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**Which rates option do you prefer? Please tick one.**

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Option 1: Unsmoothed - No additional borrowings

Many people cannot afford high increases in rates. It is unfair on the low income people.

## Policy Changes

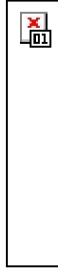
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I am very concerned that roading is costing the council so much. I think the footpaths are pretty bad and need upgrading. Surely that would be a better use of rates, as more people will be walking in the future when climate change really gets worse. Good footpaths rather than roads would lower our carbon emissions. I am also concerned about the persistent obsession with economic growth. It is an outdated neoliberal concept. We need to rein in our population growth and resource use and live more humbly. We all need to transform our lifestyles to a much more sustainable standard. Well-being, harmony with nature, and living more simply is more interesting than accumulating money.



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The reality is that we will have to borrow, regardless, in order to meet compliance standards. Option 2 offers the best balance between borrowing and long term debt repayment.

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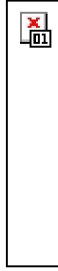
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Cut back expenses! Your rubbish system is a joke we should be able to be in it if we want to or not

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## Long Term Plan 2021-2031



**Waimate**  
District Council

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**See attached documentation**

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## **Submission Part 1: Funding allocation to Waimate Archives**

## **Submission Part 2: WDC adopt and implement the Living Wage**

## **Submission Part 3: Proposed Waimate Cemetery upgrades**

## **Submission Part 4: Victoria Park Learn to Ride area**

### **Submission Part 1: Funding allocation to the Waimate Archives**

Note: While I am the Archivist at the Waimate Museum & Archives (Waimate Historical Society), this submission is written as a concerned rate payer. My role as the Archivist at the Waimate Archives for more than 16 years gives me valuable institutional knowledge. My qualifications and experience within the archives, information, library and museum sector gives me expert knowledge and understanding of the legislative requirements for local authority records and archives, and community archives.

It is reassuring to read in Council's LTP that Council is committed to ensuring that it meets its legislated responsibilities.

The Waimate District Council (WDC) discharges its responsibilities under the Public Records Act (PRA) for its archives to the Waimate Archives (under the governance of the Waimate Historical Society (WHS)). Unfortunately, the funds provided to the WHS fall well short of the actual costs required to meet these legislative requirements. The Waimate Archives is unable to meet the storage and access standards of the PRA and the MoU between WDC and WHS. This has been highlighted to Council on numerous occasions. There have been many promises from WDC of funding reviews and the nodding of heads that this is important...but this is as far as any progress has been made.

Rather than spend time on what hasn't been done, it is time WDC actually delivers on what it should be doing by law. However, it is not just about following the law. Archiving is about good governance and good business. It allows for better management of business risks and ensures archives are maintained to uphold government accountability and transparency. If Council is serious about meeting its legislative responsibilities and undertaking good governance/business then it needs to provide sufficient funding to do this.

Archiving is not **only** about **storage** of records of long term value. It is about the archiving of those records (which includes the preservation, arrangement and description, cataloguing, suitable metadata and taxonomy, and trained staff) **and** it is about providing **access** to these to Council staff and the public. Storage is the most reasonable cost component. I am aware that some Council's choose to store their archives at large offsite facilities. But these Councils still need to undertake archiving and to provide access. There are associated costs to transport these archives and there is the potential damage to these items in the process.

*Submission to WDC LTP 2021-2031 – Sue Hanham, July 2021*

I am aware that Council like to consider options to share costs/services with neighbouring councils. Timaru and Waitaki do not have the storage space for other council archives. As I identified above – it is not just about storage but also about access. How would rate payers access these archives if they are held out of the district? Council would still have to pay for the cost of archiving and providing access regardless of where the archives are stored.

Suggest Council allocate the following funds to help meet some of the legislated requirements.

- **Funding towards a comprehensive fire suppressant system**

Allocate \$40,000 towards a comprehensive fire suppressant system for the Waimate Archives, and \$2,500 annually for monthly monitoring and testing. The total cost of installation is approximately \$100,000. With this promise of \$40,000 and evidence that WDC has the funds available, the WHS would proceed with funding applications. The WDC needs only to release the allocated funds if applications are successful.

As the WHS is a registered charity, an application to funders for this is possible. This reduces the financial burden on Council and rate payers. Funders have indicated that they are unlikely to support an application without Council taking on some of the financial responsibility. This is because the majority of the Waimate Archives is used for the storage and access of Council archives and where a fire suppressant system is a legislated requirement for local authority archives.

The WDC pays for this either way – above as outlined or in charges at an offsite facility. The resilience of our archive and infrastructure are essential for the preservation of the memory of local government. The taonga in our repository are essential to the physical, environmental, cultural and spiritual wellbeing of our community. The financial and intellectual cost of inaction is significant. By failing to prepare – we are preparing to fail.

- **Increase funding for Archivist resources**

Allocate \$20,000 annually for additional archivist hours.

Archives NZ has commented that the main constraint on improvements in the service (or at least preventing a decrease in service) is the lack of adequate funded archivist hours. It has recommended that the 20 hours should be a **minimum** amount for archivist hours, given the amount of work that is necessary.

Research enquiries continue to increase. The majority of research enquiries at the Waimate Archives is for local authority archives. People don't necessarily ask to search council archives, but what they are looking for can be found within these records.

ArchivesNZ has provided WDC with reports from two independent assessments and reviews of the Waimate Archives (2011 & 2015). Main recommendations included increasing the points raised above = increasing the archivist resource and installing a sprinkler system.

*"The Society has one of the better small local archives I have seen and with limited resources has provided a valuable service to the community and to the local authority. The Society has for a relatively small sum allowed the Council to discharge its responsibilities towards its legacy records. The archive store is better than most small archive repositories I have seen and only wants a fire suppressant system to meet the highest requirements for archival storage. Expensive storage areas are often let down by poor arrangement and description practices but this is not the case in Waimate, where the quality of the storage facility is matched by careful packaging. More importantly, safe storage of the archives is matched by the procedures and policies implemented on a daily basis to ensure access to the archives is strictly controlled.*

*Waimate Historical Society provides a very good quality archives service to the community on a shoestring budget."*

In summary, recommended \$ from WDC:

### **Comprehensive fire suppressant system for the Waimate Archives**

Time frame: From 2021/2022 to 2022/2023

Proposed total budget: \$40,000

Ongoing costs: approx. \$2,500 per annum for monthly monitoring and testing

Project description: Seeding funding to allow WA to apply for additional funds to install a comprehensive fire suppressant system in the Waimate Archives to meet the storage requirements of local authority archives under the Public Records Act

### **Increase funding for Archivist resources**

Time frame: From 2021/2022

Proposed total budget (per annum): \$20,000

Description: Funds to pay the archivist an ethical wage and to increase the archivist hours to undertake the work required to meet the PRA for local authority archives.

## **Submission Part 2: WDC adopt and implement the Living Wage**

What is the Living Wage?

- A living wage is defined as the income necessary to provide workers and their families with the basic necessities of life.
- A living wage will enable workers to live with dignity and to participate as active citizens in society.

Why was it created?

