOs will be all the more difficult, if not impossible. If our efforts fail, your attempts to keep GMOs out of Europe will also fail.

If we work together, however, we can revitalize our global food system, ensuring healthy soil, healthy fields, healthy food and healthy people.

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Richard Taylor

From: seamless@tararua.govt.nz
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I wish to speak in person on this submission at the Council hearing on Tuesday, 19 May 2015 No

Should Council proceed with this project as planned? Yes

Your comments

the sooner the better. Woodville is the only town not losing population and pressure will increase on the water supply

Are you a Pongaroa ratepayer? No

As a Pongaroa urban resident, would you prefer:

Voting yes to take over your supply separate to Council, and accept the potential health risks?

OR

Council upgrades this urban system to meet national drinking water standards subject to obtaining Central Government subsidy funding of at least 70%. (This would significantly increase your water targeted rates to match that charged district-wide for other schemes.)

Your comments

Should Council sell its pensioner housing units to a respected social housing provider who can access the Government's Social Housing Funding? Yes

OR

Should Council retain the pensioner housing units but increase the rentals significantly to ensure operations, maintenance and renewal costs are adequately funded?

Your comments

Should Council relocate the Library/Service Centre and i-SITE into the Council building used by Tararua Alliance when it becomes vacant?

AND

Should Council demolish the current earthquake-prone Library/Service Centre (separate to the Gallery) and provide public toilets and green space on that

site?

OR

Should Council consider the proposal from
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new debt, to be offset by any future sale of the current
separate offices used by the Library/Service Centre
(which is considered earthquake-prone) and the
Tararua Alliance?

Once the library/i-site buildings have been demolished I would like to see the Lindauer Gallery building extended to encompass a new exhibition space. This space would house:

- a permanent professionally built exhibition on how Woodville was settled with storyboards and enlarged photo boards showing the history of the town's founding
- additional room to house changing exhibitions by various artists, craftspeople, which could be locally sourced or on loan from other organisations
- space for seating so people could view films on the history of the town (the museum has several films, two on war veterans of Woodville, and is making more).

Public toilets could be added to this new complex which could be accessed separately from the Galleries. An entry fee would be charged to enter the Galleries, it is recommended this is \$5 for adults, children free of charge. Postcards and books pertaining to Woodville could be on sale. The Galleries would have to be staffed by a paid person(s) and would be open 7 days a week 10am to 3pm. Possibly the library/council services/i-site staff could be rotated into this duty and carry out normal duties, eg data entry, while minding the gallery space. This new gallery space could also provide meeting space after hours for groups wishing to use a screen and data projector. Woodville is in dire need of a modern meeting space – at the moment there are a lot of tatty, tired old halls available without modern technology for holding seminars/meetings. Woodville is a central location and I have received many requests in my capacity as secretary of various groups for meeting spaces for around 30-40 people from organisations spanning the wider Man-Wang region, e.g. recently, Dairy NZ. In addition I would like to recommend that the new library complex, proposed to be located across the road, make provision for a family history section. The museum receives many enquiries about individuals from pioneering days and it is a burden answering all these queries and opening the museum out of hours. This is becoming an increasing

Your comments

issue as our older members are no longer able to help. We have visitors travelling especially to Woodville to do research and it would be ideal if all the history resources were in one place and accessible Monday to Friday during library hours. Librarians would have to upskill on the resources that would become available to them. The museum also has a significant photograph collection and these should be available in digital format to researchers. Digitisation is beyond the museum's resources and could be taken on by library staff. Images could be sold and could be searchable on the library's website. At the moment historical resources are scattered around several organisations. I believe a new complex of galleries would be a significant tourist attraction for the town and highlight its historical importance. Many visitors to the town ask how it was settled and I believe a bright, fresh, new centre is warranted.

Yes

Should Council exit from kerbside refuse bag collection, and let the private sector deliver this service to the community?

Your comments

I support / oppose

Because

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Richard Taylor

From: seamless@tararua.govt.nz
Sent: Tuesday, 14 April 2015 3:45 p.m.
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I wish to speak in person on this submission at the Council hearing on Tuesday, 19 May 2015 No

Should Council proceed with this project as planned? Yes

Your comments

Are you a Pongaroa ratepayer? No

As a Pongaroa urban resident, would you prefer:

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Your comments

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Your comments

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new library building on the same site. This will require new debt, to be offset by any future sale of the current separate offices used by the Library/Service Centre (which is considered earthquake-prone) and the Tararua Alliance?

Your comments

Just upgrade the toilets woodville have already. Extend them possibly and make them more light up at nights and possibly the day. Very dark when you go in there. Quite scary to be honest. Why relocate building when the one they have in place is fine. Renovate if needed. Its good having the information site at the end of town. Easier to see in such a small town.

Should Council exit from kerbside refuse bag collection, and let the private sector deliver this service to the community?

No

Your comments

If this were the case you'd have every man and his dog doing this and whose to say they will do a good job. At least with the council this can be monitored and it has a guidelines to expectations. The council can assess the private sector and review on an annual base?

I support / oppose

Support Smokefree CBD

Because

smokefree areas. Please look at the CBD within the Tararua area. It would be great to have our children not have cigarette smoke blown into the path of them walking. Kids don't get to have a say but we as adults tend to. So lets look at our next generation and help protect their well being.

