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2015-2025 Long Term Plan and associated policies hearing of the Thames-Coromandel District Council

Date	28 April 2015
Time	09:00am
Venue	Mercury Bay Boating Club 93A Buffalo Beach Road Whitianga

Date	29 April 2015
Time	09:00am
Venue	Council Chamber 515 Mackay Street Thames

30 April 2015 is being held as a reserve date in Thames should it be required.

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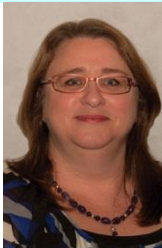


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1 Meeting Conduct

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968, members are reminded to declare an interest in items in which they have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest. In such circumstances, members are required to abstain from discussion and voting and ensure that the declaration is recorded in the Minutes of the meeting.

1.1 Apologies

The Chairperson invites notice from members of:

1. Leave of absence for future meetings of the Thames-Coromandel District Council; or
2. Apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting, where leave of absence has not previously been granted.

1.2 Conflict of Interest

The Chairperson invites notice from members of:

1. Any interests that may create a conflict with their role as an elected member relating to the agenda item(s) for the meeting; and
2. Any interests in items in which they have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest as provided for in the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968.

2 Long Term Plan and associated policies - hearing of submissions

TO Council hearing
FROM Angela Jane - Governance Strategy Manager
DATE 17 April 2015
SUBJECT Long Term Plan and associated policies - hearing of submissions

1 Purpose of report

To present the submissions received to the Council's draft Long Term Plan and associated policies (Development Contributions Policy, Rates Remission Policy, Revenue and Financing Policy) for the hearing of submitters. The purpose of this hearing is to give submitters an opportunity to present their submission verbally. Council will make its decisions on the Long Term Plan and associated policies at the deliberations meetings scheduled for 13-15 May 2015.

2 Background

Council adopted the draft Long Term Plan Consultation Document, the supporting information and the associated draft policies for consultation on 4 March 2015. The consultation period was from 9 March 2015 through to 9 April 2015. During this time the consultation was advertised through local radio, print media and online. Public meetings were held in Coromandel, Pauanui, Tairua, Whangamata, Whitianga and Thames.

Council received 567 responses in total with the following breakdown:

Long Term Plan	347
Development Contributions Policy	5
Rates Remission Policy	41
Revenue and Financing Policy	174

The submissions are contained in three volumes with a full alphabetical index sorted by last name/organisation name.

3 Suggested resolution(s)

That the Council:

1. Receives the 'Long Term Plan and associated policies - hearing of submissions' report, dated 17 April 2015.
2. Receives the submissions on the Long Term Plan, the Development Contributions Policy, Rates Remission Policy and Revenue and Financing Policy.

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Information relating to this question can be found on page 15 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? No, I do not agree.

Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? Please tell us why

I live in Thames and although I can see the benefit to the region as a whole, we do not benefit from the the use of these wastewater plants.I would consider coming on board with it if the following items where put in place:

(1) Thames recieved an equal portion of the allocated funding for development and resources. It seems to me to be a little unbalanced at the moment especially as Thames is the major hub of the penninsula.

(2) That in future there be a clause in the mayoral candidates application process that all areas would get equal funding and that there be no hidden agendas that would proclude the other candidates.

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Toilets benefit all consumers no matter where they come from.

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Cemeteries are a joint ownership of the whole region.

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Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? Please tell us why

All areas benefit from the promotion of each others areas.

We are proposing a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers (e.g. Bed and Breakfast operators, Book a Bach owners) as a contribution towards economic development expenditure.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 23 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? No, I do not agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

It's sometimes hard enough getting accomodation when one has an limited budget.

We are proposing that Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire be reclassified as commercial properties.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 23 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? No, I do not agree. Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire should not be reclassified as commercial properties.

Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? Please tell us why

That would severely limit their options.

We are proposing a rates remission (refund) for residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes.

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Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes? Yes, I agree that residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes should be given a rates remission.

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes? Please tell us why.

Some people aren't as fortunate as others and therefore need all the help they can get.

We are proposing that all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less (i.e. "Granny Flats") will receive a rates remission (refund) of 50% of their fixed rates charges (e.g. UAGC, water charges).

Information relating to this question can be found on page 24 of the Consultation Document .

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Do you agree with our proposal to give a rates remission to all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less? Please tell us why.

I agree because we are one of those who owns such a dwelling and the burden of paying twice as much as everybody else can be daunting at times.

We are proposing a new fee for the Hahei Park and Ride, and to extend fees for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking areas to all upgraded boat ramp areas.

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Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking? Yes, I agree with the fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking.

We are proposing that the Thames Community Board make additional investment in economic development to be funded from the targeted local rate in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000. The proposal, which is for the first 3 years of the Long Term Plan includes:

- . A new position to promote Thames at a cost of \$90,000 a year
- . An additional \$50,000 per year to facilitate economic development in the area.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 26 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area?

Yes, I agree with both of the additional measures taken to support economic development in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000 per year.

Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area? Please tell us why.

It seems to me that Thames has become the poor cousin of the area yet are providing a major slice of the rates cake.

We are proposing that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads so that the programme is completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

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Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads?

Yes, I agree that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads to be completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

We are proposing a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway. This would be a project funded by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers and would support economic development.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 27 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers?

Yes, I support the construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway.

We are proposing a series of memorial native forests around the Coromandel Peninsula in order to commemorate the NZ soldiers who died in World War 1.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 27 of the Consultation Document .

Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel?

Yes, I support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Further comments on the Thames - Community Spaces activity.

I propose for the Thames area:

Funding for the friends of the Booms Reserve to:

(a) develop the area for recreational use in the form of mulching, planting, and general maintenance of the afore mentioned.

(b) that there also be provision for a playground in that reserve as there is none in the actual area of Parawai.

(c) that there also be drainage put in to make it more user friendly during the whole year rather than part of the year.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? Yes

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Local issue/no opinion

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Do you agree with the proposed construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers? No, I do not support the construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway.

We are proposing a series of memorial native forests around the Coromandel Peninsula in order to commemorate the NZ soldiers who died in World War 1.

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Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Yes, I support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

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Stormwater is currently an activity which is paid for by ratepayers within each community board area. We are proposing that this should be funded at a district level as one of our essential services.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 19 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding?	No, I do not agree. Stormwater should remain a locally funded activity.
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Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? Please tell us why

There must be consistency in Council funding sources and in its allocations for spending.

Public toilets are currently paid for by a district wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as they are a local service.

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Do you agree with our proposal that we move cemeteries from being funded district-wide to being locally funded?

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All information centres are currently funded through a district-wide rate. We are proposing over the next three years that the funding for the Tairua, Pauanui, Whangamata and Coromandel information centres be funded locally by ratepayers in those community board areas and that the Thames and Whitianga information centers remain funded at a district-wide level as they are key visitor information locations for the whole of the Coromandel Peninsula.

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Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years?

Yes, I agree that Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres should move to be locally funded over the next three years.

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There must be consistency in Council funding sources and in its allocations for spending.

The Council provides district grants to community organisations to achieve a greater spread of benefits across the District.

We are proposing that the grants and remissions activity changes from being funded through the general rate to being funded through a uniform annual general charge (UAGC). This means that going forward all ratepayers across the district will pay the same amount to this activity regardless of the value of their property.

Do you agree with our proposal that the grants and remissions activity changes from being funded through the general rate to being funded through a uniform annual general charge (UAGC)?

Yes, I agree that the grants and remissions activity should change from being funded through the general rate to being funded through a uniform annual general charge (UAGC).

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There must be consistency in Council funding sources and in its allocations for spending.

We propose that the District Plan activity changes from being funded by a mix of uniform annual general change (UAGC) and general rate, to solely a UAGC, as all ratepayers benefit from this activity to the same degree.

This means that going forward all ratepayers across the district will pay the same amount to this activity regardless of the value of their property.

Do you agree with our proposal that the District Plan activity changes from being funded by a mix of uniform annual general change (UAGC) and general rate, to solely a UAGC?

Yes, I agree that the District Plan activity should change from being funded by a mix of uniform annual general change (UAGC) and general rate, to solely a UAGC.

Do you agree with our proposal that the District Plan activity changes from being funded by a mix of uniform annual general change (UAGC) and general rate, to solely a UAGC? Please tell us why

There must be consistency in Council funding sources and in its allocations for spending.

We are proposing a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers (e.g. Bed and Breakfast operators, Book a Bach owners) as a contribution towards economic development expenditure.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 23 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers?

No, I do not agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

Why are rental properties not included in the \$200 extra charged?. There is no difference between short and long term tenants, both are a source of income for the owner. This suggestion seems to be poorly considered. Rates are paid whether a property is occupied or not, in fact it is in Council's interests for it not to be occupied, it reduces wear in facilities.

We are proposing that Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire be reclassified as commercial properties.

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Should be retained as an over-all district-wide rate to spread the load.

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No, I do not agree. Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres should remain district funded.

Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? Please tell us why

It is the entire region that benefits from these Information Centres so the whole region should provide the funding. If they are locally funded all three Information Centres will fail. Also, why should Thames and Whitianga benefit with full funding and the other 3 centres have no benefit.

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TCDC is making these proposals because of constant lobbying by Motel Association who say they want a level playing field. How can there be a level playing field when they are two entirely different types of business models?

It is important to understand it is actually a matter of scale and there is a markedly different economy of scale for a B&B operation compared with a large motel operating in busy main street or main highway location.

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On the Coromandel Peninsula, where income for B&B operators is extremely seasonal, nearly all B&Bs operate only part of the year - for the summer months until Easter. Why should they be rated on a whole year?

Instead of paying the rate or attracting commercial rates some B&Bs will simply go “to ground” – others will close down – this means loss of valuable room nights on the Peninsula.

The larger B&Bs (with 4 or more rooms) will reduce their room capacity. There are several B&Bs in this category on the Peninsula and some of these have already indicated they will be forced to reduce their room capacity simply because it will not be financially viable to pay commercial rates. This equals loss of valuable room nights on the Peninsula.