- The Living Wage has emerged as a response to growing poverty and inequality that continues to hold back so many Kiwi workers, their families and our economy.
- A living wage allows families to participate in the social, civic and cultural lives of their communities.
- It is calculated independently each year by the New Zealand Family Centre Social Policy Unit

Benefits:

Becoming a Living Wage Employer makes a difference. Employers talk about having reduced staff turnover, a more productive work environment and increased business as a direct result of paying a Living Wage. Workers talk about spending more time with their families, feeling valued, less stressed and consequently happier and more motivated in their workplaces. ([livingwage.org.nz](http://livingwage.org.nz))

In summary, recommended \$ from WDC:

Time frame: From 2021/2022

Proposed total budget: unknown

Project description: WDC adopt and implement Living Wage for Council, CCO staff and contracts (on relevant and ongoing core services). WDC seek to obtain living wage accreditation

## **Submission Part 3: proposed Waimate Cemetery upgrades**

Re: Provide public toilet facility????

Is the proposal for a toilet because people have to spend so much time at the cemetery trying to find a plot, thus a bathroom break is required? This wouldn't be necessary if there was clear signage. Recommend that Council reallocate the funds to provide signage within the old cemetery so that people can find the plot they are looking for based on denomination and plot numbers in each row. Also, funds can be better allocated to Council's online search function for **all** district cemeteries.

#### **Submission Part 4: Victoria Park Learn to Ride area**

Is this better funded by W2T and the Community Lead Development funding? While this proposal is 'nice to have' and with lots of 'feel good' attributes, I can't help but see that the \$50,000 is close to the seed funds I recommend for the installation for a comprehensive fire suppressant system for council archives and the community archives. Over a million unique documentary history items about Waimate at risk without this. The latter may not have the kiddie/happy family feel good factor, but it is a legal requirement.

**To Whom it May Concern**

We do not agree with the removal of the rates remission on the Waimate Event's Centre. The people of the Hakataramea Valley rarely access the Waimate Events Centre as we use the local facilities either at Cattle Creek (which we are rated for) or Kurow. For a community that lives 100km away from Waimate we feel that your reasoning that we have equal access to the Waimate Events Centre is an unfair assumption considering the distance involved. We also notice that the policy/rates remission has not been honoured in the past and that we have been paying full rates for the events centre.

We would like to challenge the discontinuation of the Hakataramea Station (Station Stream) bridge maintenance as noted on page 184 of the Waimate District Council Roding Activity Management plan-May 2021. It is our understanding that it is indeed a public road and bridge. The road is graded and maintained and the bridge is numbered and inspected. What has changed that it is no longer a public road and bridge. There are four households and a largescale business living and operating over this bridge which is used multiple times a day. This is the only access to the four households except for a gravel ford which is not ideal for lighter traffic and at times can be impassable. Also the environmental impact of more traffic having to cross the ford can not be considered ideal. We would like further consultation around this issue as we have never been consulted about it and the last inspection we were assured there would be some remedial work done on the bridge. Happy to meet and discuss this.

We would also like to support the inclusion of recycle stations within the Hakataramea Valley – preferably one at Cattle Creek (perhaps at the Cattle Creek Hall) and one at Wrights Crossing. Combined our rate payers contribute more than \$6000 to the Resource Recovery Drop Off of which very few if any would use.

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Tell us why, or let us know if you have any other comments.

Borrowing money is not a good idea, plus interest rates will rise again soon.

**2. Policy Changes (see page 22)**

Do you support our changes to the Rates Remission and Postponement Policy?  Yes  No

Tell us why or let us know if you have any other comments.

Not many <sup>older folk</sup> folk use the WEC but we are all happy to see happy healthy youngsters using it, I think.

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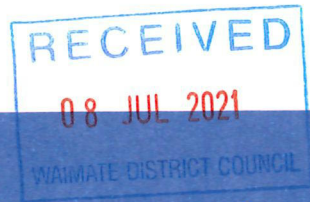
If Council keeps taking land from our park  
we will have less and less left:

The Park is for everyone ♡

She is a lovely park and should ~~stay~~ always  
be for every person older & younger and  
in between ♡

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*Tell us why, or let us know if you have any other comments.*

I would like to know why we can't have the same option as Queenstown rates and a rise of 4.4% over 10 years better for all low income persons in District especially as higher rates to pay for 4 bins for Recycling

2. Policy Changes/Rates Remission + Postponement Policy  
 Yes  No

We all know we have to pay rates and if lump sums are too hard you can pay Direct Credit weekly/fort/monthly

No excuses otherwise other people in hardship are propping up others no squeaky-wheels/big voice

3. General Feedback

Water quality is bad for Rural we should not be drinking stock water with lots of chlorine and have to pay for filters for all our drinking water which is restricted and user pays

All rural and town should have water meters

4. Roads/Footpaths should be the same standard throughout the Waimate District

5. Camping Upgrades

The most important at Waimate lakes Camping is mowing of grass to reduce risk of fires

At Te Aka trimming, replacement of trees is urgently needed as has not happened for years and native plantings to be done for Health and Safety.

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Accept this is the better way. Friends went to your meeting at Events centre, they asked lots questions and were more than happy

with the answers, (the talked to the Mayor)  
Some they didn't want but were still happy  
with reply. I had my questions answered  
so am delighted about new toilets coming,  
that the ~~footpaths~~ pedestrian crossings to  
be repaired, are not our council's job.

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That the Forest replanting will go ahead.  
And best of all, the library extension.  
(There will always be people wanting to  
actually hold and read books). Also  
the many new things the library does now.  
Wonderful.

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**Federated Farmers of New Zealand**  
**Submission to Waimate District Council**  
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8 July 2021



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# **SUBMISSION TO WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL ON THE 10 YEAR PLAN CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

To: Waimate District Council

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We wish to speak to our submission at a Council hearing.

## **ABOUT FEDERATED FARMERS**

Federated Farmers of New Zealand is a membership organisation, which is mandated by its members to advocate on their behalf and ensure representation of their views. Federated Farmers does not collect a compulsory levy under the commodities levy act and is funded from voluntary membership.

Federated Farmers represents rural and farming businesses throughout New Zealand. We have a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand's farmers

Federated Farmers aims to empower farmers to excel in farming. Our key strategic outcomes include provision for 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 a vibrant rural community; and
- Our members adopt responsible management and sustainable food production practices.



## **INTRODUCTION**

Federated Farmers welcomes the opportunity to submit on the Waimate District Council's ('WDC or 'Council') 10 Year Plan Consultation Document (2021-31) ('LTP').

We would like to remind Council that rates are not a "tax", as referred to in the Revenue and Financing Policy. Ratepayers are required to pay GST on their rates, which means "Goods and Services Tax". If there is no corresponding benefit for the rates paid, then GST should not be included.

### **Key Issue - Managing impact on rates**

We support Option 2, smoothed over 3 years which is the Council's preferred option.

As the district economy is facing constraints with limited tourism, limited labour supply, temporary worker restrictions and limited capacity in some goods and services, particularly in the construction sector, we seek that Council keeps a firm control on costs especially during this uncertain time.

The general rate is based on land value, farms are land intensive, where the overall (capital) value of a farm is largely comprised of land value, compared to other land use types. This means farmer rates are intensively sensitive to any shift in the general rate.