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Richard Taylor

From: seamless@tararua.govt.nz
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I wish to speak in person on this submission at the Council hearing on Tuesday, 19 May 2015 No

Should Council proceed with this project as planned?

Your comments

Are you a Pongaroa ratepayer?

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Your comments

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Library/Service Centre (which is considered
earthquake-prone) and the Tararua Alliance?

Your comments

Should Council exit from kerbside refuse bag
collection, and let the private sector deliver this
service to the community?

Your comments

I support / oppose

Because

I support Tararua District Council to extend their current S/F
Parks and Playgrounds to include further outdoor areas and
all Council run events because I would like to see..... • The
smoking rate for Tararua region being reduced • The
visibility of smoking being reduced and positive Smokefree
role models for young people being provided • The number
of young people who start smoking reduced • Supportive
environments provided for non-smokers and those
attempting to quit smoking. • Exposure to second-hand
smoke reduced for all and particularly protect vulnerable
people in our community. For example babies, infants, and
children those with asthma, COPD and other respiratory
conditions. • Non-smokers empowered to speak up when
people smoke in Smokefree areas. • The environmental
impact of unsightly litter such as cigarette butts and packets
reduced and the clean-up costs associated with this. You
may also like to consider areas that you think need to be
made smokefree: I would like to see the following areas
being made smokefree: • Parks, reserves, all sportsgrounds
and outdoor swimming pools, all playgrounds and skate-
parks, all sports fields, including associated spectator areas •
Public outdoor areas associated with Tararua District
Council service centres libraries, community facilities,
museums, leisure centres and recreation centres and other
council owned facilities and buildings • Council-run events,
all events on Council land • Outside schools, early childhood
centres and health centres • All transport areas, including bus
stations and train stations • Outdoor dining spaces of cafes
under council jurisdiction in the Tararua region • All CBD's
in the townships in the Tararua District Council area •
Cemeteries • Outside schools, early childhood centres,
churches and health centres

From: Shane Kingston [mailto:shane@roadshow.org]
Sent: Wednesday, 15 April 2015 11:52 a.m.
To: Eleanor Roberts
Subject: Re: Rate issue



Hi Again Eleanor,

Well, as it has been some time, and we have our draft rate demand for our very small property in Dannevirke. First of all, the wonderful little leaflet that came with it said a number of interesting things. It stated that the TDC is in a good financial place, it stated that over the last 10 years a number of people have left the area (including me) so if over all we have less people to serve then over all it should come out cheaper. If TDC will not base rates on land alone as you mentioned in previous emails, and as a number of people have left the area, so rates seem to no be based on the number of people, so there for its just TDC infrastructure which as the little leaflet says a number of large projects are being finished, then rates should decrease right. Well I see TDC seemed to again hick them up. The calculation must be floored.

Let me lay it out more simply.

Less people to look after, cheaper property values, better infrastructure should be bringing the costs over all down. NOT UP.

The Submission form you provided asked for submissions on stuff that is not even in Dannevirke, the only 2 that had anything to do with the town was the recycling and pensioner housing. Neither of which I have an opinion on except to say if the pensioner housing was sold, would it have a direct impact on the cost of rates causing them to decrease.

You may have it all tied up legally, but bottom line is over all TDC offers less than what it did 10 years ago, and charges more for it and thinks it needs to crank up rates. In layman's terms, that sucks and is a rip off.

We were attracted to the town to invest, at the height of our property venture in this town, we had 3 properties, sadly we lost over \$100k through falling property values, RISING COST OF RATES, and poor leadership of the community from TDC. So personally I am just over rate increases, and further more rents in the town are unchanged in 10 years. Currently we recive \$10 less a week for our one house we have in this town than we did 10 years ago, and that is after doing it up. And yet TDC seem justified in pushing rates up. MMMM If TDC is in such a good place financially, then do something positive and decrease rates.

You can use this email as my submission. Over all very unhappy rate payer. Oh and I am not interested in trying to baffle me with legal crap or what other people or councils do or when rates are set, What I am interested in is using recent info and straight answers.

I also saw no credit on my sample draft of our rate demand. (read previous emails to see what I mean)
Shane Kingston

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1. WOODVILLE WATER

Council has proposed to resolve water storage and security issues in Woodville by 30 June 2019 (2015/16 – explore options; 2016/17 – consult with community; 2017/18 to 2018/19 – construction).

Should Council proceed with this project as planned?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Your comments:

2. PONGAROA WATER

Are you a Pongaroa ratepayer?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Your comments: Private sector would probably increase the rentals

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☐ Yes ☐ No

Your comments:

5. KERBSIDE REFUSE COLLECTION

Should Council exit from kerbside refuse bag collection, and let the private sector deliver this service to the community?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Your comments:

you will be doing away more jobs.