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The B&B Association has heard from a number of inbound tour operators recently advising that they are experiencing an increase in demand for B&B accommodation. Overseas visitors in particular PREFER the experience of staying in a B&B where they receive personalised service and home-hosting and the chance to stay with locals. If B&Bs were charged commercial rates the majority would simply close or “go to ground” depriving many overseas visitors of their preferred accommodation choice. We believe travellers should be allowed to choose from a range of accommodation options, thereby creating their own uniquely New Zealand experience

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We are proposing a rates remission (refund) for residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 24 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes?

Yes, I agree that residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes should be given a rates remission.

We are proposing that all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less (i.e. "Granny Flats") will receive a rates remission (refund) of 50% of their fixed rates charges (e.g. UAGC, water charges).

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Yes I agree with this, but not at the expense of sealing the Wentworth Valley Road.

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A submission to TCDC re the proposed changes to B&Bs - from the President of the B&B Association NEW ZEALAND This submission is made by me as the President however I am also a resident and ratepayer in Whangamata.



12th March 2015

SUBMISSION TO TCDC re Proposed changes to rates for B&Bs etc

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Yours sincerely

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Subject: All New Zealand Councils

**Mayors, Councillors and CEOs of all Regional, District and City Councils in New Zealand,
cc Members of Local and Community Boards**

Submission to Council's Future Community and Regional Plans

We ask that you accept and consider the attached as a submission, with feedback, when establishing your planning and budgeting documents.

We also ask recipients to distribute to members of your local and community boards. Thank you.

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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>

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>

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;

- 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/WhatIsGM.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-yield.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/qm.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=jEX654gN3c4

¹² www.agassessment.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 Physiologist* 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.YehKdqZM.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.ogtr.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 agri-business. 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://farministrynews.com/ag-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.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/internnsf/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.

³¹ www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2610060/.

³² <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-gf-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://dpi.pwe.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/Imporatant%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

<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 offthegridnews.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 Conner 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.aeamonline.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 sectors 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

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0308814613019201>

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>

⁶¹ <http://www.gmo-free-regions.org/gmo-free-regions/switzerland.html>

⁶² <http://naturalrevolution.org/list-of-countries-that-ban-gmo-crops-and-require-ge-food-labels/> 19 June 2013

⁶³ <http://www.gmo-free-regions.org/>

⁶⁴ <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glyphosate>.

⁶⁵ International Survey of Herbicide Resistant Weeds www.weedscience.org/graphs/soagraph.aspx (2013).

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 McGuinness 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.

See also FAQ on Genetic Engineering http://www.psg.org.nz/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=54&Itemid=25 and an overview on Glyphosate <http://www.psg.org.nz/glyphosate/finish/8-uncategorised/16-glyphosate/0>.

⁶⁷ <http://www.agriculture-xprt.com/news/dow-agrosciences-statement-about-usda-announcement-regarding-draft-environmental-impact-statement-fo-409452>

⁶⁸ <http://purehawkesbay.org/overwhelming-support-for-local-decisions-on-gm-free-status-national-poll/>

⁶⁹ <http://www.greenpeace.org/belgium/PageFiles/16954/iaastd-recommendations.pdf>

⁷⁰ http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/ditcted2012d3_en.pdf.

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.³⁵

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

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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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See also

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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.

Recommended reading: Bt in organic farming and GM crops - the difference

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Thames Coromandel District Council

16 FEB 2015

16 February, 2015

Dear Sir or Madam,

RECEIVED BY:

Rachel

We have lived on the Coast Road in Tapu for 15 years. We have observed the thousands of travelers both local and tourists who love to stop at the domain because it has such an easy access for pulling completely off the road. It is a good resting place while driving the very busy narrow winding road, now considered one of the heaviest used narrow roads in the country. We have a wonderful beach, a very good and well used Dairy, and the ancient pohutakowa tree is a main attraction. The domain allows 3 self contained campers per night which is lovely. Now that the shore line has eroded on the north end, fishing boats are using the south end for launching. You can see it is quite a busy place.

Missing here are seats, picnic tables and trash containers. There is one table at the far end near the old tree and not one other thing to sit on. One of three trash cans was removed last year for some unknown reason. Most people are quite good about packing up their trash from picnics but many times the receptacles are over flowing and the trash just blows across the road to our homes.

The Coromandel is widely promoted as a tourist destination and thus is visited by thousands in cars and campers. Accommodations are needed for all. Tapu now has a decent toilet again. How good it would be to include a few seats and picnic tables. It would be equally nice for us, the local rate payers too.

Sincerely,

Rodney Albertson
Suzanne Albertson

Rodney and Suzanne Albertson

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As a neighbour I agree

Jim Fudd

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File Ref: PRA Rubbish Rebate

23 January 2015

Thames Coromandel District Council
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Attention: John Saunders

Dear John,

RE: RUBBISH REMOVAL AT PACIFIC RISE APARTMENTS, WHANGAMATA

APL Property Rotorua Ltd are the body corporate managers for the Pacific Rise Apartments located at 105 Aickin Road, Whangamata.

Following communication between Holland Beckett Lawyers on behalf of the unit owners of the Pacific Rise Apartments and the Thames Coromandel District Council (TCDC) we request a review of the rating policy for solid waste disposal as it relates to apartments.

As explained in previous communication the service provided by TCDC for the removal of solid waste does not meet the requirements of the Pacific Rise Apartments. As many of the units are rented out as holiday accommodation, leaving full rubbish bags in the basement until the next available collection by TCDC is unsanitary and attracts pests. The committee of the Pacific Rise Apartments has approved the installation of secure bins for the disposal of solid waste and this system is working very well in keeping the property clear of rubbish and free of pests.

The cost to the Pacific Rise Apartments for the disposal of solid waste is between approximately \$90 and \$500 per month dependant on occupancy at the apartments. We believe it is extremely unfair the unit owners are paying twice for the disposal of solid waste and the service provided by TCDC is completely inadequate for their needs.

APL Property Rotorua Ltd, on behalf and under the instruction of the owners of BC85115 Pacific Rise Apartments, submit this letter and request a review of the TCDC policy on solid waste disposal. We request TCDC implement a policy to provide for a rebate on rates paid by ratepayers when the ratepayer arranges for the disposal of their own solid waste.

As a matter of interest, the Rotorua Lakes Council allows for a part rebate of rubbish disposal costs to ratepayers if they ratepayer applies in writing to the Council and requests the service stop. The rebate takes affect from the next round of rates billing.

We await your response to this submission and hope for a positive outcome in favour of the unit owners of the Pacific Rise Apartments and ratepayers in the Thames Coromandel district in general.

Yours faithfully

Jill Barke
Body Corporate Manager
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I think there is a substantial difference between people who rent their property as a commercial enterprise making a profit and those that rent their properties to defray some of the expense of having a holiday home. I think this is an unfair tax on people who rent their homes infrequently to defray rates expenses for example.

These holiday homes are charged the same amount of rates as full time residents and yet use far less of the council provided facilities than residents.

Unless you can differentiate between people who may make a few hundred dollars a year renting their bach outside peak times when they are not using it and those that actually have a commercial enterprise then I feel this should be scraped.

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This is a commercial business and they are not just renting a room infrequently to defray the expenses of having a holiday home.

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Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking? Please tell us why.

As a rate payer that uses these ramps infrequently I think rate payers should get an exemption sticker and only visitors to the area should payer for this.

Why should I pay twice for this facility via rates and a usage fee - when visitors only pay once.

I pay full rates on a property I only use 15% of the year and you are now asking me to pay more this is grossly unfair.

I will just force people to use the beach to launch boats which is not environmentally friendly.

Hearing

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Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I own a property in the Thames-Coromandel District but I live elsewhere in New Zealand

Make Submission

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Yes, I agree, but I think that the move should be done all at once, not over a three year period.

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We are proposing that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads so that the programme is completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

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We are proposing a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway. This would be a project funded by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers and would support economic development.

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Do you agree with the proposed construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers? Yes, I support the construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway.

We are proposing a series of memorial native forests around the Coromandel Peninsula in order to commemorate the NZ soldiers who died in World War 1.

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Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? No, I do not support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Further comments on the Thames - Community Spaces activity.

That development of Rhodes Park Sports facilities be left at the original timeline dates and not delayed any further. Users, community supporters, funding committees and Active Thames 2018 have already proved the need for these upgrades and the community funding had pledged 3/4 of the required funds in a short period.

Stop procrastinating over already agreed decisions and do what your rate payers want!

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I am submitting on behalf of an organisation/company which is based in the Thames-Coromandel District

Make Submission

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Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

I think that this is grossly unfair so if I rent our property out even just once you are going to charge me \$200 plus GST fee for all the extra services you are providing. Other councils don't do this and have just as good recreation facilities as you provide. The rates we pay to you are even higher than in Hamilton and you even make us pay for rubbish bags that we don't do in Hamilton.

If you are suggesting that it is to cover funding of the Information Centres how about you have a user pay charge for this. Charge more for their services and brochures but don't expect me to pay for them. I don't use your information centres as I have had a holiday in the area for over 20 years!

Also there are a large number of people in Motor homes that use these wonderful facilities that you say you provide. Are you going to charge the rental companies this tax as well? They don't even pay rates like us if the vans are hired from out of the area.

I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT ANY COUNCIL IN THEIR RIGHT MIND THAT WOULD PENALISE PEOPLE WHO PROVIDE ACCOMODATION TO BRING PEOPLE TO THE AREA. THIS PROVIDES REVENUE FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF BUSINESSES AS WELL AS THE COUNCIL.

I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS VERY UNFAIR PROPOSAL.

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Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I own a property in the Thames-Coromandel District but I live elsewhere in New Zealand

Make Submission

Consultee	Mr Paul Couper (58491)
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We the ratepayers have already paid and keep contributing to more than our fair share of this. Because the council mismanages their resources and spends on irrelevant projects, this can to be loaded onto the ratepayers, who, have elected the council to manage the critical infrastructure for us.

Stick to your core duties and be fiscally responsible.

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Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? Please tell us why

Stormwater is core infrastructure that all ratepayers require.

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This is the most unbelievable proposal and shouldn't even have been tabled. Just because a small lobby group of hoteliers have swayed councillors to propose it, shouldn't get away from the facts.

If the hoteliers want to have good business, then they should up their game and provide better services and better charges.

Ratepayers often have to get additional income from their properties because the rates in the Coromandel are so high! Higher than I pay in Auckland on balance.