The value of someone's property has no correlation to their income, their ability to pay rates or benefit from services eg street lighting and parks & reserves.

Farmers are facing a number of additional regulatory costs in the form of new regulations under the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, and greater responsibilities under the forthcoming National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity. The farming industry's commitment to climate change, He Waka eke Noa, will also come at a significant cost. Individually these regulatory costs are significant. Farming returns and incomes will be negatively impacted over coming years.

These increased costs faced by farmers are also being imposed at a time when farming is of relatively greater importance to the Waimate District, given borders are closed to the majority of international tourists, reducing tourism earnings.

### Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)

Under s.21 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 the UAGC can be used to collect up to 30% of total rate revenue. Federated Farmers strongly supports use of the full 30% allowed.

Use of the UAGC strongly influences the distribution of rates across properties in a district. Its effect is to amend the impact of property value rates on higher value properties.

The basis of our view is the fact that council services are in large part used by people, and a per property charge at least ensures that all people make some reasonable contribution (whether through rates or rent) toward their cost.

From the documentation it is very difficult to determine what the current UAGC is. Federated Farmers recommends that this figure is clearly mentioned in any annual or long term plan consultation documents.

## **Policy Changes**

We do not support the changes to the Rates Remission and Postponement Policy, in particular the Waimate Event Centre rate remission. Whilst it is true that all district households have equal access to the Waimate Event Centre, the ease of this access is not equal. For example, those living in the Waimate urban area have very easy access to the Centre, but the same cannot be said for those people living in the St Andrews area.

Rural halls have a key role in community life and their use should be enabled and encouraged more. Requiring people to contribute to their rural hall and the Event Centre is unfair given that most people are unlikely to use both, which is where the 25% remission softened the blow somewhat.

Also, as the UAGC is used to repay the loan for the Waimate Event Centre, the true cost to ratepayers for this one asset is not as clear as it could be.

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*Tell us why, or let us know if you have any other comments.*

*It's good to see the council investing in critical infrastructure like roading, paving, sewage and water.*



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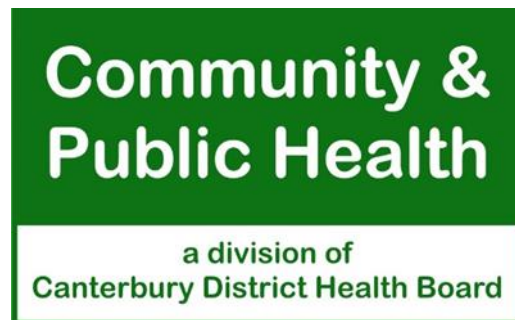
2. What will happen to the green waste you are collecting? And why is the council not encouraging more people to compost at home or offer other incentives? eg worm farms, compost bins, bokashi?

Will the council make compost from all the green waste collected and offer it for sale back to the public?

3. Where are the new public toilets going?

4. Justify the almost \$1 million on council building & library spending. What new/improved facilities will you be providing with all this money?

Please use additional paper if needed.



## **Submission on Waimate District Council Draft Long Term Plan 2021 - 2031**

**To:** Waimate District Council  
125 Queen Street, Waimate 7924

**Submitter:** Community and Public Health  
PO Box 510  
Timaru 7940

**Proposal:** Waimate District Council Draft Long Term Plan 2021– 2031

# Submission on Waimate District Council Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2031

## Details of submitter

1. Community and Public Health.
2. This submission has been developed by Community and Public Health (CPH), a division of the Canterbury District Health Board, which provides public health services to Canterbury, South Canterbury and the West Coast.
3. Community and Public Health is responsible for promoting the reduction of adverse environmental effects on the health of people and communities and for improving, promoting and protecting their health pursuant to the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 and the Health Act 1956. These statutory obligations are the responsibility of the Ministry of Health and in the South Canterbury region, are carried out under contract by Community and Public Health under Crown funding agreements.

## General comments

4. We welcome the opportunity to comment on the Waimate District Council Draft Long Term Plan 2021 – 2031. While healthcare services are an important determinant of health, health is also influenced by a wide range of factors beyond the health sector. The future health of our populations therefore relies not only on healthcare services but on a responsive environment where all sectors work collaboratively.
5. Local government is one of the most important and powerful influences on the health and wellbeing of communities and populations.<sup>1,2</sup> The decisions that local authorities make about land and transport use and the built and natural environment significantly affect health as do the myriad of other activities that many local authorities currently undertake to support the environmental, cultural and social wellbeing of their populations. The reinstatement of the four well-beings to the Local Government Act confirms the significant role that local government plays in lifting the quality of life of our people, and the health of our environment.

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<sup>1</sup> Public Health Association. 2013. *Getting into the Act. Local Government and Public Health in 2013 and Beyond.*

<sup>2</sup> Ministry of Health (2009) *Public Health in New Zealand: Local Government's Contribution to Wellbeing.*  
<https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/public-health-local-government-oct09.pdf>

6. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the essential role that local government and communities play in advancing health and wellbeing, both through providing infrastructure and especially by enabling and supporting community resilience.
7. The Long Term Plan (LTP) provides Waimate District Council with an opportunity to influence the determinants of health for the people of the Waimate district through prioritising funding for activities which support health and wellbeing.

## **Specific comments**

### ***Climate Change***

8. CPH supports the recognition of the impact of climate and the inclusion of climate change actions in the LTP. Climate change is affecting the health and wellbeing of people in the Waimate district. Many factors that contribute to our health and wellbeing are affected by climate change. Transport mobility and affordability, warm and dry housing, air quality, water quality, access to local job markets and financial and food security are all linked to climate change via environmental and health outcomes. Efforts to mitigate the effects of climate change will produce health co-benefits at a population level, such as reductions in heart disease, cancer, obesity, type 2 diabetes, respiratory disease, motor vehicle injuries and improvements in mental health. For example, building fewer roads and reducing car dependence while increasing active transport reduces our impact on climate change and improves people's health outcomes. A failure to act will exacerbate existing threats to human health. CPH supports Council considering the performance of its infrastructure and services in the face of climate change as noted on page 13 of the Consultation document.
9. CPH supports the introduction of the new kerbside recycling as a step towards reducing the council's footprint on climate change.

### ***Drinking Water***

Drinking water treatment and provision changes:

10. CPH supports Waimate District Council's focus on improving water treatment and associated infrastructure for all its drinking water supplies to ensure they comply with the Drinking-water Standards for New Zealand 2005 (revised 2018) and meet the requirements of the Health (Drinking Water) Amendment Act 2007. Using a preventive risk-based approach for drinking-water supplies from source to tap provides the best protection against waterborne illness. CPH is aware that there is a large amount of change in the delivery of water to the public and supports WDC's proactive approach to improving the quality of water it is providing to its district.



### ***Roading and footpaths***

11. CPH supports the increased investment in footpath renewals and new footpaths to provide for walking as an easy and appealing transport option and for recreation.

CPH supports the focus on improving safety across the roads and strategies outlined. CPH encourages Waimate District Council to work in partnership with CPH to increase education and encouragement of road safety/active travel initiatives with schools. Supporting and encouraging active transport through infrastructure changes and urban design enables more people to be physically active. Since physical activity benefits physical and mental health, this would contribute positively to population health.