OTHER ISSUES

I support / oppose:

Because:

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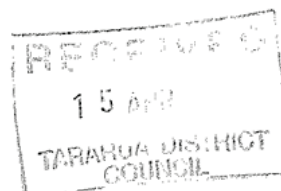
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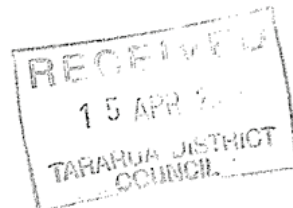
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From: seamless@tararua.govt.nz
Sent: Thursday, 16 April 2015 4:43 p.m.
To: Info - Tararua District Council; Richard Taylor
Subject: LTP 2015-2025 Submission Form Submitted

Your Name Barbara Adkins
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4920
Daytime phone number 021 066 8022
Email address barbrichards@vodafone.co.nz
I wish to speak in person on this submission at the Council hearing on Tuesday, 19 May 2015 No
Should Council proceed with this project as planned? Yes
Your comments
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Your comments

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Yes

Your comments

I support / oppose

Because

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From: seamless@tararua.govt.nz
Sent: Saturday, 18 April 2015 7:02 a.m.
To: Info - Tararua District Council; Richard Taylor
Subject: LTP 2015-2025 Submission Form Submitted

Your Name Peter Sherman
Organisation (if applicable)
Postal address 76486 State Highway 2 Dannevirke
Daytime phone number 0277375054
Email address pjsherman@fastmail.fm
I wish to speak in person on this submission at the Council hearing on Tuesday, 19 May 2015
Should Council proceed with this project as planned? No
Your comments Let the people in woodville pay for it nobody else.
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Your comments Let the people in Pongaroa pay for it nobody else.
Should Council sell its pensioner housing units to a respected social housing provider who can access the Government's Social Housing Funding? No
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Your comments Whose opinion is it that the units need upgrading?
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Your comments

This will be a waste of money with little economic benefit. Better to subsidize industrial development.

Should Council exit from kerbside refuse bag collection, and let the private sector deliver this service to the community?

Yes

Your comments

I support / oppose

reducing rates

Because

because you are a waste of money

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Sent: Saturday, 18 April 2015 4:48 p.m.
To: Info - Tararua District Council; Richard Taylor
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Your Name Rick Brice
Organisation (if applicable)
Postal address 39 Atkinson Street Woodville, 4920
Daytime phone number
Email address rixter@orcon.net.nz
I wish to speak in person on this submission at the Council hearing on Tuesday, 19 May 2015 No
Should Council proceed with this project as planned? Yes
Your comments A sustainable water supply is the most important service that the Council is employed to provide. Without water there can be no life. We have put up with annual water restrictions for too long now. It is time to get this problem sorted.
Are you a Pongaroa ratepayer? No
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Your comments
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Your comments Private social housing providers are likely to factor in a significant profit margin in their rentals. Council operations are likely to produce a lower rental price for those living in these units. Also, private social housing providers are liable to sell up at some point, and leave the area with no pensioner housing at all. Council operations ensure that there will always be suitable units available

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| | to rent. |
| Should Council relocate the Library/Service Centre and i-SITE into the Council building used by Tararua No Alliance when it becomes vacant? | No |
| AND | |
| Should Council demolish the current earthquake-prone Library/Service Centre (separate to the Gallery) and provide public toilets and green space on that site? | No |
| OR | |
| Should Council consider the proposal from Woodville Districts' Vision to: Modify the existing buildings on 49 Vogel Street (Site 3) to house the Service Centre, i-SITE and Lindauer Studio and Museum and construct a new library building on the same site. This will require new debt, to be offset by any future sale of the current separate offices used by the Library/Service Centre (which is considered earthquake-prone) and the Tararua Alliance? | Yes |
| Your comments | How 'earthquake prone' is the Service Centre building ? How much will it cost to repair ? This missing information is important ! If the building can be repaired at a reasonable cost, then it should be retained - regardless of whether its current use continues or not. Retaining the building in this area is preferable to an empty green space. A building will also be worth more than an empty plot of land. Too many buildings are being knocked down in knee-jerk reactions to 'earthquake proneness'. This matter requires more information and more thought. The Tararua Alliance site is almost invisible to passers by, and is limited in size and scope. A better solution must be found. |
| Should Council exit from kerbside refuse bag collection, and let the private sector deliver this service to the community? | No |
| Your comments | Private providers are likely to require the use of wheeley bins - along with the high cost of these large volumes. Some people may fill these wheeley bins each time, and get their money's worth. Others will not. The ability to put out small bags when required, must be preserved. If the private sector run kerbside collections, then small bags will surely be seen as 'uneconomic', and removed from our options. |
| I support / oppose | The rapid annual rise in the cost of rates |
| Because | Each year the rates bill goes up and up. I am a single person, working full time, with a modest income and a modest home. The latest figures show that my annual bill from the Tararua District Council has gone over the |

\$2,000 mark. That is a huge chunk out of my income !
How much more will the next years figure be ? Or the
year after that ? Will the time come when I won't be able
to afford to live in my home, because the rates bill has
got too high ? It is happening in other places in New
Zealand already ! I realise that balancing figures when
running a Council isn't straight forward, and that there
are always demands for expenditure. However it also
seems that luxury spending also happens all too readily.
For example, do we really need expensive imported
cobblestone footpaths ? Are trendy make-overs, that give
each town a corporate look, yet ignore the individualness
of each town, where we should be spending money ?
And I do also wonder how much more people in the
Council get paid in wages, compared to the income of
the average rate payer in this area. I ask you to all stick to
the basics, and tighten belts as much as possible. Please
keep your services affordable !