I will NEVER ever pay such a rate. And I will be recommending to all ratepayers to boycott such a rate demand. Seems the council hasn't heard the voice of the majority, in favour of a small business group who want a monopoly.

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Let the tax department do their job. Businesses pay their fair share.

Sorry, this is a money grab by the council, and how anyone could say otherwise with a straight face is beyond me.

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Sorry, but Central Government has a duty for retirement. And if they are right, then the other retirement businesses and clients have to pay their way, just like we all have to do.

We all pay our taxes. And then to have to pay again for someone else's poor planning or government policies, is not our problem.

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Sorry, user pays. But at a fair rate. If the rate of charge is wrong, then fix that.

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Once again, this is a way of the council to negate costs of their core infrastructure costs, and apply an additional charge to rate payers. The majority using these services are rate payers.

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No, I do not agree with either of the additional measures taken to support economic development in the Thames Community Board Area.

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Why is the council undertaking this at all? This is not what we the ratepayers have hired the council to do. Your job is to spend our rates on our behalf , providing core services and infrastructure.

Let businesses do their own marketing. If anything, give businesses a rebate from their rates so they can do it - properly. Council does not have the skills to do this, so all that happens is a consultant gets employed to do it.

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If the council is broke... then sorry, this should be discretionary based on surplus.

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Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? No, I do not support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Please tell us why.

Seriously? You are joking right?

The Coromandel is basically one big forest already.

From my experience, TCDC's idea of planting native forest is - plant native trees, then neglect it until it becomes scrub and gorse.

. District Plan

Further comments on the District Plan activity.

The council has approved the subdivisions and densities so they can attract more and more rates.

If the council doesn't want higher density, don't approve subdivisions. But don't approve them, then say but no you can't possibly sustain the densities without providing more infrastructure. That's what the rates are for! Can't have your cake and eat it too - sorry.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I own a property in the Thames-Coromandel District but I live elsewhere in New Zealand

From: Lloyd & Jean McIntosh [jmac@worldnet.co.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 4:21:32 PM
To: TCDC General Mail Address
Subject: Submission re Proposed short-term bach rental charge

We are strongly opposed to the proposed short-term bach rental charge in principal and believe the reasons given for the charge are somewhat spurious to say the least.

While we personally do not advertise our property for rent when it is vacant thus would not be affected by the proposal, we do pay the same amount in rates as if we were occupying the property permanently and using the same public facilities on a regular basis.

Therefore it is our contention that our (and likewise all other rate payers) contribution to the costs of existing and future facilities is already covered by the rates currently levied on the property.

If motels are considered to have a legitimate complaint regarding what they see as unfair competition, couldn't the same reasoning apply to supermarkets and other retailers with regards to markets and roadside stalls for example competing unfairly for their business?

Lloyd & Jean McIntosh
158 Vista Paku
Pauanui

Make Submission

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We are proposing a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers (e.g. Bed and Breakfast operators, Book a Bach owners) as a contribution towards economic development expenditure.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 23 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? No, I do not agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

No additional services or value are provided to those who would be liable for this rate. This is a combination of unjustified revenue raising for the sake of it and protectionism for motels. This is intended to apply indiscriminately whether or not there are motels in reasonable vicinity of accomodation and so acheives nothing useful anyway.

The home residential holiday market does not compete with motels. In a number of cases not just on location and vicinity but also for premium properties there is no motel comparison and the daily rental is much higher and no day to day services are provided. This proposal has the same effect as the regulation some protectionist lobbies are using to try and shut down Uber.

This is not justified and is a massive intrusion on private rights. It feels like Council is outside its remit and this is nothing short of a poll tax. Bad regulation just encourages debasement in confidence in Council and encourages people to ignore or breach it - it will be difficult to enforce and so inequitable also. Why should a family that owns a beach house and rents it to a family of 8 or two families of four have to pay more for local authority services than a family of 8 who uses the same services themselves.

Beach house rental income is taxable to the house owner under the Income Tax Act - surely that is sufficient.

We are proposing that Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire be reclassified as commercial properties.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 23 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? No, I do not agree. Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire should not be reclassified as commercial properties.

Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? Please tell us why

These organisations are small businesses that need to be encouraged not penalised. They already pay income tax at the national level. Why penalise them further?

We are proposing that the Thames Community Board make additional investment in economic development to be funded from the targeted local rate in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000. The proposal, which is for the first 3 years of the Long Term Plan includes:

- . A new position to promote Thames at a cost of \$90,000 a year
- . An additional \$50,000 per year to facilitate economic development in the area.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 26 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area? No, I do not agree with either of the additional measures taken to support economic development in the Thames Community Board Area.

Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area? Please tell us why.

This is not a council function and should not be paid for by ratepayers.

What research has been done to establish that this is likely?

We are proposing a series of memorial native forests around the Coromandel Peninsula in order to commemorate the NZ soldiers who died in World War 1.

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Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? No, I do not support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Please tell us why.

The question asked is the wrong one, is unfairly emotive and narrow so that those responding are subject to the risk of unfair criticism if answering in the negative. The reason I do not support this is that this is not a function of Council and should not be paid for by rate payers.

What research has been done to identify what memorials already exist and what is the thinking behind an additional memorial in the Coromandel Peninsula? Why the Coromandel?

Further comments on Rates/Debt.

I am very concerned that the Council is over-reaching at the expense of rate payers. Council needs to be clear on its core functions and responsibilities and should not borrow or rate for functions, no matter how laudable, are outside its remit. Where in doubt, a narrow approach should be taken to defining remit and responsibilities.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? Yes

Telephone

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Please select the option that best describes you. I own a property in the Thames-Coromandel District but I live elsewhere in New Zealand

From: Terry Bracey [terrybracey@xtra.co.nz]
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To: TCDC General Mail Address
Subject: Proposal to charge \$200.00 p.a. for short term holiday stays

My domestic rental company, Bracey Flats Ltd, owns a property at 126 Tangiora Ave, Whangapoua.

This property is available for rent 365 days per year.

Bracey Flats Ltd will not pay this proposed charge.

Yours faithfully,

T Bracey. Director

TO
RECEIVED
12 MAR 2015
Thames-Coromandel District Council
ECM No:

To the Elected Members of the Thames Coromandel District Council.

I note in your rates spend for the next 10 years you are proposing a charge of \$200 if our holiday homes are rented out for short term accommodation.

As a holiday home owner I would like to advise you we only rent out to cover rates, insurance, power, lawn mowing. A total cost per year between \$5,000 - \$6,000. It certainly does not cover maintenance and always there is some wear and tear with renting out, and yes, also things disappear. There is no profit as the short-term renting is only a matter of weeks and families only rent out during school holidays and certainly not during the winter. My own family also like to have a beach holiday so I haven't many weeks to spare. You think we can just pass on the \$200 charge. That's not fair on the families wanting a holiday as they can only afford so much or they go without, which affects the whole township without their spending. Once this \$200 charge starts I know it won't stop there it will increase over the years.

We pay a full year for rates and services etc. and yet our holiday homes are only used a small percentage of the year and you want to charge us more than permanent owners. I haven't forgotten the \$11,000 cost we paid when the sewage was put on. We also have no water supplied and that is another cost to us with pumps, tanks etc. My rates at Cooks Beach are \$2,400 per year plus \$361 Waikato Environment = Total \$2761 I live in Cherrywood, Otumoetai, Tauranga second house from the Cherrywood Shops. My total rates here are \$2,400 per year and I have all facilities, not like Cooks Beach.

I would like to remind you in the last election here in Tauranga 7 out of 11 Councillors were dumped, (many having been on the Council for years) even our mayor Stuart Crosby only got into office by a small margin because of a proposal the ratepayers objected to.

COUNCILLORS YOU KNOW AND I KNOW THIS CHARGE IS WRONG if you want more revenue charge everyone, not just owners who rent out their holiday

homes to pay costs. It is the owners that don't rent out that can afford to pay more. I certainly would prefer not to rent out.

I have enclosed photos from Rangī Point, Hokianga as an idea which may serve as a temporary barrier for sea erosion at the eastern end of Cooks Beach towards the Purangi.

June Spalding, 28 Cherrywood Drive, Otumoetai, Tauranga 3110

June Spalding

P.S. The photos were taken up close but from a distance the barrier doesn't look too bad, and could be camouflaged by planting inside the dunes.







Make Submission

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Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

The procedures and services provided by the council are for everyone.

No group should be unfairly charged a surcharge all contribute to wear and tear on the services.

Indeed if such a surcharge was to be charged then permanent residents who use the services 365 days a year should pay, not holiday home owners who even if they rent out for a few weeks of the year only use and cause wear and tear on the council services for a part of the year.

I do not agree any group of rate payers should be surcharged.

Be fair and spread rates for procedure and services of council to all rate payers.

[In addition to their own submission, submitter has submitted jointly and severally with Bachcare owners. Refer to Bachcare's full submission.]

Bachcare and its owners do not agree. We recommend Council do not proceed with this proposal and fund Economic Development through a small UAGC increase.

The Submitters believe the proposed \$200 bach tax has no validity and should not be endorsed.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I own a property in the Thames-Coromandel District but I live elsewhere in New Zealand

. Submission is jointly and severally submitted with Bachcare and Bachcare owners

Make Submission

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Stormwater is currently an activity which is paid for by ratepayers within each community board area. We are proposing that this should be funded at a district level as one of our essential services.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 19 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? No, I do not agree. Stormwater should remain a locally funded activity.

Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? Please tell us why

If an area has high stormwater costs, these costs should be attributed to that area. Similarly if costs are low.

Public toilets are currently paid for by a district wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as they are a local service.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 20 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? No, I do not agree. Public toilets should remain funded through a district-wide rate.

Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Please tell us why

Public toilets are utilised by district wide visitors, often infrequently used by locals, and are a cost to the region.

Cemeteries are currently paid for by a district-wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as these are a local service.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 20 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move cemeteries from being funded district-wide to being locally funded?

No, I do not agree. Cemeteries should remain funded through a district-wide rate.

Do you agree with our proposal that we move cemeteries from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Please tell us why

The majority of ratepayers and residents of "Whangamata" and some other townships will wish to be interred at their hometowns and not in the Coromandel.