### ***Victoria Park Learn and Ride bike area***

12. CPH supports increased investment in community facilities and parks such as the establishment of a specialised Learn to Ride Bike Area at Victoria Park. Community facilities such as recreational facilities have the potential to improve the resilience of communities and support physical and mental health and wellbeing by providing places for people to meet and participate within their community.

### ***Community Wellbeing***

13. As noted in the Consultation Document (page 28), one of the main purposes of local government is to improve the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of residents and communities. CPH acknowledges the inclusion of indicators within each of these areas of wellbeing as a way for Council to measure progress.

With regard to cultural wellbeing, CPH encourages the Council to continue to recognise Te Rūnanga o Waihao in the wellbeing of the community. CPH also encourages an ongoing proactive approach to include Te Reo Māori in Council communications.

### ***Smokefree and Vapefree***

14. CPH commends Waimate District Council for its smokefree policy, that includes e-cigarettes, and its role in leading a smokefree and Vapefree environment with regard to Council-owned or Council-controlled environments.

## **Conclusion**

15. CPH does not wish to be heard in support of this submission.

16. Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Waimate District Council Draft Long Term Plan 2021 – 2031.

## **Person making the submission**



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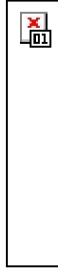
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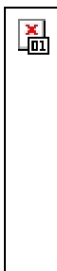
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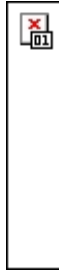
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We would like to challenge the discontinuation of the Hakataramea Station (Station Stream) bridge maintenance as noted on page 184 of the Waimate District Council Roding Activity Management Plan - May 2021. It is our understanding that this is indeed a public road and bridge. The road is graded and maintained and the bridge is numbered and inspected - we are questioning what has changed for this to no longer be a public road and bridge.

We would also like to see the inclusion of recycle stations within the Hakataramea Valley - preferable one at Cattle Creek and one at Wrights Crossing. Combined our rate payers contribute over \$6000 to the Resource Recovery Drop Off of which very few if any would use.



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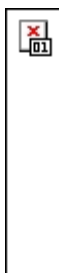
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Less we have to borrow at any stage the better

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We already pay rates to the Glenavy Hall and pay to use it as well. Do the urban ratepayers do the same?

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GLENAVY RECREATION RESERVE==Wether the previous minutes saying the income from the trees is to be paid to the Glenavy township, or not. Morally the tree monies, should go to the Glenavy township. WDC's poor management of the plantation in the past, including that of the forestry consultant. Eg=Should have been thinned earlier. The monies should go to the actual town structures. Eg more footpaths, kerbing, street lighting, green spaces, toilet, walk/cycleways. Not to improve the Waitaki river boat ramp, west of the SH1 bridge. The plantation should be replanted in PINUS RADIATOR. The profit from the following harvest to go to the surrounding Glenavy area.

GLENAVY TOILET=We need to replace this one toilet in the next few years. It's been ideal for the Keane Park. It's small, unlit, strong,.

GLENAVY RECYCLING=The new bin has no signage to indicate where to deposit items. The bin itself was designed for the contractor. Not for user.

ESDGp= As a volunteered committee. [should be noted, that we do not receive any monetary income, or costs covered]. I am finding, as self-employed person, slow and frustrating. Ideas that I have brought forward have been sidelined and discarded along the line. No one has taken ownership and pushed to have it done. On some occasions the WDC staff have blocked or strifed the process. Eg [1] We advised [That is all we can do ] for the step section of the road leading to the White Horse to be tarsealed. We had monies allocated in our budget. But was cancelled by the Road Manager at a WDC Meeting. Eg [2] I forwarded the idea of a unique bus shelter to have in our district. Basically a small circular grain silo painted yellow. The same yellow as the Yellow-barn, on SH1. Only to see in the minutes of the previous meeting [which I missed]. Bus shelters cost \$25k each and attract vandells. Where this cost came from is beyond me. My costing was \$3k each, and could be a Service club project. Apparently the council has written to the bus companies to see if there was demand. Eg [3] Bypass around Waimate=Again all the costings to put a stop to

that.If this not done,there will be some big fatal accident in Waimate.The tractors are bigger=how are they going to stop? Even at a lower speed limit,at night?My suggestion is to do the detour in bits and pieces, and encourage contractors,trucking companies to use it..



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*Fixed income, easier to spread increased rates over longer term*





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*Please refer to additional papers.*  
③ Comment

*Please support the mayors of their District Councils in their endeavors to gain support. The councils have the benefit of local knowledge, land owners etc. They would have the responsibilities aslo, that monitoring records etc were in order and specially trained staff to do that.*

*Please The District Councils you are the best to manage this Three Waters Reforms*

Please use additional paper if needed. *Signed RD Fenwick.*



③

No, it was not approved. Maori submitted that it could mean mixing waters from other catchments which they were against.

① The Morven Glenavy scheme drawing water for irrigation at Tawera had been running Waitaki water into Waikato for 25 years?

② What also about Monapouri water tunneled into Deep Cove?

Maori have got it wrong, also E Can. The boundary of Otago and Canterbury well south of the Waitaki. What a slap in the face for Otago?

The water environment is the loser. The all important forward thinking should have forewielded here. Global warming could see drinking water from Lake Tekapo with no pollution very much needed in South Canterbury & beyond. I made a submission in favour of the Burkes pass scheme at the time.

① Submission.

The Three Waters Reform I am totally opposed to Ngai Tahu having any involvement or entity in this concept. Refer ODT 29/6/21 2 pages

(2)

Reason for this submission:

Maori have been involved in Resource decisions where their ideas have been accepted by decision makers.

The Waitaki Water allocation plan was where one example existed practically. Tekapo water about 4 Cumecs could be cancelled via Burkes Pass into the foot-hill rivers. The Resource Tawhara & Opihi all over allocated. These rivers are drying up and badly in need of that water.

The long suffering Residents of South Canterbury and Farmers would have their concerns for the future answered if it was approved.

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*Would like the option suggested by another submitter, "only spend what we must to have a balanced budget and live within our means and not bankrupt our ratepayers"*

I propose that council look at its budget again and reduce borrowing - eg for council refurbishment.

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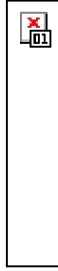
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1 million is a huge amount of money to refurbish offices (both premises). Reductions in costs should be looked at including furniture etc and cuts made where possible to alleviate the burden to the ratepayers. A top notch facility is not necessary, working environment just needs to be practical, comfortable and warm. (i.e. - no "designer" additions to interior fit out)

Roading Maintenance should take precedence -  
- some pretty poor roads out there.

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We do not agree with the removal of the rates remission on the Waimate Event's Centre. In the Hakataramea Valley we rarely access the Waimate Events Centre as we use the facilities at Cattle Creek or Kurow. Your reasoning that all district households have equal access to the Waimate Event Centre is an unfair assumption for a community that is 100km away from this facility. On that rationale all urban rate payers should be paying contribution toward our community halls as we feel they also have equal access to use these. It also should be noted that this policy/rates remission has not been honoured in the past at least two years rates and that we have been paying full rate for this events centre.