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Richard Taylor

From: seamless@tararua.govt.nz
Sent: Monday, 20 April 2015 11:45 a.m.
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Your Name Andrew Casey

Organisation (if applicable)

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Daytime phone number

Email address frithogar@unseen.is

I wish to speak in person on this submission at the Council hearing on Tuesday, 19 May 2015 No

Should Council proceed with this project as planned?

Your comments

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Your comments I fully support the council upgrading the system despite the increase in water rates.

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Your comments

I support / oppose

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THERE MUST BE MONEY IN RUBBISH.
KEEP THE COLLECTION AS IS.

OTHER ISSUES

I support/oppose:

NO LITTER ON HIGH STREET

Because:

PEOPLE & DOGS LEAVE A MESS
WHICH COVERS THE PAVERS. WE SHOULD
HAVE A CLEAN, PRISTINE HIGH STREET
NO SHOPOWNER SHOULD HAVE TO CLEAN FACE.

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Your comments:

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I support / oppose:

Because:

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Because: FOR DEMOCRACY.

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These assets should never be sold – the pension doesn't increase enough each year to warrant rental increase. Owners of private residences pay enough rates to put some funds towards maintenance of housing units. Council funds better to allow this.

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If Council exit, then the fee needs to be deducted from Council rates.
This will work if individual households are charged & not a collective fee. We already subscribe to a private collector.

OTHER ISSUES

I support / oppose:

Dog Reg. Fees increase

Because:

Increasing dog registration fees to responsible owners while there are so many un-registered dogs in the town area also way too many stray dogs

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so rentals should be kept as low as possible or no pensioners
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Your comments:

As long as the service is the same + costs the same or less

OTHER ISSUES

support/oppose:

Because:

Combining Town + Rural dog registrations
Country dogs are not a problem in ag. cases
and are a necessary part of rural life to
combat theft + rustling and trespass

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OTHER ISSUES

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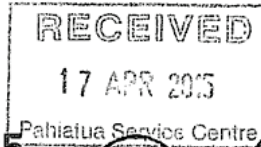
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Your comments:

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Your comments:

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>>> FROM MIDDLE-EARTH - NEW ZEALAND >>>

☒ Yes ☐ No

Your comments:

We already use yellow bags. The local man could then have his bags to buy & he could compete with the present provider

OTHER ISSUES

I support / oppose:

Because:

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Your comments: If the Government take the pensioner flats over, the rental will increase

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(Is it earthquake-prone?)
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OR

They definitely need toilets for the bus stop, but they must be present in the eyes
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Your comments:

I can imagine the mess.
I'm always picking up rubbish in grass areas & footpaths as it is.

OTHER ISSUES

I support / oppose:

Because:

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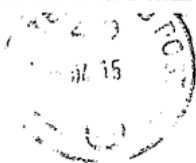
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Your comments: *If the private sector takes over - where do they dump their refuse? Will Council still provide landfills & if so, how much unsorted rubbish in which bins will be dumped there?*

OTHER ISSUES

I support / oppose:

we oppose that the Council "continue to work with our funding partners (who? ratepayers, government) to deliver the required outcomes (what are they, who require them) in the most affordable way (what is?) and sustainable way (what is?). This sentence is meaningless & deliberately vague. Is growth sustainable?

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Provision by Council to earthquake proof existing buildings

OTHER ISSUES

I support / oppose:

Because:

relocation of existing buildings
upgrading - re-painting and general
overhaul of interiors would be more
acceptable for convenience and costs.

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OTHER ISSUES

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Because:

Increase Swimming Pool funding
As a rate payer I pay through Rates and at the Swimming Pool I pay fees are expensive

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Your comments:

Top option would be preferable, if Rental increase works out Less than the Council would have to raise Rental to
WWW.TARARUADC.GOV.NZ/CONSULTATIONDOCUMENT I am quite happy with current management of Units by Council. really.

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I am quite happy with Council kerbside refuse bag collection.

OTHER ISSUES

I support / oppose:

Because:

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Your comments: There's no guarantee that new owners wouldn't increase rental costs?

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Your comments: Keep service & look to expand it in the future to provide wheelie bins. Keep service local. Kerbside recycling is an excellent service. Please keep it.

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Your comments: PLEASE IF SHIFTING TO A NEW SITE ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE CENTRE BE A PRIVATE AREA. NOT LIKE AT PRESENT WHEN ALL IN THE BUILDING CAN HEAR ALL CONVERSATIONS.

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Your comments:

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I support / oppose:

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The Infracon building is unsuitable for housing the TDV
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 parking, it is also not cost efficient and could be sold. The
 current building that houses the I-SITE/ Service
 Centre/Library could be gifted to the community, the
 Museum in Ormond st, could be sold and moved to 42
 Vogel, public toilets could easily be installed within the
 building as there are already toilets there. This would
 enable the community to have a building which housed
 toilets, the Museum and the lindauer studio, as well as
 anything that the community wished to have, therefore
 creating a hub of tourism attractions near the I-SITE. This
 would also save TDC the cost of demolition and it would
 be up to WDV or the community to fund the earthquake
 strengthening needed, maybe from the sale of the Museum
 building. A win for the community and for TDC

Your comments

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Yes

Your comments

☐ support / oppose

Because

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Your comments: *Social welfare is a diversion for local bodies that just relieves central govt & which they take full advantage of*

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Don't count on sale of old buildings to offset new building

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Your comments:

I think it's cheaper to say 'NO'!