All information centres are currently funded through a district-wide rate. We are proposing over the next three years that the funding for the Tairua, Pauanui, Whangamata and Coromandel information centres be funded locally by ratepayers in those community board areas and that the Thames and Whitianga information centers remain funded at a district-wide level as they are key visitor information locations for the whole of the Coromandel Peninsula.

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Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years?

No, I do not agree. Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres should remain district funded.

Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? Please tell us why

It doesn't require a survey to show that most of the visitors to these centres are visiting the district and not just one of four particular towns. The centres should be proactively earning income from accommodation services to local accommodations so providing local income support.

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No, I do not agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

Short-term accommodation providers should support an annual development budget, but only after receiving a discount for non-use of local infrastructure services for likely 60 to 75% of the year. Presently holiday home owners in towns such as Whangamata are heavily cross-subsidising council costs in Thames, and reducing rates for local permanent residents. This cross-subsidy should be being applied as it is to developing the area to the benefit of all.

We are proposing that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads so that the programme is completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 26 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads?

No, I do not agree. The Whangamata Community Board should maintain their long term gradual footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads.

Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads? Please tell us why.

There is already too much concrete on Whangamata verges, an area with excellent natural drainage and grass verges perfect for walking on. Beverley Terrace in particular should never have a footpath in the vicinity of Williamson Park, and residential access concrete should also be severely restricted.

We are proposing a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway. This would be a project funded by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers and would support economic development.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 27 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers?

Yes, I support the construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway.

Do you agree with the proposed construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers? Please tell us why.

The area is well utilised, but there must be a budget for increased road maintenance as traffic increases. Is the roading cost affordable?

We are proposing a series of memorial native forests around the Coromandel Peninsula in order to commemorate the NZ soldiers who died in World War 1.

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Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel?

Yes, I support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Please tell us why.

Absolutely.

Strategic Planning

Further comments on the Strategic Planning activity.

A recent enquiry to TCDC received a reply that

" The Thames-Coromandel District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014 is very permissive in what areas it allows you to freedom camp, as long as you are certified self-contained".

Motorhomes blocking residential views and parking overnight near public conveniences to minimise use of their own bathrooms is a significant concern that will increase dramatically in residential areas as campers come to understand the lack of controls.

As a motorhome owner myself, I have often observed motorhomes with their grey waste tank pipes disconnected below the vehicle. Not too great a concern on grass but certainly of concern and challenging to regulate on residential streets.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I own a property in the Thames-Coromandel District but I live elsewhere in New Zealand

Make Submission

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We are proposing to move the funding of \$46.6M of debt on the Eastern Seaboard plants to be paid by rates rather than development. This is because some areas are growing slowly which means this debt would not be repaid until after the plant has been retired and latest capacity information shows much of the capacity of the plants is being used today.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 15 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? No, I do not agree.

Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? Please tell us why

These are large capital development projects that have the potential to severely increase rates. Bank funding is the most appropriate method of funding such large works.

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Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? No, I do not agree. Stormwater should remain a locally funded activity.

Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? Please tell us why

The quality of stormwater needs to be closely managed so that we retain the high quality of coastal water - putting this in the hands of a district-wide funding scheme has the strong potential to remove responsibility - take a look at Auckland's issues and learn from them.

Public toilets are currently paid for by a district wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as they are a local service.

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Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? No, I do not agree. Public toilets should remain funded through a district-wide rate.

Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Please tell us why

Public toilets are predominately used by visitors to the region; therefore it is most appropriate that the district funds these.

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Do you agree with our proposal that we move cemeteries from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Yes, I agree that cemeteries should be funded locally.

Do you agree with our proposal that we move cemeteries from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Please tell us why

They serve each local community; it makes sense that they are funded locally.

All information centres are currently funded through a district-wide rate. We are proposing over the next three years that the funding for the Tairua, Pauanui, Whangamata and Coromandel information centres be funded locally by ratepayers in those community board areas and that the Thames and Whitianga information centers remain funded at a district-wide level as they are key visitor information locations for the whole of the Coromandel Peninsula.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 21 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? No, I do not agree. Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres should remain district funded.

Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? Please tell us why

They are servicing the needs of visitors to the wider region; in order that the high standard and consistency of services provided to visitors remain high they should remain district funded. The alternative is that some will close - not a solution when you are trying to build visitor numbers.

We are proposing a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers (e.g. Bed and Breakfast operators, Book a Bach owners) as a contribution towards economic development expenditure.

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Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers?

No, I do not agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

This is very short-sighted; the events that take place on the Coromandel Peninsula are only able to take place because bach owners make their properties available to visitors.

The motel/B&B accommodation providers cannot cater to the demand from visitors for such events as Beach Hop, Brits at the Beach and the Scallop Festival. If you impose this increase in rates - bach owners will simply remove their properties from these accommodation sites. In addition bach owners use their properties only 25% of the year, yet pay 100% of the rates - already burden with excessive costs. If this is passed your plans for economic growth in the region will stall.

We are proposing a rates remission (refund) for residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 24 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes?

Yes, I agree that residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes should be given a rates remission.

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes? Please tell us why.

Our elderly folk, who have already paid taxes there whole lives need our assistance to remain in the region, being close to family and friends. Not pushed out because of escalating costs.

We are proposing that all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less (i.e. "Granny Flats") will receive a rates remission (refund) of 50% of their fixed rates charges (e.g. UAGC, water charges).

Information relating to this question can be found on page 24 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rates remission to all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less?

No, I do not agree with giving a rates remission to second dwellings of 50 square metres or less.

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rates remission to all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less? Please tell us why.

Why??? All properties are rated against there value - why change this for one type of property?

We are proposing a new fee for the Hahei Park and Ride, and to extend fees for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking areas to all upgraded boat ramp areas.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 25 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking?

Yes, I agree with the fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking.

Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking? Please tell us why.

This is a sensible way of applying a user pays tax.

We are proposing that the Thames Community Board make additional investment in economic development to be funded from the targeted local rate in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000. The proposal, which is for the first 3 years of the Long Term Plan includes:

- . A new position to promote Thames at a cost of \$90,000 a year
- . An additional \$50,000 per year to facilitate economic development in the area.

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Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area?

I only agree with the additional \$50,000 per year, not the new role at a cost of \$90,000 a year.

Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area? Please tell us why.

Adding an additional head count to the Community Board; why not reassess the skills required over the next three years and replace existing board members with those with the new skills needed to drive economic growth. This is what commercial businesses do when they are looking for a different outcome.

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No, I do not agree. The Whangamata Community Board should maintain their long term gradual footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads.

Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads? Please tell us why.

There are many more urgent projects that foot paths; I suggest that the funding be redirected to more urgent projects.

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Yes, I support the construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway.

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Has the funding for this project been investigated through the Prime Minister's national cycleway project?

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Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I own a property in the Thames-Coromandel District but I live elsewhere in New Zealand

Make Submission

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Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? No, I do not agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

This is just another tax without offering anything in return. It is under the guise of economic development, but where does this tax benefit all residents and owners in the district.

Has the economic return from bach rentals been quantified against any negative impact from such a tax?

Has the legality of such a tax been tested?

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I own a property in the Thames-Coromandel District but I live elsewhere in New Zealand

Make Submission

Consultee	Mrs Marilyn Nicholson (58542)
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Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? No, I do not agree. Stormwater should remain a locally funded activity.

Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? Please tell us why

User pays.

Public toilets are currently paid for by a district wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as they are a local service.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 20 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Yes, I agree that public toilets should be funded locally.

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Yes, I agree that Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres should move to be locally funded over the next three years.

We are proposing a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers (e.g. Bed and Breakfast operators, Book a Bach owners) as a contribution towards economic development expenditure.

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Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers?

No, I do not agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

I do not agree with a \$200 levy on short term accommodation. Baches are frequently empty over the winter in the low season which does not put a strain on local resources, or will you be giving a rebate for the period they are empty? Long term bach rentals have people in them continuously and you are not proposing a levy on long term bach rental so where is the fairness in your proposal?

Also, short term bach accommodation allows more families and tourists to holiday in the Coromandel as they are more affordable than motels and many families cannot afford to stay in a motel. I therefore think Council is being extremely short sighted in proposing this levy and should instead be looking at giving a grant or subsidy to bach owners who provide short term accommodation as they are providing a service important for growth in the Coromandel.

We are proposing a rates remission (refund) for residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes.

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Yes, I agree that residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes should be given a rates remission.

We are proposing a series of memorial native forests around the Coromandel Peninsula in order to commemorate the NZ soldiers who died in World War 1.

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Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Yes, I support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

Make Submission

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Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? No, I do not agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

Not every person that owns a bach is in a great financial position. Rates for beach properties around the peninsula are already at a premium (ours are double that of our permanent residence and we pretty much only use it over the summer months) and to help us "manage" the costs associated with having a bach (rates, maintenance, power, gas etc.) we may have to let our property out to family, friends and others to help cover the costs.

The average family struggles to go away and have a holiday with their children over summer, motels, camping grounds are already full over the summer break and many kiwi families struggle to find an affordable option for a holiday. Don't you think we should be encouraging more and more "local" people to stay in the peninsula over this period instead of turning them away?

We have previously had international students stay with us and I am astounded by how expensive NZ is becoming for someone to come and visit and go to various "tourist" activities. I believe we will suffer the consequences by continually driving the costs up. I recently went on a short break to Sydney and found it much more affordable to do things - \$2 public transport on a Sunday!

Come on TCDC - we need to encourage local NZ families to come here not just overseas tourists - and we need them to keep coming back. Driving the costs up is not going to help anyone in the long term. Bach owners are not competing with Moteliers - their accommodation is already full.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

From: jkgilli@vodafone.co.nz
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 2:59:44 PM
To: TCDC General Mail Address
Subject: Accommodation surcharge.

SUBMISSION RE PROPOSAL TO MAKE AN EXTRA CHARGE ON SMALL
ACCOMMODATION OPERATORS.

As owners of a property with accommodation available for 2 couples, we are most dismayed to hear of the proposal to add the cost of \$200 per year to our rates.

Whangamata has an obligation to the tourists who wish to come here, to provide them with the sort of accommodation they require.