We would like to challenge the discontinuation of the Hakataramea Station (Station Stream) bridge maintenance as noted on page 184 of the Waimate District Council Roding Activity Management Plan - May 2021. It is our understanding that this is indeed a public road and bridge. The road is graded and maintained and the bridge is numbered and inspected - we are questioning what has changed for this to no longer be a public road and bridge.

We would also like to see the inclusion of recycle stations within the Hakataramea Valley - preferable one at Cattle Creek and one at Wrights Crossing. Combined our rate payers contribute over \$6000 to the Resource Recovery Drop Off of which very few if any would use.

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## Long Term Plan 2021-2031



**Waimate**  
District Council

## Personal Details

**Robert Moffat**    Roading Manager Waimate District Council

### Adjustment to Roading Programme

The roading programme requires to be adjusted due to changes to the new Road Network Operations and Maintenance contracts rates and the advice from Waka Kotahi(NZTA) that the indicative funding approvals for the Maintenance, Operations and Renewals is less than requested.

The new Road Network Operations and Maintenance contract was within the proposed overall budget but required a shift of \$180,000 from Maintenance and Operations to Renewals.

The Requested funding for Maintenance, Operations and Renewals 2021-24, 3 year period was \$16,845,772

The approved indicative constrained funding for Maintenance, Operations and Renewals 2021-24, 3 year period is \$15,395,342 a reduction of \$1,450,430 91.3% of the requested amount.

Waka Kotahi have not provided any approval indications relating to the balance of the transport programme Minor improvements and asset management planning , this approval and notification is anticipated in September 2021.

NZTA Assisted programme	Draft LTP *	NZTA	Increase / (Decrease)
		Approved* *	
Maintenance:	3 Yearly bid	3 Yearly bid	
	2022 - 2024	2022 - 2024	
Sealed and unsealed pavement maintenance	2,675,216	3,084,898	409,682
Footpath maintenance	173,128	163,328	-9,800
Metalling	1,272,763	896,282	-376,481
Drainage maintenance	1,249,154	1,139,537	-109,618
Structures and environmental maintenance	1,061,963	999,071	-62,892
Traffic service maintenance	437,087	524,202	87,115
Level crossing warning devices	32,477	32,130	-347

Professional services and consultants	1,546,500	1,407,600	-138,900
	<b>8,448,288</b>	<b>8,247,047</b>	<b>-201,241</b>
<b>Renewals:</b>			
Sealed road resurfacing	3,848,929	3,258,900	-590,029
Footpath renewal	666,232	532,616	-133,616
Drainage renewals	1,941,395	1,744,174	-197,221
Structure component renewals	549,626	524,071	-25,555
Pavement rehabilitation	1,203,022	927,410	-275,613
Sign renewal	188,283	161,124	-27,159
	<b>8,397,488</b>	<b>7,148,295</b>	<b>-1,249,193</b>
Total Maintenance and Renewals assisted programme	<b>16,845,776</b>	<b>15,395,342</b>	<b>-1,450,434</b>
Minor improvements and asset management planning	990,000	1,283,760	293,760
<b>Total NZTA Assisted programme</b>	<b>17,835,776</b>	<b>16,679,102</b>	<b>-1,156,674</b>
Contingency (emergency) spends	-	305,553	305,553
<b>Total increase / (decrease) in programme</b>			<b>-851,121</b>
NZTA Subsidy Income	11,525,747	10,674,625	-851,122
Roading Targeted Rates Income	8,454,199	8,454,199	-
			<b>-851,122</b>

\* Financial information included in the Draft LTP Consultation Document financials for the 2022-24 years.

\*\* Indicative investment level for the 2021-24 NLTP as advised by NZTA

### Effect of the Project reduction

Work Activity	Reduction per Year	Comments
Seal Pavement Maintenance	\$20,000	Minor
Environmental Maintenance	\$5,000	Less Road side Mowing
Traffic Service Maintenance	\$4,000	Minor
Sealed Road Resurfacing	\$180,000	15 % reduction in Reseal Area
Kerb & Channel Renewal	\$20,000	100m reduction
Concrete Ford Renewal	\$45,000	No renewal
Large Culvert Replacement	\$30,000	Remove 1 culvert replacement over 3m <sup>2</sup>
Structures component replacement	\$6,500	Minor
Sign Renewal	\$4,000	Minor
Footpath Renewal	\$42,000	20% reduction in footpath area proposed but to 200-21 amount
	<b>\$356,500</b>	

### **Performance Measure Change Required.**

Performance Measure 5. Provide Adequate Asset Renewal

Percentage of the sealed local road network that is resurfaced (Mandatory) is set a >5.5%.

This will have to be reduced to >5.25 % with the reduced budget.

### **Consequences of Less Funding**

This reduction will have a minor short-term impact on levels of service. The Resealing programme will have to be increased in future years to make up for the deferred work. A longer period of time will be required to renew our poor footpaths.

Staff are concerned that ongoing constrained funding for local road maintenance will have a negative effect on the long term costs and condition of the road network.



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## Long Term Plan 2021-2031



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WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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*Tell us why, or let us know if you have any other comments.*

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## Submission to Waimate District Council long term Plan 2021-2031

As a large farm ratepayer with 4 houses & 26000 Litres in the Waikakahi scheme. Paying over \$22000.00 to Waimate District & about \$5000.00 to ecan. With the proposed rate increases our Waimate rates will probably increase around \$1000.00? & our water with a 15.7% rate increase by \$1150.00 + 6.5.T getting close to a average urban rate with just this years rates increase with only 3 ~~peop~~ people living the farm (was 5)

Is this fair one road doesn't even get graded past the last mail box. Should the uniform rate be higher to better reflect use & evenly spread councils costs over all ratepayers.

Waikakahi water scheme proposed capital spend & rate increases.

- to be told at the last committee meeting that there might not be a committee for the scheme is wrong as the consumers should have a input into how our money is spent on our ~~the~~ scheme.

- Also at the meeting being told because of the timing of the meeting the proposed 15.7% rate increase (smoothed) in the long term plan had to be accepted by the committee & the only way to change it is through a submission to the long term plan.

So I submit that the water cost & rate increases are uneconomical. My water cost increase for this year only is \$1150.00 + 6.5.T compared to my stock water from the Waihao Downs Irrigation (WDI) scheme which probably supplies 75% plus of my total water use, which in the last 12 months was less than \$15 per month - \$180 per year compared to \$7650.00 + 6.5.T for Waikakahi water

increasing to \$8800.00 + G.S.T this year.

Which means what - WAI users have a really good source of stock water at very little cost.

So people like me could give up say 20000 litres of water saving \$6750.00 per year (Have another source or don't need it). If 20 consumers do this that would result in the loss of 400000 litres out of the current 1.1 million litres sold, that's about a 35% loss, then what the 10 year plan shows the cost increasing 125% from .338 cents per litre (cpl) to 77 cents ex G.S.T. Then what a even higher water unit cost & even more water being given up from the scheme. I think we need to look very hard at the current proposal at around 3 million, it is too high & will lose too much water because of cost. I accept that it is government driven & we might get in house filters & a reduced capital cost, but why fund it when we don't know what will happen & when. Also being in the 10 year plan & funded through it means that governments Tranhe 1 & maybe 2 money can't be used for <sup>the</sup> upgrades in urban & rural areas.