OTHER ISSUES

I support / oppose:

I do not support high rates. (if only ever possible)

Because:

Many people are suffering from POVERTY. Poverty is not the answer to a Developed Country like New Zealand. Although I opposed to HIGH RATES we need to upgrade a lot of things for a better community and also for our new incoming future generations.

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Because:

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Your comments:

Provided parameters are set so service doesn't suffer. -
only is improved.
better still.

OTHER ISSUES

I support/oppose:

Because:

- any rate increases as it unfairly targets owners of property.
- Council should be handling basic infrastructure. Nothing else

- Council should go through its affairs to see where "fat" can be trimmed. Like any other business building consents
- Reduce wasting

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Enforce no private commercial dumping and etc in curbside street bins. Also enforce action against fly tipping. It will only grow if there is no curbside collection

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OTHER ISSUES

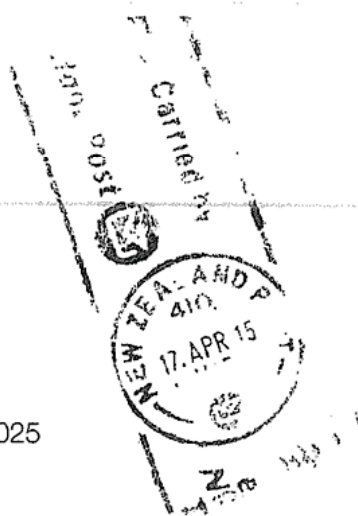
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This is urgent has been a problem for a number of years and has been said that it was fixed after

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OR Only problem is who is going to fund/ manage these may a new way of looking at these should be discuss more research I feel.

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Your comments:

Only increase at rate of inflation we rent a unit out in Queenst at market rental of \$140 - would act \$160 if wasn't on market & sale

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Your comments: *One building to house all services including courts and Service Centre library museum Lindauer all in one area so it can be open all the time*

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budget waste seem to be doing a good job would have preferred local contractors to have first crack at tender or given preference

OTHER ISSUES

I support / oppose:

Because:

Rate freeze until council is looked into effect from Infraco demise Have issue with Rating in comparison to our property 37 Trafalgar St (as pos to flat 8/25, Queen St) part of 9 flats) we pay nearly as much as a stand alone property where interference is no different. Council does ninety percent of the work up there, then seal edges with tape

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OTHER ISSUES

I support / oppose:

Because:

to be included on our Rates costs each year, ←
as non Ratepayers will not be enthused to have the cost of collection put on them and this will ensure Robbish etc will be dumped in all sorts of places which council will have to clear up if in the city boundary.
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Also what if you already have a refuse provider as these people shouldn't have to pay on the rates for an extra service they don't need.

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For those of us on fixed incomes the result of privatisation could further diminish our resources.

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I support / oppose:

Because:

Ratepayers would have little, if any recourse to the performance of such operators.

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Because:

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OTHER ISSUES

I support ~~these~~:

Because:

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Your comments:

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Because:

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Submitted by: *David G. New Zealand*
Date: *15 APR 15*
New Zealand
Yes ☒ No ☐

Your comments:

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OTHER ISSUES

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Because:

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I support / oppose:

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Your comments: I think its a good service council provide, its handy for the public to just ring when their rubbish is not collected Council can deal with them quickly.

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To whom it may concern,

Submission: The Council Long-term Plan 2015–25 (LTP)

Please accept the following letter and attachments as the Institute's submission on your council's long-term plan. The McGuinness Institute is a non-partisan think tank working towards a sustainable future, contributing strategic foresight through evidence-based research and policy analysis.

We welcome this opportunity to put forward a few ideas and observations that we hope will prove useful as you and your community work together to develop a long-term plan. This submission takes the form of an overview of our recent work. It is not a prescriptive document, and we have not made specific recommendations. We consider the projects described below may provide a useful context on certain issues when finalising your long-term plan.

Our flagship project, *Project 2058*, began in 2008 and focuses on where we want New Zealand to be in 50 years. Therefore, our research is conducted primarily with long-term issues in mind. Our 2015 work programme is based on our observations from 2014 and can be found on the McGuinness Institute website. We believe that if we want New Zealand to be in a better position in the long term, we need to think local – hence this submission. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Three years ago we provided councils a standard submission, much like we have done today. Firstly, I would like to thank those councils that provided feedback and engaged with the Institute over the last three years. The value of the submission process rests in part in receiving input from many different voices within the community. It should be noted that some of our projects and publications were developed in collaboration with others and reflect the ideas of a wide range of people as a result. All documents mentioned are either attached or can be found on our websites listed at the end of this letter.