Tourism in New Zealand is growing and Whangamata is a desirable destination. In order to keep costs in the affordable range it is necessary for owners to keep their expenses to a minimum and your proposal is a detriment to that.

The people like ourselves who have a very small business only operate during the short summer months. Therefore we consider it most unreasonable to place a surcharge on our operation.

John & Shirley Killick

102 Bruce Wallace Place,

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Make Submission

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Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

I am opposed to this proposal for the following reasons:

1. Suppliers of short-term bach rentals are already contributing to the promotion of tourism in the district and associated economic development by providing accommodation vacancies.
2. Suppliers of short-term bach rentals are, on the whole, paying higher than average rates owing to their valuable beach or bush properties.
3. Suppliers of short-term bach rentals generate, on the whole, little demand for council services outside the peak summer season and even then likely at a lower level of demand than full-time residents.
4. Tourism is vital to the economic future of the district and it is counter-intuitive and inequitable to levy a new tax on one subset of ratepayers when all ratepayers share in the economic contribution that tourism provides.

We are proposing that Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire be reclassified as commercial properties.

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Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? No, I do not agree. Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire should not be reclassified as commercial properties.

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Yes, I agree that residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes should be given a rates remission.

We are proposing that all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less (i.e. "Granny Flats") will receive a rates remission (refund) of 50% of their fixed rates charges (e.g. UAGC, water charges).

Information relating to this question can be found on page 24 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rates remission to all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less?

Yes, I agree with giving a rates remission to second dwellings of 50 square metres or less.

We are proposing a new fee for the Hahei Park and Ride, and to extend fees for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking areas to all upgraded boat ramp areas.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 25 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking?

Yes, I agree with the fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking.

We are proposing that the Thames Community Board make additional investment in economic development to be funded from the targeted local rate in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000. The proposal, which is for the first 3 years of the Long Term Plan includes:

- . A new position to promote Thames at a cost of \$90,000 a year
- . An additional \$50,000 per year to facilitate economic development in the area.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 26 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area?

Yes, I agree with both of the additional measures taken to support economic development in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000 per year.

We are proposing that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads so that the programme is completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 26 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads?

No, I do not agree. The Whangamata Community Board should maintain their long term gradual footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads.

We are proposing a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway. This would be a project funded by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers and would support economic development.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 27 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers?

Yes, I support the construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway.

We are proposing a series of memorial native forests around the Coromandel Peninsula in order to commemorate the NZ soldiers who died in World War 1.

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Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Yes, I support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

From: Jude Melbourne [jude.melbourne@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 4:37:12 PM
To: TCDC General Mail Address
Subject: Long Term Plan - New rate feedback

Attention CFO Steve Baker

I am responding to your letter of 11 March regarding an additional rate on my property at 52 Gallagher Drive, Tairua.

I am adamantly opposed to this proposal. The only reason I offer my small Bach for rental is to help me pay the already substantial rates required by TCDC. The rental I receive for a very short time over the Christmas New Year period does not even cover half of the current rates on the property never mind any of the other property overheads of Insurance and Power and general maintenance.

I am not running a commercial operation and it is already a stretch for me to retain the property which is absolutely for mine and my families use for well over 95% of the time.

I am contributing locally to the business's I support by buying locally on each of my visits as do the rest of my family and friends who come to visit the area. I also contribute to the annual Fire Service appeal, local Surf Lifesaving appeal and the Fireworks for New Year.

I volunteered my holiday time to help clean up beaches after the Rena disaster and I support the local Fishing Club.

Your proposal is completely unreasonable and unacceptable.

J Melbourne
Mob: 021926202

Make Submission

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Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? No, I do not agree. Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres should remain district funded.

Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? Please tell us why

I think that the i-site model currently used is outdated, and all information sites should be looking regionally and not just locally, in which case why is there a need for 6 on the Peninsula, when a good one at Kopu, and one at Whitianga, would be adequate.

Currently we are paying to belong to Destination Coromandel and the Whangamata isite, and apart from giving directions to where we are situated, the local i-site will always struggle, and maybe an interactive information kiosk is now the answer.

We are proposing a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers (e.g. Bed and Breakfast operators, Book a Bach owners) as a contribution towards economic development expenditure.

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Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

All short term accommodation providers are contributing with their current rates. Many bachs and small bed and breakfasts have a very short season, income is low for the providers, but the good that they do in terms of hosting international tourists is enormous.

In particular, bed and breakfast operators appeal to the international tourist more than the national tourist, they offer excellent accommodation, give wonderful advice to the independent traveller on how to best to spend their time on the peninsula, thereby benefiting all business within the region.

Grabbing \$200 from each one will be difficult to enforce, and achieve nothing but ill will toward the council.

We are proposing that Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire be reclassified as commercial properties.

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Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? Please tell us why

I think the idea that 4 room's constitutes a commercial enterprise is ludicrous - as I understand it 4-6 rooms is considered a complying activity with resource consent for a residential property.

Shouldn't we be looking forward, we should be looking to attract people to the area to run good accommodation in some of the more beautiful locations on the peninsula which don't have motels, or the like. Tourists will pay a lot of money to stay in a place where they can wake up with a beautiful view of the ocean or bush, tourists will pay to be hosted and looked after, cooked a beautiful dinner, taken with a guide into the bush, fishing, diving, etc. etc.

If we stop this (and the global financial crises saw off quite a few Lodges) then we end up with scattered motels around the peninsula. It is my view that contrary to the proposed plan, council should leave the sector alone, however with more than 6 rooms, then I think that would become a boutique hotel and a commercial rate would be applicable.

We are proposing that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads so that the programme is completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

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Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads? Yes, I agree that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads to be completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? Yes

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Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

From: Maurice Laird [Maurice.Laird@xtra.co.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 9:14:11 PM
To: TCDC General Mail Address
Subject: New Rate - 87 Buffalo Beach Road

Dear Steve Baker (TCDC C.F.O.)

I wish to object to the TCDC proposal to introduce a new rate to residential properties providing short term accommodation, specifically in relation to the additional rating of rental of holiday homes. The proposed rate is a money grab based on weak and faulty logic. The suggestion that the providers of short term accommodation should be responsible for additional payments to support council contribution to recreational facilities is unjustified and inequitable.

- 1) Permanent residents, holiday home owners and visitors to the Coromandel all use council provided services and facilities . Permanent residents, whether ratepayers or renters, use those same services and facilities all year round. Most holiday home owners use their properties 10%, and up to a maximum of 20% of the year. Accordingly, they use the council provided services and facilities proportionally less and in effect subsidise permanent residents. This logic suggests that holiday home owners should receive a discount on their rates.
- 2) TCDC claims it invests to attract visitors to the Coromandel. The provision of good value holiday-home accommodation undoubtedly attracts visitors to the Coromandel. Therefore, it is illogical to penalise those attracting visitors, something the council pays to try and do so. Such a penalty carries with it the likelihood of reducing the availability of holiday home accommodation by renters deciding it is no longer worth their while.
- 3) I believe that there is a perception that holiday homes are owned by wealthy out-of-towners who can afford to pay more than local residents – this view is unrealistic and inequitable. Holiday home owners who do rent their holiday homes usually do so in attempt to offset the high rates and expenses and do so for a relatively small part of the year. As such, the renters do not anywhere near match the use of resources as would be consumed by a permanent household.
- 4) I believe the proposed \$200 levy will be the thin end of the wedge and the levy will rapidly increase. In an attempt to reap an additional rates take from off out-of-towners, TCDC is likely to trigger a number of unintended consequences that are contrary to its intentions.. They are;
 - i) A number of holiday homes will be withdrawn from the rental market, thus reducing the availability of quality accommodation and visitor numbers.
 - ii) Other holiday homes will be forced to increase prices, again, having the effect of reducing visitor numbers
 - iii) A significant number of holiday home owners will decide that it is no longer viable to own such a home and decide to sell, triggering a reduction in property values.
 - iiii) A number of holiday home owner will see this levy as a sop to the Motel Association. Holiday Home websites and home owners are likely to aggressively market their properties by extolling their virtues over motel accommodation– something that has not yet happened.

Yours sincerely
Maurice Laird

Homeowner
87 Buffalo Beach Road
Whitianga
Mobile 0274 403272

Make Submission

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Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? Yes, I agree

Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? Please tell us why

People in power have made decisions and they should be responsible for the mistakes they have made.

It would have been better to put the sewerage up to the pine trees than abandoning the plan and starting a new one.

It's done but why should the rate payers suffer for this?

Stormwater is currently an activity which is paid for by ratepayers within each community board area. We are proposing that this should be funded at a district level as one of our essential services.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 19 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding?

Yes, I agree that stormwater should be funded district-wide.

Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? Please tell us why

Yes we agree that stormwater should be funded district-wide.

The weather has changed to more severe and extreme weather beyond any rate payers control.

Public toilets are currently paid for by a district wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as they are a local service.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 20 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded?

No, I do not agree. Public toilets should remain funded through a district-wide rate.

Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Please tell us why

The public toilets are mainly used by tourists and visitors to the towns and so should be funded by the district wide rate.

Cemeteries are currently paid for by a district-wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as these are a local service.

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Do you agree with our proposal that we move cemeteries from being funded district-wide to being locally funded?

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Absolute no brainer here.

District-wide rate.

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Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? Please tell us why

Pauanui should be done away with as it is on a limb.

Gateways to the Coromandel Peninsula, i.e. Kopu would be ideal for an information centre and Whangamata which could be district funded but any others should be locally funded if they still exist.

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Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

We feel that having guests is contributing to the local economy i.e. all using restaurants, and other retail shops.

Making available your home to be accommodation is helping the community to house the influx of overseas visitors which is tourism and we should be subsidised rather than charged a fee.

A lot of our earnings go back into the local economy.

For this reason I disagree unless you charge every business this fixed fee.

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Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? Please tell us why

Tough decision.

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Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes? Please tell us why.

Why penalise someone because they have worked hard enough to own their own house in later life.

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Can't imagine why this is even a proposal.

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It's mainly overseas people and visitors using the park and ride at Hahei so yes thats okay to charge them.

The boat ramps are used by locals so do not put more fees on the locals.

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We have also taken our place off the short term rental market, since mid-October, and have no intention relisting.

This rate increase proposal will no longer impact us.

This change will actually force others to do so as well.