I also see no value in Council agreeing with the governments 3 waters proposals when we don't get compensated for the assets. With our water rates going away with maybe 80% coming back, to try & achieve the same outcomes as currently faced with no control over how it is done.

WAI water is from the Waitaki, so is North Otago's & they can treat it for consumers so why can't we.

Raymond Ponsonby

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## Long Term Plan 2021-2031



**Waimate**  
District Council

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Last Name:

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Tell us why, or let us know if you have any other comments.

In the current economic climate the borrowing of low cost funding to expedite essential capital improvements should be a priority because medium term inflation of costs/expenditure will crown near term interest rates

WDC should review its long standing model of conservative borrowing in the present climate.

## 2. Policy Changes (see page 22)

Do you support our changes to the Rates Remission and Postponement Policy?  Yes  No

Tell us why or let us know if you have any other comments.

I would challenge that all district households have equal access to the WECentre. Town residents can walk there in 10 minutes - as opposed to a rural resident residing remote from the town has to spend \$50 plus to travel. That is a significant impost of time & running cost.

It is a flawed principal to state that all households have equal access, on that alone

## 3. General Feedback

Do you have any further comments to make on any item raised in the Consultation Document or any other items in general?

Condition of Assets - p 10. I disagree the condition of water reticulation is good as stated. The taste test at my place does not meet my expectations - far from it. Waimate town water supply does not rate third as recently stated with regards national comparisons.

P11. in ref. to treatment plant upgrades - this is rather complex to understand and vague. Given that the condition of asset components at the treatment plants and pump stations is good to excellent. This appears clearly to be a contradiction. Given comments in the plan with regards this type of infrastructure plus the capital

Please use additional paper if needed.

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Lined area for handwritten responses to the policy changes question.

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provided from the crown WDC is budgeting for a significant impact on rates - year one & eleven only high expenditure. More to explain.

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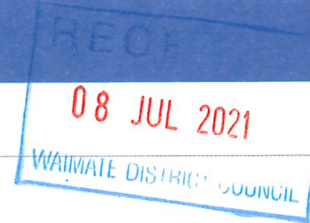
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option 1 is too hard for any who have difficulty paying.

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I have always considered a 10% penalty for being a few days late draconian, so I am very pleased to see some flexibility in the policy.

## 3. General Feedback

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New Toilets. Agree this is very worthwhile capital expenditure.

With all the new developments at the top and in the general area of the white horse it is essential that Council do as much as possible to improve the road and impose a low speed limit.

Please use additional paper if needed.



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### - 3 GENERAL FEEDBACK

Waimate  
District Council.  
125 Queen St,  
Waimate.

8 July 2021

Dear Council,

My submission is for the partial fence between Council ground & the engineers yard to have a functional fence in its place i.e. one that will screen off the yard & smarten up the area, which is needed

Mr Rooney, myself & the Barn have done our bit to improve matters.

If council did their bit some of the shop owners may join in on improvements

Lot of visitors park in that area on car racing day etc & it would not leave a good impression.

After I renovated my house I was going to rent it. A woman said she liked the house but didn't like the engineers yard

Hargreaves had the house listed for sale for some time & didn't get any offers so I feel the fence as it is devalues my property.

When I was renovating my house I got a letter from Council about the visual impact on the neighbourhood. The renovating material in question was on the landing & could only be seen by walking up the driveway & not from the footpath.

Come on Council let's have one rule book.

Yours faithfully.  
No.







# FENCE & HOUSE



## Submission to the Waimate District Council 10-year Plan from the Waihaorunga Water Scheme Committee

- The main points of our submission:
- Committee is generally happy to be a part of the decision making of, particularly capital works and changes to enhance supply and quality
- The committee acknowledges the promptness and capability of the council staff at all levels from on the ground monitoring, maintenance through to asset management level.
- We have grave concerns at the direction we are being pointed by Government
- We are also troubled by the projected cost increases ahead of us.
- Both of those last 2 items threaten not only the viability of our scheme but also that of our district council as a whole

The Waihaorunga water scheme installed in the early 1970's to provide stock water to the districts farms in now being asked to do so much more. More in terms of seasonal demands that increased cattle numbers require, more in terms of L/farm/day as intensification occurs, and more in terms of quality to meet consumer's expectations. This with a backdrop of poor communication networks in the area, a reasonable distance from Waimate for servicing and a large geographic spread of pipe relative to L supplied means costs continue to escalate. Abstraction from the current source is likely at its limit, as evidenced in some dry summers- with consequent low water flows in the creek. This means that any increases in costs, additions of plant, and cost of monitoring fall on the same supply volume, i.e. not offset by increasing the volume sold.

With this submission we call for and expect our elected members to take seriously our concerns over cost increases, and to continue to lobby central government for more pragmatic solutions to delivery of quality drinking water, alongside affordable stock water.

Our positive working relationship with Paul and Dion, along with other council members and staff has been beneficial in terms of oversight of our scheme and setting priorities for maintenance and improvements. This leads to frank discussions in budget preparations and approval. We do however feel somewhat disenfranchised when it comes to actual spend in the line items, as it seems the councils own rule book seems to override the robust decision-making processes of the committee. And now it seems we may have another party to acquiesce too, if government changes are enacted. From the prompt attention to fixing water pipe leaks thru to development and updating of Asset Management plans,

we see and have a very capable and competent team. The raft of reform rushing downstream from government has to be concerning to you as councillors as it is to us, with the job uncertainty created, the risk of losing local knowledge and the seemingly overzealous fervour with which the big boys want to impose their will!

The idea of a water regulator Taumata Arowai has some merit, but also, many negative aspects to it. Firstly, the extra reporting adds more cost. Secondly, prescribed measures or standards for delivery and quality will not fit all schemes- and we would single out stock water, restricted delivery schemes as being so non-compliant they will need to all start over! While we seek improvements in quality and delivery this is going to be extremely challenging. The upcoming decision as to whether to opt in or opt out of the Three Water Reforms has been a totally biased and unglamorous portrait of the current water services advertised on primetime TV which does your/our council a huge disservice along with all those other councils that have got the Three Waters to where they are today. Yes, improvements can and need to occur but, blatant undermining of current providers is disgusting – and reason enough to be very cautious before opting “in” to the Government’s plan.

We have also seen figures bandied about concerning the huge increases to households for water delivery if no reforms occur. Alongside that is the government’s intention to have all households pay equally about \$1600/yr for water. We ask how this can be achieved given the amount some households pay now and the level of investment quoted as being needed (\$185B) to “correct” the system (systems). The money will have to come from somewhere? Our committee ask respectfully also how Maori, or Mana Whenua can or will add anything to the management and operation of our water scheme?