This submission builds on the following workshops and projects:

1. *The LocalNZ and LivingStandardsNZ workshops* – the 10 recommendations put forward by youth participants who attended *LocalNZ* – a four-day workshop held in Wanganui and Wellington in 2014 and the 'Living Standards Metaphor' articulated by the participants of the *LivingStandardsNZ* workshop held in December 2013.
2. *Project StrategyNZ* – The findings of *The Government Department Strategies Index 2015*.
3. *Project One Ocean* – The recommendations of a recent report, *Report 10: One Ocean: Principles for the stewardship of a healthy and productive ocean*.
4. *Project TalentNZ* – The need to create a talent-based economy.
5. *Project Pandemic Management* – The need to prepare and protect our communities.

1. LocalNZ workshop: The 10 recommendations by participants

Our November 2014 workshop, *LocalNZ: Connecting youth committed to local government*, brought together 35 young people from throughout the country. This workshop was run in collaboration with the New Zealand Treasury, Wellington City Council and the organisers of the *A Place to Live* conference (the MacDiarmid Institute and Victoria University of Wellington, in association with the Royal Society of New Zealand, Wanganui District Council and the Whanganui River Maori Trust Board). Participants were tasked with answering the question: *How do regional goals align with national goals, and how might these goals need to change in order to aid regional growth?*

The 35 young people that attended were extraordinary; they were enthusiastic, inquiring and committed New Zealanders ready to engage and support their local communities. The end result, the *A Youth Statement on Regional Goals* booklet, is testimony to their hard work. We have provided a copy of the booklet for this submission as well as enough copies for your mayor, chief executive and councillor's. Below are the 10 recommendations outlined in the booklet (see pages 5–7 for further explanation):

1. Introduce creative information flows between local and central government.
2. Fresh thinking about how local government generates its revenue and matches its expenditure is needed.
3. Develop a deeper understanding of nature in order to have a healthy economy.
4. Harness what regions offer to quality of life.
5. Embrace the differences between regions and the unique qualities each region has to offer.
6. Central government should work harder to enable local government to sustainably make the most of its resources.
7. Tailor the education system for each region.
8. Visionary leadership is needed to benefit the regions, both in central and local government.
9. Build stronger relationships between representatives (MPs and councillors) and government (central and local) through integrity, trust and mutual respect.
10. Introduce the mokopuna clause.

You may also be interested in our December 2013 workshop, *LivingStandardsNZ: Aligning public policy with the way we want to live*, which emphasised the urgent need to better connect young people with their dreams and ambitions. One of the outputs from this workshop was the *2013 Youth Living Standards Framework for New Zealand*; I encourage you to read the 'Living Standards Metaphor' on page 5 of the booklet. Learn more about the workshop at www.livingstandardsnz.org.

2. Project StrategyNZ: Learning from The Government Department Strategies Index 2015

The Institute believes the strategies of central government should be easier to access, evaluate and build upon, particularly as these strategy documents shape and dictate the actions of local councils and community organisations. *The Government Department Strategies (GDS) Index 2015* website contains:

- The *Methodology*, which includes an explanation of our analysis using a scorecard. This scorecard could be used to evaluate the long-term plan itself.
- The *Profiles*, including (a) a link to each GDS document in operation as at 30 June 2014 – affectively creating a single source to access strategies published by any central government department and (b) an assessment of each GDS's content, describing what the strategy document does well and what it does not (published on each GDS profile).
- The *Strategy Wheels*, which illustrate how a core strategy drives more specific strategies and operational plans.
- The *Tables*, which rank each of the GDSs against each other.
- The *Observations*, including a list of seven key messages and examples of good practice.

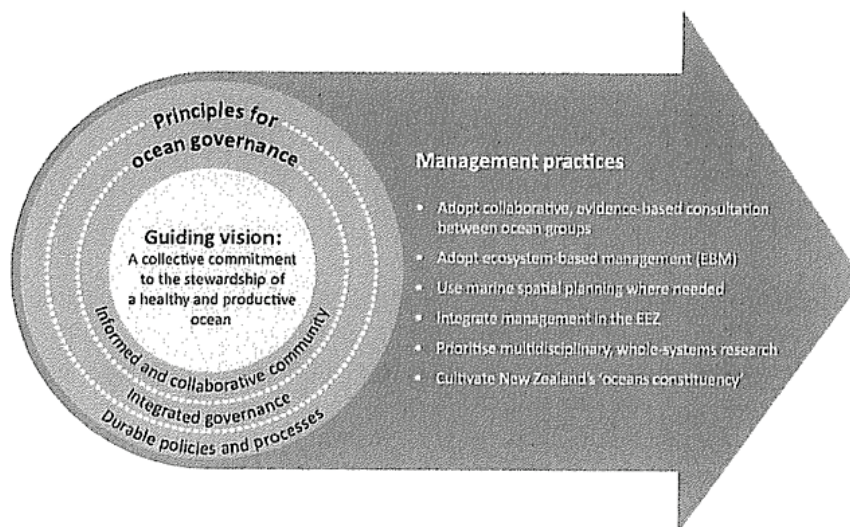
We believe *The GDS Index 2015* is the first of its kind worldwide and that it provides a valuable set of tools for councils to use to ensure their long-term plan aligns and builds on central government thinking and initiatives. You also might like to consider reporting to constituents on how the long-term plan links to other strategies and plans through an illustration of a strategy wheel.