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Please select the option that best describes you. I own a property in the Thames-Coromandel District but I live elsewhere in New Zealand

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. Strategic Planning

Further comments on the Strategic Planning activity.

I attended the TCDC Arts in the Coromandel workshop in Thames on March 17. I fully support the development of a district wide arts strategy, with funding being allocated to consultation and development of the strategy. The strategy should:

- 1 Be inclusive of all art forms,
- 2 Involve consultation with and be relevant to all residents and ratepayers in the district,
- 3 Acknowledge the economic significance of the arts to the region,
- 4 Include action plans for the support and development of art and creativity in our district.

Hearing

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Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? Yes

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I am under the impression that the plant does not have to be retired but can be re-engineered to improve capacity i.e. no inbuilt redundancy, in which case the debt can be spread out for longer.

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I think anything that impacts on the environment should be a matter of council responsibility.

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Toilets are a necessary public amenity, not just for the local community but also visitors and tourists alike. Tourism, including local tourism (i.e. those already living in the Coromandel) occurs generally across the whole region. The location and maintenance of toilets should be part of a district-wide plan to ensure that there are sufficient to serve the needs of each community and the increasing tourist numbers.

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Cemeteries, like toilets, are unavoidable necessities. Moreover, if cemeteries occupy public land effectively owned by the TCDC, then the district should be responsible.

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Tourism contributes to, and benefits the regional economy as well as the local economy, so I see it as fair that a core amount of funding should be allocated from the district coffers.

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This is one way of levying guests for use of infrastructure and facilities. In some cities & towns overseas, accommodation providers charge a per person tourist tax, so this is not unlike that concept.

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Hiring out a room or two in a private dwelling is a small-scale (boutique) business, in which the essence of a private home is still retained. Four or more rooms for hire signifies an industrial scale process.

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Retirement homes have fairly draconian tenancy/ownership agreements, and residents are required to pay internal rates for amenities, not all of which can be enjoyed by all. I think that it is appropriate that in certain circumstances, residents should be given some breathing space via a rates remission.

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In a lot of cases, these will be integral to the main body of the home, and used to house/help out family members, or rented at low fee to supplement (usually constrained) livelihoods.

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Many casual boat ramps are being used in a rough manner, and should be upgraded to prevent coastal erosion and degradation. I have seen many instances where beach frontages have been driven across/through/over indiscriminately and with little regard for the consequences, which usually involve degradation of the foreshore. Extended fees for boat ramps and parking might allow for upgrades of these casual ramps to mitigate such degradation.

Hahei Park & Ride is essential to tourism in summer, and also mitigates environmental damage through foot and vehicle traffic. For this reason I think it should be given preferential fees.

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Thames is a gateway to the Coromandel, has huge potential in terms of history and extant historical buildings, and is now pivotal to the Hauraki Rail Trail. Environmental as well as economic development require to enable Thames to reach its full potential.

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I fully support this from aspects of both safety and access. Also important for upgrading the town and precincts from shabby to smart.

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A wonderful idea, a forest 'cenotaph', a living monument to men who deserve to be remembered, and an environmental plus.

Strategic Planning

Further comments on the Strategic Planning activity.

Proposed District Arts Policy: I endorse a policy document.

This would give coherence to artists, artisans, and arts groups alike and give recognition to those people who through their artforms enrich and enliven the region, contribute to community well-being and also to the economy. Need to include long term strategic thinking/planning around infrastructure and venues as well as transient events; also listen to the needs of the different communities and create a flexible document which will serve the arts as they evolve.

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People renting out baches are bringing in much needed tourist money into the district but for some deranged idea the council wants to discourage this. The current regime is a win for both parties. The bach owners get to defray the high costs of owning a bach. The local businesses- dairies, restaurants etc get the much needed dollar.

Bin this silly TAX right now or get less tourist dollars for the region.....

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Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking? No, I do not agree with either of the fees.

Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking? Please tell us why.

Its the same old regime... Lets fleece the tourists... We should be encouraging them.

And as for the local rate payers - do they not pay enough...

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No, I do not agree with either of the additional measures taken to support economic development in the Thames Community Board Area.

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Have more to tell us? Record it below.

Further comments on Rates/Debt.

Please - stop trying to fleece the ratepayers. Maybe its time to look to look in-house at the ever increasing costs at the council offices.

Hearing

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Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I own a property in the Thames-Coromandel District but I live elsewhere in New Zealand

Make Submission

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Further comments on the Roads and Footpaths activity.

I propose that Totara Valley Road, Totara, Thames is widened and sealed and services taken to the end of the existing metalled section of the road. This will make way for developers to easily provide more sections in the zones marked residential and future residential. As there are very few sections available for new housing in Thames, this needs to be done in the near future. Failure to provide for areas of newer housing will result in less people moving in and more people moving out.

Hearing

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Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? Yes

Telephone

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Email

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Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

Make Submission

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because they are there for the use of tourists and visitors not locals

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Strategic Planning

Further comments on the Strategic Planning activity.

I wish to state my urgent support for an **Arts Strategy Policy** to be formed within the Thames Coromandel District which recognises and supports the wealth of benefits that exist in the development, support, promotion, education and implementation of all things which fall within the bounds of Art.

These things include, but are not limited to, dance, waiata, sculpture, carving, painting, literacy, photography, film-making, weaving, poetry, music, theatre, drama, stage technology, film technology, mosaic, pottery, wood craft, glass craft and jewelery.

The arts in every form hold a value in the following perspectives:

- 1 Therapeutic
- 2 Healing
- 3 Educational
- 4 Economic
- 5 Tourism
- 6 Recreational
- 7 Cultural
- 8 Social
- 9 Rehabilitation.

The Local Body Act 2002 states that councils have a responsibility to their communities socially, economically, environmentally and CULTURALLY.

The Coromandel Peninsula is a community rich in artistically talented people - it is essential TCDC are seen to embrace and develop this with an Arts Strategy equal to any in New Zealand.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? Yes

Telephone

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Email

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Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

From: sean [brinksean@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 9:44:11 PM
To: TCDC General Mail Address
CC: christine smith
Subject: Long term plan submission

To whom it may concern:

I would like to submit on the proposal to introduce a new targeted rate of \$200 to residential properties providing short term rental. I strongly oppose this proposal.

We do rent out our property which returns income to help us to cover the costs of already extremely high rates and mortgage costs on the property. This is not to make profit, but is an attempt to be able to afford to keep the property as we still make a considerable loss despite this income. The returns are very low compared to the costs of having the property.

We would love to be able to not rent out the property as wealthy owners do and to use it ourselves exclusively, but this is not an option for us. Even with our property rented, it is still used less than the homes of the permanent residents in the tcdc area. Surely the permanent residents use the resources of council more heavily then those with baches which are occasionally rented as well as for personal use? If you want targeted rates, perhaps the heaviest users of resources such as libraries, parks, roading, water and waste should pay higher rates? There are a great number of services that the council funds which we do not use and we should not have to contribute to the costs of. Our property uses less council infrastructure than permanent residents, we attract tourists who spend in the tcdc area and by affording to retain our property we maintain property values. I believe that your proposed new tax will once again tax those who can already barely afford to keep their properties and will result in more people selling up and leaving the tcdc area due to poor management decisions by those in council.

Yours sincerely,

Sean And Christine Smith
57B Ocean Beach Rd
Tairua
0212471088

From: Carol Harrington [charrington999@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 12:27:40 PM
To: TCDC General Mail Address
Subject: Proposal to Charge Bach Owners \$230 (inc GST) per annum

We strongly disagree with this double taxation attempt by Council in response to dissatisfaction by motel owners.

We rent out our bach over the Christmas period only in order to offset the high rates charged for our Whangamata property. This is the only way that we can maintain a holiday home in Whangamata.

Also, by renting at Christmas we are attracting new people to the area who are potential bach purchasers and potential new ratepayers. Staying in someone's home is a completely different experience to staying in a motel and is not in competition with that industry. We should not be penalised for renting out our bach for at most a month, over the Christmas period.

If the Council forces Real Estate Agencies to report their holiday listings it will only force us to rent privately and will therefore hurt the agencies financially because they will not get the little bit of commission they obtain through this avenue.

Please acknowledge that this protest has been noted by Council.

Jim & Carol Harrington
Whangamata Property Owners
027 427 9457
09 575 0699

From: Wendy Buchan [wendy@pohutukawahaven.co.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 3:34:21 PM
To: TCDC General Mail Address
Subject: Regarding submissions concerning Holiday Home owners paying additional rate

Hi there,
We are owners of a holiday home at Kuaotunu, which we make available for rent.

Having read the document you sent to ratepayers on the 11th March, as owners of a Holiday Home rental, we would just like to say that an additional levy of \$200.00 sounds fair to us. Been a casual rental, we wouldn't want to pay much more however.

Best regards,
John and Wendy Buchan

Make Submission

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. Strategic Planning

Further comments on the Strategic Planning activity.

I would like an arts co-ordinator employed by TCDC, and an arts policy in place to support the arts.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? Yes

Telephone

Telephone 8667796

Email

Email hydebain@orcon.net.nz

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

If Council received this submission via email or hard copy, you can copy and paste the link/s below into the address bar of your web browser to view the original submission.

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Further comments on the Strategic Planning activity.

I would like TCDC to develop and adopt an Arts Strategy to encourage and promote all arts and creativity in our district.

Hearing

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Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission?

No

Please select the option that best describes you.

I own a property in the Thames-Coromandel District but I live elsewhere in New Zealand

Make Submission

Consultee	Mr John Herbert (58695)
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Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? Please tell us why

Assets should be managed to extend life not to be run down until the only option is replacement. Detailed asset care plans should be developed to extend asset life.

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I would rather that a "Rate" was struck for the budgeted "Expense" on all Residential Customers in the Coromandel as all Property Owners will benefit from the increased activity and therefore increased value and employment opportunities on the Coromandel Peninsula.

To me it is VERY INEQUITABLE to target a few residences who rent out their houses over summer to help pay the expenses of property ownership. What about the "locals" who rent out their HOME for

the HIGH SEASON and go away to see the kids? viz Rugby World Cup as an example. In fact a "RATE" credit would be in order to acknowledge the benefit to the area by increased activity.

All that would happen is that such short term rentals would be driven underground, defrauding tax revenue as well.