It seems costs just continue to escalate and local government inflation seems to have its own rules constantly overreaching the country’s headline inflation figures by many multiples. Water supply is no exception. Looking out 10 years we see revenues required to operate and develop our scheme set to go from \$103,000 in the 2019 year to \$286,000 at the end of plan- a 2.8x increase. This we see as unsustainable and will result in poorer overall outcomes for consumers as those who can will opt to go to “other” means to obtain water for stock and household use. This is so counterproductive to the objectives of council and government. We have one consumer in our scheme who is currently paying \$14,000/year for water this will go up to \$39,000 per year. This estimate ignores the fact that some will opt out during this time with the resultant effect meaning the same costs (less a little electricity) will need to be paid by less

people. Unsustainable!

Our committee has tried to promote “point of use” options as feasible and still believe they are, and even if a hybrid owner/scheme operator responsibility to maintain is adopted must prove more economic and beneficial in the longer term.

Finally, with concern of the viability of our stockwater (with drinking water clip on) scheme we are also troubled that central government will undermine our district council to such an extent by removing water assets and control and maintenance of them that it will leave a hapless council unable to justify its semiautonomous functions for the size of our district. Amalgamation by stealth and stealing. We are opposed to the Three Water Reforms under these terms too.

In closing, we ask you as councillors to consider the sustainability of our scheme in light of projected cost increases versus the increasing quality expectations of our community against a backdrop of proposed acquisition (compulsorily) by central government. We commend you and the staff on the proactive stance taken in trying to influence Government policy to date but, please recognise that more needs to be done to achieve pragmatic sensible and cost effective outcomes for all consumers.

James Gibson

on behalf of the Waihaorunga Water Scheme Committee



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**Waimate**  
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 Yes     No  
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**2. Policy Changes (see page 22)**

Do you support our changes to the Rates Remission and Postponement Policy?  Yes  No

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No view.

**3. General Feedback**

Do you have any further comments to make on any item raised in the Consultation Document or any other items in general?

Yes. Please see the attached submission.

*Julian Ward*



Please use additional paper if needed.

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## **1. Submission on the Waimate District Long Term Plan 2021-2031**

The Living Wage South Canterbury network makes this submission on the Waimate District Council's Long-Term Plan. In these submissions, we often refer to the Waimate District Council as the Council or WDC.

We wish to speak to our submissions.

Please communicate with our secretary Julian Maze at one of the addresses above. Email is our preferred form of written communication.

## **2. Living Wage South Canterbury.**

Living Wage South Canterbury is a social justice network that advocates for employers to pay at least the living wage to their staff and the staff of contractors with whom they habitually engage. Its co-spokespeople are Ruth Swale of Anglican Care and Julian Maze.

Our network is one of many similar networks in New Zealand and part of New Zealand's Living Wage Movement, a non-party political movement independent of any government or partisan funding.

Its participants are from secular and faith-based community groups. Irrespective of backgrounds, however, our members are united by a strong desire to see all workers paid sufficient to provide adequately for themselves and their families and, "live in dignity and participate in society," as the Living Wage Movement describes it.

### **3. The Living Wage**

The Living Wage movement arose in response to public bodies sacking service workers and outsourcing their jobs to private companies. Those companies then secured contracts for the work, employed the unemployed workers and paid them rates lower than they had been previously paid. By outsourcing the work, public employers drove down their wage costs but drove up poverty, moving those costs to the community, through food banks, or the taxpayer, through benefits or wage subsidies. In New Zealand, Working for Families subsidises the wages' component of every company that pays its staff wages that are inadequate to live on.

The Living Wage rate in New Zealand is set at about 68% of the average hourly earnings in New Zealand. That dollar figure is reviewed annually by The Family Centre, an NGO prominent in social policy research. At the beginning of each year, it gathers wage and other financial data and in April publishes an updated Living Wage amount which is expressed as an hourly rate that becomes effective from 1<sup>st</sup> September in that year. The current rate is \$22.10 but rises to \$22.75 on 1 September 2021. The delay between the new rate's release and its implementation gives employers time to plan for implementation.

There is a distinction to be drawn between being an accredited Living Wage employer and an employer paying the Living Wage. Because of the original impetus, an accredited Living Wage employer is one who pays not only its own staff at least the Living Wage but ensures that the staff of those from whom it habitually buys goods and services are also paid at least the Living Wage.

An employer who pays its own staff at least the Living Wage is not by that fact an accredited Living Wage employer although it may be a short step and involve limited additional expenditure to become one.

In our submission, the Waimate District Council should pay its staff at least the Living Wage.

### **4. The Waimate District Council's position.**

In 2019, the WDC told this network that only one or two employees were paid below the Living Wage. Our formal official information request of 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 sought data as at 30 November 2020. The WDC then said it had 77 employees of whom 47 were full-time and 20 part-time. The remaining ten were on temporary or long-term contracts. A total 55 of the 77 were said to be paid at or above the Living Wage leaving 25 ( see letter annexed) or 28.5%, nearly one third, on less than the Living Wage.

When pressed the WDC advised us that first the WDC could not afford to pay the uplift and in any event, the council's view was that the rate was a national one and that it was cheaper to live in Waimate than Auckland.

Moreover, the WDC was a good employer in ways beneficial to employees, which should be taken into account.

## **5. Why pay the Living wage.**

S3 of the Local Government Act 2002 declares the purpose of local government is—

*“(a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and*

*(b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.”*

The link between poverty and adverse outcomes many citizens in poverty suffer from, is beyond scientific argument. Poverty is inextricably associated with poor health, and shorter lifespan. Inter-generational unemployment, poor mental health and alcohol and drug addiction. Data indicates that poverty inhibits educational attainment and participation in the kind of recreational opportunities we pride ourselves in having on our doorstep.

S3 (b) of the Local Government Act makes it clear that the WDC has a statutory obligation to promote the social, economic and cultural well-being of our community. Paying its staff enough to live above the poverty line is therefore an imperative. Doing so would also show leadership by showing employers in the commercial sector, (and the WDC is not properly in the commercial sector; its mandate is specified by statute) the way forward. We want employers to positively benchmark themselves against the WDC, and not use the WDC to justify their own refusal to pay staff at least the Living Wage.

Those opposing such a move, and arguing their enterprises cannot afford it, simply do not have an economic business.

## **6. The budget and Long-Term Plan ( LTP) 2021-2031.**

Over recent years our network has, from time to time, formally asked the WDC about the numbers of its employees who are paid at, above or below the Living Wage.

To recap in more detail:

In early 2019 information supplied by the WDC advised us that almost no employee was paid below the Living Wage.

On 18 December last year we wrote again and made formal enquiry under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987 asking a number of questions about employment and remuneration of staff. The answers were confusing as you will see. The council advised us

that it had 77 employees of whom 47 were full-time (defined as working 37.5 hours or more per week) and 20 were employed part-time (defined as working less than 37.5 hours per week) leaving 10 employees on short term or long-term contracts. We were advised that of the 77, 55 were paid more than the Living Wage leaving 25 ( not 22) or just about a third of employees paid less than Living Wage. We were told that the council had calculated the cost of raising the remuneration of all employees to at least the Living Wage and that this would cost \$7500.

Because the percentage of staff paid less than the Living Wage appeared to have risen so dramatically in the space of 12 months, and because the dollar cost of raising everyone to at least the Living Wage was so low, we wondered whether it was simply a timing issue stemming from the annual rise in the Living Wage rate on the first of September.