We also consider the scorecard might be a useful way to stress test the content of the draft long-term plan. The six high-level elements that we believe should be included in all strategy documents in the public arena are discussions on (i) opportunities and threats, (ii) capabilities and resources, (iii) vision and benefits, (iv) approach and focus, (v) implementation and accountability and (vi) alignment and authority. Learn more about these elements by reading the attached *Think Piece 21: Strategy Stewardship Matters: Utilising the government department strategies index*.

3. Project One Ocean: The recommendations of our recent report

The *One Ocean: Principles for the stewardship of a healthy and productive ocean* report discusses the role of the oceans in New Zealand's culture, economy and natural environment. It explores possible solutions to the challenges currently facing the management of human activities in New Zealand's marine space and recommends the establishment of ocean governance principles to guide decision making. Figure 1 below (Figure 9 in the report) illustrates the report's recommendations and puts forward three principles to help guide progress towards a shared 'vision' – a collective commitment which relies on the support of local government and communities. The full report is available to download on the Institute's website.

Figure 1: Relationship between the guiding for New Zealand's oceans, principles for governance and specific recommended management practices



In particular, the King Salmon decision indicates that community interests play a crucial role in long-term planning – not just in terms of land use but also in terms of coastal and marine estate use. The Institute was involved in the King Salmon decision, and our observations are written up in *Working Paper 2013/01: Notes on the New Zealand King Salmon Decision*.

4. Project TalentNZ: Creating a talent-based economy in New Zealand

The Institute believes that creating a talent-based economy in our local communities, and for New Zealand as a whole, is crucial. Creating a talent-based economy is not going to be easy, but councils should be considering

how to *grow, attract, retain* and *connect* talent over the long term. Communities that are able to create a dynamic talent-based ecosystem are more likely to become healthy, wealthy and interesting places to live. The war for talent has begun, and as talent attracts talent, those that create sustainable and durable talent ecosystems (see the *Menu of Initiatives* attached) today are likely to win the war for talent tomorrow. This work aims to progress Sir Paul Callaghan's thinking.

The Institute's *Menu of Initiatives* is designed for councils to review and consider. We recognise that each region, city and town has its own character, personality and skill set; therefore, the *Menu* has been designed with a range of initiatives to suit different contexts. The *Menu* website shows examples of these initiatives in action, so that councils can build tacit knowledge about how to personalise these for their own communities. You may be interested to know we are running two *TalentNZ: Menu of Initiatives* sessions at the New Zealand Community Boards Conference next month (14–16 May). We are also speaking on this topic at the World Futures Conference (24–26 July 2015) in San Francisco.

Later this year we will publish a grow edition of our *TalentNZ* journal, which will include 30 innovative examples of how New Zealanders are 'growing talent' in their communities. If you know of anyone that should be included, please let me know as soon as possible.

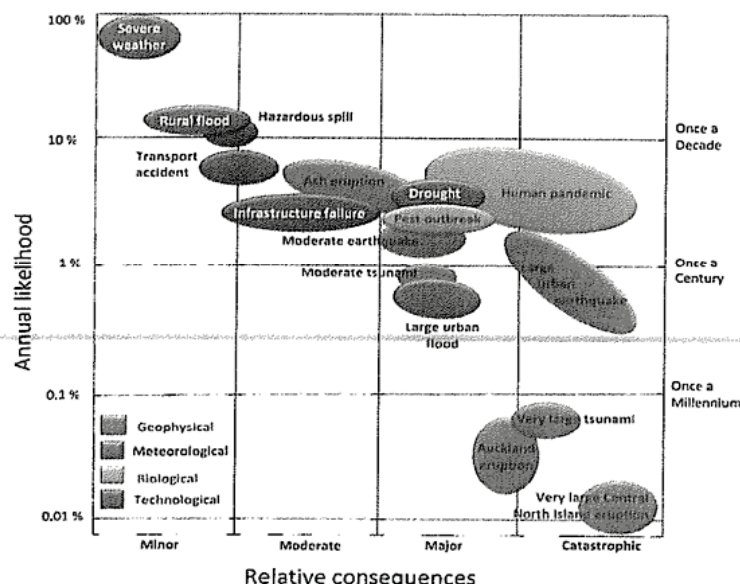
5. Project Pandemic Management: Revisiting our preparedness

In 2006 the Institute completed a project that reviewed past epidemic and pandemic events in order to make New Zealand more resilient in the future. As a result of recent events in West Africa, this project has been revisited, the results of which will be available shortly. At this stage, we wanted to bring to your attention three documents worth reflecting upon when preparing your long-term plan.