I vote "No", to charge each property owner who rents out their house over summer \$200. It is inequitable and should be voted down.

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No, I do not support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

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Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I own a property in the Thames-Coromandel District but I live elsewhere in New Zealand

Make Submission

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Have more to tell us? Record it below.

Strategic Planning

Further comments on the Strategic Planning activity.

I fully support the development of a district-wide arts strategy, with funding being allocated to consultation and development of the strategy. The strategy should:

Be inclusive of all art forms; involve consultation with and be relevant to all residents and ratepayers in the district; acknowledge the economic significance of the arts in the region; include action plans for the support and development of art and creativity in our district.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

Make Submission

Consultee	Mrs Rae Stafford (58719)
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Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? No, I do not agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

These owners already pay rates for these properties. These properties spend the majority of the year unoccupied yet they still pay the same rates. I doubt you are interested in people who own properties that they rent out short term, only paying the proportion of rates related to the number of days the property is occupied in a year. You are already making money out of them. It's just another tax.

We are proposing that Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire be reclassified as commercial properties.

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Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? No, I do not agree. Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire should not be reclassified as commercial properties.

We are proposing a rates remission (refund) for residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes.

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Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes? Yes, I agree that residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes should be given a rates remission.

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Information relating to this question can be found on page 25 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking? I agree with the new fee for the Hahei Park and Ride but not the extended fees for the Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking.

We are proposing that the Thames Community Board make additional investment in economic development to be funded from the targeted local rate in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000. The proposal, which is for the first 3 years of the Long Term Plan includes:

- . A new position to promote Thames at a cost of \$90,000 a year
- . An additional \$50,000 per year to facilitate economic development in the area.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 26 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area? No, I do not agree with either of the additional measures taken to support economic development in the Thames Community Board Area.

We are proposing that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads so that the programme is completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 26 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key Yes, I agree that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key

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roads to be completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads? Please tell us why.

It has waited long enough. Whangamata desperately needs more efficient kerb and channeling and the public should be able to have adequate footpaths to move around Whangamata safely. It should have been done years ago and it is good that the council is addressing this.

We are proposing a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway. This would be a project funded by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers and would support economic development.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 27 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers?

No, I do not support the construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway.

Do you agree with the proposed construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers? Please tell us why.

We have enough.

We are proposing a series of memorial native forests around the Coromandel Peninsula in order to commemorate the NZ soldiers who died in World War 1.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 27 of the Consultation Document .

Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel?

No, I do not support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Please tell us why.

The money is NEEDED for other areas first.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

Make Submission

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Stormwater

Further comments on the Stormwater activity.

We are gratified to see that on page 36 of the long term plan, \$739k has been allocated to remedy the stormwater problems in Sarah Ave, Whitianga in 2016/2017.

It is a relief that an end to the flooding of the properties in Sarah Ave is in the foreseeable future.

However it would be more of a relief if this date could be moved forward.

Having our property threatened by flooding every time a heavy rain event occurs, or is even predicted, is extremely stressful.

We are appreciative of the helpfulness of the TCDC staff with our situation.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

Make Submission

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We are proposing to move the funding of \$46.6M of debt on the Eastern Seaboard plants to be paid by rates rather than development. This is because some areas are growing slowly which means this debt would not be repaid until after the plant has been retired and latest capacity information shows much of the capacity of the plants is being used today.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 15 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? No, I do not agree.

Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? Please tell us why

More effort needs to be made to attract the development that was originally proposed to meet these costs! Maybe we need help in this area at a national rather than local govt. level?

Stormwater is currently an activity which is paid for by ratepayers within each community board area. We are proposing that this should be funded at a district level as one of our essential services.

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Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? Yes, I agree that stormwater should be funded district-wide.

Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? Please tell us why

It's a district wide issue.

Public toilets are currently paid for by a district wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as they are a local service.

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Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? No, I do not agree. Public toilets should remain funded through a district-wide rate.

Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Please tell us why

Public toilets are as much or more used by visitors than locals.

Cemeteries are currently paid for by a district-wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as these are a local service.

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Do you agree with our proposal that we move cemeteries from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Please tell us why

People get buried and/or sprinkled all over the place, not just in their own town. It's a district wide service.

All information centres are currently funded through a district-wide rate. We are proposing over the next three years that the funding for the Tairua, Pauanui, Whangamata and Coromandel information centres be funded locally by ratepayers in those community board areas and that the Thames and Whitianga information centers remain funded at a district-wide level as they are key visitor information locations for the whole of the Coromandel Peninsula.

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Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? No, I do not agree. Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres should remain district funded.

Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? Please tell us why

Information centres are crucial to visitors from overseas and other parts of the Coromandel district, as well as to locals. Areas should not be disadvantaged.

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Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers?

No, I do not agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

Smaller short term accommodation providers are providing a needed service where supposedly we are trying to boost tourist visits to the area, many struggle to continue to stay open. They should be rated on their usage.

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Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? Please tell us why

Four or more rooms would suggest that this usage is a commercial business. However, it could be problematic for some, if their occupancy rate is low and they don't have the backing of larger commercial operators like motel chains.

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Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes? Please tell us why.

They should be getting it already.

We are proposing that all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less (i.e. "Granny Flats") will receive a rates remission (refund) of 50% of their fixed rates charges (e.g. UAGC, water charges).

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Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area? Yes, I agree with both of the additional measures taken to support economic development in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000 per year.

Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area? Please tell us why.

It is imperative that urgent measures are taken to promote economic development in the Thames area, and co-ordination is paramount to that effort.

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Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads? Please tell us why.

They have deemed it necessary for the development of their area.

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It is a good initiative for the area.

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Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Yes, I support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Please tell us why.

Any forests are good forests!

Strategic Planning

Further comments on the Strategic Planning activity.

The TCDC would be well advised to support the creation of of an Arts Policy and Strategy for the long term plan, and to supply the financial backing for the adoption of such a Strategy. The economic growth of the area is not only in its natural environment and heritage, but in the creation of interesting activities, events, art products and festivals by local artists (singers, writers, potters, painters, actors, dancers etc). At the moment they mostly act in isolation, or small groups without much support, and yet are responsible for attracting much economic benefit to the area (Driving Creek, Raupara Watergardens, all the independent Studios and Galleries, and locally run Festivals). People come for the scenery, but stay for the entertainment!

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

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Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? Please tell us why

I propose that the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board fund the Tairua Information Centre for the next three years.

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Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? No, I do not agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

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Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Yes, I support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Roads and Footpaths

Further comments on the Roads and Footpaths activity.

Finance is required for foot bridge over Pepe Stream to complete pedestrian walkway from Main Road - golf course - bridge over Pepe Stream - Crown Reserve - Laycock Road - Pepe Road.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

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We are proposing to move the funding of \$46.6M of debt on the Eastern Seaboard plants to be paid by rates rather than development. This is because some areas are growing slowly which means this debt would not be repaid until after the plant has been retired and latest capacity information shows much of the capacity of the plants is being used today.

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Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? No, I do not agree.

Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? Please tell us why

If the movement was to wastewater rates for those ratepayers that benefit from the treatment stations, then I would agree with this. As a property owner who has neither mains water nor wastewater connections, I would not be happy for this to be paid for from general rates.

Stormwater is currently an activity which is paid for by ratepayers within each community board area. We are proposing that this should be funded at a district level as one of our essential services.

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Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? No, I do not agree. Stormwater should remain a locally funded activity.

Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? Please tell us why

We do not get a stormwater system at our property, so are not happy that this be included as a general rating item. This, along with wastewater plant rates, should be targeted only to those properties that are connected to these systems.

Public toilets are currently paid for by a district wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as they are a local service.

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No, I do not agree. Public toilets should remain funded through a district-wide rate.

Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Please tell us why

Many visitors to our communities benefit the entire community, so should be paid for on a district-wide basis.

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Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? Please tell us why

These services are provided mainly to tourists, who benefit the entire district, so should be shared on a district basis.

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Absentee owners pay the same amount for services as those who live in the community permanently, but only utilise those services for a small part of the year. When properties like these are rented to tourists, the entire community benefits, and there is no additional pressure on local services compared to if someone moved into the area on a permanent basis. This rate, added on top of all the recent tax changes, means the benefits of renting out a holiday home are getting smaller and smaller, and will stop people renting their houses. This will mean lost trade to the area if people cannot get the type of accommodation that suits them.

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These are small businesses - increasing compliance cost and rating overheads could mean they close down their business and there are less places for visitors to stay.

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Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking? Please tell us why.

User pays seems fair for these services.

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Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads?

No, I do not agree. The Whangamata Community Board should maintain their long term gradual footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads.

Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads? Please tell us why.

No reason for the acceleration is given, but as it's not in my area, I really don't care one way or the other.

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Information relating to this question can be found on page 27 of the Consultation Document .

Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel?

No, I do not support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Please tell us why.

I think this is a silly waste of money - stick to core services!

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I own a property in the Thames-Coromandel District but I live elsewhere in New Zealand

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Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

Many owners of holiday homes use their places for a short periods of time during the year but pay full rates and do not use council facilities for a good proportion of the year. These short term holiday makers support local business while renting in Whangamata. How would you identify the properties being rented as not all are advertised through agencies such as Bookabach, Bachcare etc, and how often would a place need to be rented before incurring the \$200 charge?

We would strongly disagree to the extra charge.

Hearing

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We are proposing to move the funding of \$46.6M of debt on the Eastern Seaboard plants to be paid by rates rather than development. This is because some areas are growing slowly which means this debt would not be repaid until after the plant has been retired and latest capacity information shows much of the capacity of the plants is being used today.

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Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? Yes, I agree

Stormwater is currently an activity which is paid for by ratepayers within each community board area. We are proposing that this should be funded at a district level as one of our essential services.

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Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? Yes, I agree that stormwater should be funded district-wide.

Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? Please tell us why

It is much the fairest to charge a district wide rate for all of these services. This is because they all have a substantial district wide service component; rating district wide evens out capital and operational expenditure peaks when every board area will require additional expenditure at some stage; and it

evens out the additional rate when additional costs are required to achieve the same level of service provision in different board areas.

For stormwater board areas should not be charged more if they are susceptible to or sustain more major flooding and storm damage.

Public toilets are currently paid for by a district wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as they are a local service.