In response we were advised orally first the council could not afford to increase wages, second that the rate was a national rate and in effect because it was cheaper to live in Waimate than, say, in Auckland, wage rates could reflect that the difference, and last, that the because WDC was a good employer that, in regards superannuation for example, did more than it needed to, such factors needed to be brought into account.

We make the following points:

- in our submission the council just does not want to pay at least the Living Wage to all its staff and justifies that by arguing:
  - first that it cannot afford it,
  - second that a standard national rate for remuneration is, in effect, inappropriate as a concept,
  - third the second argument is specifically proven by the lower costs of living in Waimate as against say, Auckland and
  - last, that being a good employer in other ways justifies paying less hourly than conscionable.
- In support of that broad submission, we make the following subsidiary submissions.

**We cannot afford it.**

- The council has told us that it cannot afford to pay all staff at least the Living Wage. In our submission, the WDC can well afford the cost. The LTP does not make the cost of wages explicitly clear, describing as one of its expenditure lines, "employment benefit expenses," which does not seem to equate with the employment costs of wages and any superannuation costs. Dividing the given figure by the number of employees gives the council an average per person wage cost of nearly \$60,000 per annum. That seems unlikely. The total cost of employment benefit expenses rises from \$4,693,000 progressively to \$6,167,000 over the 10-year period to 30

June 2031. If the current cost of raising all employees to at least the Living Wage is just \$7500 ( as the WDC told us) then the dollar cost is trivial and the percentage cost increase to the "employee benefit expenses," line is almost at the level of a rounding error. The cost is just \$300 annually or under six dollars per week per person to ensure that all staff are on at least the Living Wage. An increase in employment benefit expenses line of \$7500 in year one would increase that cost by 0.16% annually or 0.042% of the council's gross expenditure.

**A standard national rate for remuneration is inappropriate as a concept.**

- The concept of a national rate of remuneration is well entrenched in New Zealand. In our submission one has only to look at the fixed national rates payable as a base salary to members of Parliament or judicial officers and superannuants. The minimum wage rate too is set as a national rate, currently \$20.00 an hour. The argument that a national Living Wage rate is inappropriate fails in the face of wide adoption of the proposition.

**It is cheaper to live in Waimate than in Auckland.**

- That it may be cheaper to live in the Waimate district than it is to live in Auckland is irrelevant. The Living Wage rate is not set to reflect the cost of living in Auckland, nor on a basis that places where living costs are less, workers should be paid less. You can test the proposition by asking whether residents in receipt of National Superannuation here would concede that because it may be cheaper to live in Waimate, their Super payments should be reduced to reflect that cheaper cost. Putting it in the vernacular, "good luck with that argument."

The Living Wage rate, like the minimum wage rate, National Superannuation and all other national rates of remuneration is a compromise designed to limit the adverse impacts of poverty nationally. The payment may be more adequate in some places and less adequate in others. At 68% of the average national remuneration,( but based on data from 12 months before the rate is set,) the rate aims to ensure recipients are paid enough not only to sustain existence but have something of a life. That a rate achieving that goal may do so more easily in a lower cost of living area such as the Waimate District than Auckland means simply that while adequate here it is grossly inadequate in Auckland. It certainly does not mean that it is adequate in Auckland and overgenerous here. In summary, the rate was not set for Auckland, to be reduced elsewhere. It was set as a national figure where in some places it is inadequate and in others barely so.

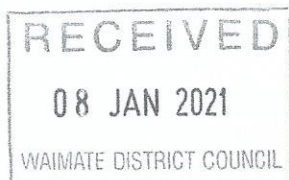
## **We are good employers and because of that we can pay staff less.**

- All an employee has to sell is their time. Some employees want to sell it the most they can get. Most employees want a fair wage. A living wage is the floor in relation to that entirely understandable and reasonable threshold expectation. An employer buys time in exchange for remuneration and conditions of employment. While remuneration is not the only measure of an employee's satisfaction, it is the principal measure for the low-paid. Where raising a family or sustaining life is a constant struggle, what you take home every fortnight is the primary measure of job satisfaction. The worse the pay the more jobs you need to pick up to make ends meet. The less time you spend with family, the higher the attendant social cost for the community.

To those who say, "money does not buy happiness," the answer among the low-paid is, "Well, maybe but it certainly reduces stress and misery." Being a thoughtful and accommodating employer does not, in the end, pay the workers' bills. Your first and highest obligation as an employer is to ensure that each employee has enough to live on. This is not subsistence but income to live with dignity and respect. The rest, besides wages, is something you may do because you have a kindly disposition, and understand that to get the best from people you need to pay them well and treat them fairly. You cannot fix remuneration at below the cost of living because in other ways you are accommodating to employees in non-financial ways. Those things you do because you want to and can, but they are never a substitute for paying people enough to live on. A kindly slave owner was first just a slave owner.

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Dear Mr Duncan,

Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987, inquiry.

I am the secretary of Living Wage South Canterbury (LWSC) a local community group which encourages employers to pay their staff at least the New Zealand Living Wage, currently \$22.10 per hour.

This letter, therefore, is a request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, (LGOIA).

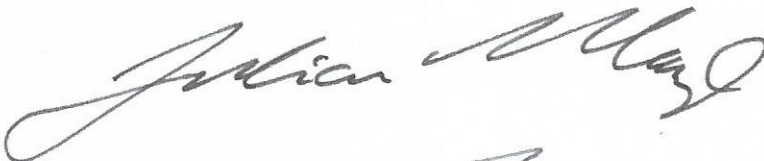
1. How many employees did the Waimate District Council (WDC) have at 30th November this year? 77
2. How many were in fulltime employment (37.5 hours a week or more)? 47
3. How many were in part-time employment (fewer than 37.5 hours per week)? 20
4. How many providing labour fall outside these two descriptions and are may be on temporary or longer-term contracts, but would likely appear to an outsider to be employees. Please include them all as employees for the purposes of this inquiry. 10
5. How many employees, (whether part or full-time) were paid at or above the living wage rate, calculated for the purposes of this letter at \$22.10 gross per hour, and whether they are salaried or not? 55
6. How many employees were paid less than \$22.10 per hour, whether as per their contract or as a calculation of the salary divided by the gross income? 25

7. Has the WDC itself or through an agent calculated the cost of adopting a Living Wage policy in respect of all WDC employees? **Yes**
8. If not what do you calculate the increased cost, including Kiwisaver payments, would be? **N/A**
9. Ditto, the cost in respect of contractors with whom the WDC contracts on a recurring basis if the WDC adopted a "living wage" policy in respect of its contractors. **N/A**
10. And if the calculations have been done, what was the additional increase in WDC expenditure? **\$7,500**
11. And assuming the policy were to be adopted after the costings, how much would the gross rate take ( in dollar terms) have to increase? **\$7,500**
12. And what would the percentage rates increase, if any, be. **Less than .08%**

I look forward to your reply.

I draw your attention to the obligation to reply within 20 working days. I suggest you acknowledge this letter and give me a date by the end of January you will be able to comply, and that will be sufficient.

Yours faithfully,



Julian Maze