(a) Briefing to the Incoming Minister of Civil Defence (8 October 2014)

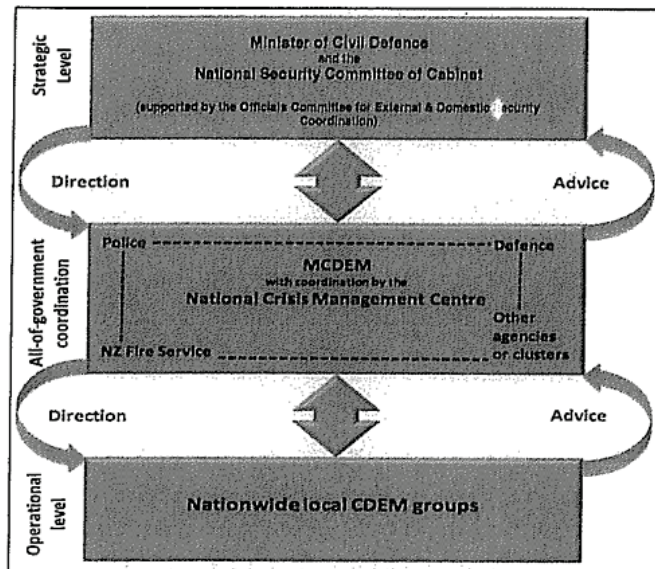
Figure 2 below (Figure 1 in the Briefing) illustrates the likelihood of national hazards occurring over the course of one year and the scale of their consequences. The figure indicates that based on the likelihood and relative consequences, the risk of a human pandemic occurring is the most significant risk facing New Zealand. This explains why the risk of a pandemic should be taken into consideration.

Figure 2: National hazard risks



This document also explains the recent changes, namely the Cabinet Committee on Domestic and External Security (DES) has now been replaced by the National Security Committee (NSC); see Figure 3 below (Figure 2 in the Briefing), which illustrates New Zealand's national crisis management model.

Figure 3: New Zealand's national crisis management model



(b) World Health Organisation: One year into the Ebola epidemic (January 2015)

This report is a must read for those trying to equip their communities for epidemics and pandemics. I consider the Ebola outbreak as a slow-motion video of a crash scene; Ebola does not spread quickly (its basic reproduction value was, at its height, about 1.7), but there is a lot to learn about how communities might respond (positively or negatively) to highly contagious viruses, such as influenza, in the future. Another article of interest is James Gallagher's BBC article *Ebola: How does it compare?* (December 2014), which compares Ebola with other epidemics.

(c) Civil Defence Emergency Management group plans

As a result of this work we learned about the Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) group plans (required by the CDEM Act 2002). These plans represent the cooperation and coordination of local authorities with emergency services and other agencies to implement the *CDEM Strategy* vision at the local level. There are 16 CDEM groups formed across New Zealand; each group is made up of elected councillors from each council within geographical boundaries (see Figure 4 overleaf). As required under legislation, each group must develop, approve, implement and monitor a civil defence emergency management group plan and review that plan at least every five years. We think it is crucial that CDEM groups ensure these plans are accurate, relevant, up-to-date and take into account the risk of an epidemic or pandemic. Councils within each CDEM group should be collaborating closely amongst themselves and within the Ministry of Health to optimise the management of their preparedness and emergency response; this will make New Zealand more resilient when disruptive events occur.

Figure 1: Illustration of DEM groups and their associated councils



Thank you for reading our submission. If you would like to discuss any of these topics in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

All the best for 2015.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy McGuinness
Chief Executive

Attachments:

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D. Gendall

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Your comments: STOP DAIRY INDUSTRY SUCKING OFF TOWN WATER GET THEM TO PUT DOWN OWN BORES. (TOWN WATER FOR TOWN RESIDENTS NOT FARMERS) WATER ISSUES NEED RESOLVING BUT RATES ARE REDICULOUS NOW – WHO PAYS!!

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☐ Yes ☐ No

OR

We have public toilets at Fontaine Park, additional should have been dealt with in Re Furb of Street bud

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☐ Yes ☐ No

Your comments:

MUCH MORE PUBLIC OPINION + CONSULTATION NEEDED, WHY NOT JUST RETAIN + FIX BUILDINGS WE HAVE, THERE IS A PORTA LOO BEHIND LIBRARY AND STUPID TREE WHICH IS UNUSABLE BECAUSE OF ROSE GROWING IN TRUNK THAT RESTRICTS SEE AREA WHEN LEFT TO CREEP ON

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OTHER ISSUES

I support / oppose: How expensive our Rates are becoming

Because: WATER PROBLEMS STILL EXIST, REFUSE PROBLEMS, SERVICES ON THE DECLINE, STUPID EXPENSIVE IDEAS THAT COST OUR RATES, INFRACOM FIASCO BY COUNCIL FOR YEARS IS UNFORGIVEABLE - THIS NONE WASTED COULD HAVE FIXED OUR WATER STORAGE ISSUES, WAKE UP COUNCIL

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- Modify the existing buildings on 49 Vogel Street (Site 3) to house the Service Centre, i-SITE and Lindauer Studio and Museum and construct a new library building on the same site. This will require new debt, to be offset by any future sale of the current separate offices used by the Library/Service Centre (which is considered earthquake-prone) and the Tararua Alliance?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Your comments: The present site seems to be very small.

5. KERBSIDE REFUSE COLLECTION

Should Council exit from kerbside refuse bag collection, and let the private sector deliver this service to the community?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Your comments: Private sector usually cut at-towners. There would be increased costs some people could not cope with.

OTHER ISSUES

I support / oppose:

Because:

commerce/
Tourist and industry development because
towns needs to grow, people need
jobs

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