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Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? No, I do not agree. Public toilets should remain funded through a district-wide rate.

Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Please tell us why

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Do you agree with our proposal that we move cemeteries from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Please tell us why

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For cemeteries Coromandel should not be charged more because in the gold mining past it had more residents and therefore more buried bodies than the east.

All information centres are currently funded through a district-wide rate. We are proposing over the next three years that the funding for the Tairua, Pauanui, Whangamata and Coromandel information centres be funded locally by ratepayers in those community board areas and that the Thames and Whitianga information centers remain funded at a district-wide level as they are key visitor information locations for the whole of the Coromandel Peninsula.

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Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? No, I do not agree. Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres should remain district funded.

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The information centres are all well used and needed by New Zealand and overseas tourists.

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Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

I am strongly opposed to the proposed new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers as a contribution towards economic development expenditure.

I am opposed to this because: it will discourage tourism and economic development and thus be counter-productive; because it is set at an arbitrary level; because it charges extra rather than provides a reduction for those who are absent most of the year and therefore make much less use of the District Council's assets and services; because it unfairly charges people like me who receive very little from this income source; and because it is double taxation as I am already paying Inland Revenue for the income accrued.

I decided to make my bach available to rent for this financial year through book a bach because it is less used by friends and family now our grandchildren have reached teenage years and prefer the Mount and even Auckland for their holiday excitement. We were keen for others to be able to come and enjoy Wyuna Bay and Coromandel Town using a bach that would otherwise be unused and to contribute to Coromandel Town and the district's economy.

Our income from rental only partially meets our costs for the bach. This financial year I earned \$1776.10 from rentals and in terms of offsetting costs paid \$2180.46 in district and regional rates; \$967.12 in insurance for bach and contents; \$678.10 for power; \$284.42 for bach maintenance and \$660.00 for lawn mowing. Only a small percentage (18%) of this, covering the period when rented as against family use, can be used to offset my rental income. This is typical of many bach owners.

Having just starting making the place available for rent, with its risks of damage and theft, I would have to seriously consider ceasing this practice if this arbitrary impost was imposed.

We are proposing that Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire be reclassified as commercial properties.

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We are proposing a rates remission (refund) for residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes.

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Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes?

No, I do not agree with giving a rates remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes.

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes? Please tell us why.

Rates remission for retirement village residents. I don't agree that they should be distinguished from elderly tenants and lessees who can't qualify for rebates although the landlord takes rates into account in setting the level of rent charged.

We are proposing that all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less (i.e. "Granny Flats") will receive a rates remission (refund) of 50% of their fixed rates charges (e.g. UAGC, water charges).

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Yes, I agree with giving a rates remission to second dwellings of 50 square metres or less.

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Yes, I agree with the fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking.

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- . A new position to promote Thames at a cost of \$90,000 a year
- . An additional \$50,000 per year to facilitate economic development in the area.

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Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area?

Yes, I agree with both of the additional measures taken to support economic development in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000 per year.

We are proposing that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads so that the programme is completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

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We are proposing a series of memorial native forests around the Coromandel Peninsula in order to commemorate the NZ soldiers who died in World War 1.

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Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Yes, I support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

. Roads and Footpaths

Further comments on the Roads and Footpaths activity.

Cliff Track to Back Beach at Wyuna Bay from junction of Wyuna Bay and Manning Roads. This needs to be constructed and restored. The track is so slippery and degraded that my wife and other frail residents can no longer use it and are thereby denied access to the back beach and to the northern side of the Wyuna Peninsula.

. Stormwater

Further comments on the Stormwater activity.

Stormwater management at 2550 - 2600 Wyuna Bay Road needs improving.

Improve stormwater management on the road above my property at 2600 Wyuna Bay Road. The stormwater holding tank immediately above our driveway, which currently takes stormwater from both sides of Wyuna Bay Road, clearly lacks capacity for quite frequent major storms which fill it, bursting

its lid and washing away our gravel driveway across our property on seven occasions in the last twelve years. The stormwater holding tank either needs to be replicated on the other side of the road or replaced by one with at least three times its current capacity.

Hearing

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Hearing requirements:

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I do not agree with this levy as most of the properties in this area do not have people living in them 80% of the time and don't use most of your services. It seems that the less a property is used the more it has to pay. Your rates in Pauanui are far more expensive than the ones I pay in Auckland and I am only in Pauanui for a very small time. The infrastructure in this area is hardly used by the holiday home owner and his so called tenants yet you are hammering him for trying to recover a little revenue. This is unfair as the people who use all of your services (the permanent residents) tend to get off scott free. Sounds very much like a revenue collection scheme probably put forward by someone who has a motel or other accommodation that is too expensive for the laymen.

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Hearing

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Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I own a property in the Thames-Coromandel District but I live elsewhere in New Zealand

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Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? No, I do not agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

- 1) Properties providing short term let are usually not business orientated but operate as a way of contributing towards the ever increasing costs of rates and services.
- 2) In general the opportunity to let out the beach houses is once or twice a year and so the income generated is quite small particularly once the rates, electricity, management fees, GST and other running costs including wear and tear are deducted.
- 3) The beach house client is quite different from that seeking motel accomodation and so does not impeach on motel customers.
- 4) Motels are business and generate enough income to make a profit, not so the case of the average batch.
- 5) The long term plan proposes to encourage the growth of tourism, of which the letting out of beach houses is an essential part. Were it not for these short term lets, the numbers visiting the tourist hot spots would decline to such an extent that local businesses would be unable to operate profitably and

close. Motels themselves would face difficulties because of lack of facilities for tourists. this would of course lead to a decline in rates income.

6) According to the long term plan the monies gained from this short sighted scheme would fund local projects including information sites, and yet on the other hand the plan proposes that the local community support these sites, that is all except the Thames office. Funny that !!!!! So where will this extra income really go?

In summary, this scheme is aimed at a group of people who do not make any real profit, and could in the long term devastate the very medium that brings so many tourists to the area particularly in high summer and local events such as the beach hop, when motels would be unable to provide the extra accomodation required. I am sure that another tax would make many owners think that maybe it is no longer a viable option to rent their properties out.

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Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties?

No, I do not agree. Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire should not be reclassified as commercial properties.

Hearing

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Please select the option that best describes you. I own a property in the Thames-Coromandel District but I live internationally

Make Submission

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. Strategic Planning

Further comments on the Strategic Planning activity.

I would urge the Council to adopt an Arts Strategy so that the various arts groups who are so dedicated and active on the Coromandel Peninsula can work together to promote the Peninsula as the premier arts area of New Zealand.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? Yes

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Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

Make Submission

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We are on tank water.

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We do not have these facilities.

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Does not apply to us.

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These are not commercial.

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Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes?

Yes, I agree that residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes should be given a rates remission.

We are proposing that all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less (i.e. "Granny Flats") will receive a rates remission (refund) of 50% of their fixed rates charges (e.g. UAGC, water charges).

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Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking?

No, I do not agree with either of the fees.

Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking? Please tell us why.

The two are not related.

We are proposing that the Thames Community Board make additional investment in economic development to be funded from the targeted local rate in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000. The proposal, which is for the first 3 years of the Long Term Plan includes:

- . A new position to promote Thames at a cost of \$90,000 a year
- . An additional \$50,000 per year to facilitate economic development in the area.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 26 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area?

No, I do not agree with either of the additional measures taken to support economic development in the Thames Community Board Area.

We are proposing that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads so that the programme is completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 26 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads?

No, I do not agree. The Whangamata Community Board should maintain their long term gradual footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads.

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Do you agree with the proposed consutruction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers?

No, I do not support the construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway.

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Information relating to this question can be found on page 27 of the Consultation Document .

Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel?

Yes, I support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

. Strategic Planning

Further comments on the Strategic Planning activity.

Support the development of a district wide arts strategy with funding being allocated to consultation and development of the strategy.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? Yes

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. Strategic Planning

Further comments on the Strategic Planning activity.

I fully support the development of a district-wide arts strategy with funding being allocated to consultation and development of strategy.

Hearing

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Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

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Strategic Planning

Further comments on the Strategic Planning activity.

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Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

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Information relating to this question can be found on page 15 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? No, I do not agree.

Stormwater is currently an activity which is paid for by ratepayers within each community board area. We are proposing that this should be funded at a district level as one of our essential services.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 19 of the Consultation Document .

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Do you agree with our proposal that we move cemeteries from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Yes, I agree that cemeteries should be funded locally.

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We are proposing a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers (e.g. Bed and Breakfast operators, Book a Bach owners) as a contribution towards economic development expenditure.

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Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area? I only agree with the additional \$50,000 per year, not the new role at a cost of \$90,000 a year.

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Strategic Planning

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Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

I strongly disagree with this proposal. We own a bach in Pauanui. We already contribute significantly to the funding of the council by paying very high rates and we use the facilities in the area only occasionally. The people who rent our bach from us, on average 3 days a month, replace us as service users. We cannot use it at the same time as them. There is no double up of usage. Bach owners rent to people when they cannot be there. You do not charge permanent residents of Pauanui more than you charge us for rates given they are using the council services permanently and we are not. In effect, we are subsidising the permanent residents as they benefit from, and use, the services provided by the Council significantly more than we or our renters ever will. Given the lower usage of Council services by bach owners, the council already benefits from holiday property owners in the area significantly by charging us the same rates as permanent residents. I strongly object that we would be asked to contribute even more for services we barely use.

We also contribute to the income of the area and its economic success by ensuring that while we are not there, some people do use the house and spend money in the area. Without people like us, the business owners in Pauanui, which includes the permanent residents we are subsidising, would have a very difficult time making money.

Most of the people who rent our property from us do so to access the beach and estuary. Therefore any expenditure on walks in the area is very unlikely to benefit us as property owners.

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Hearing

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Please select the option that best describes you. I own a property in the Thames-Coromandel District but I live elsewhere in New Zealand

Make Submission

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Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? No, I do not agree.

Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? Please tell us why

The initial funding proposal was to include intergeneration responsibility as well as development funding. To make a full change as proposed now changes that decision to a present day responsibility. I would also question your statement that plants have now reached full capacity because again if your statement is correct growth must be more than you indicate. The plants were designed with a large portion of capacity for future growth.

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Information relating to this question can be found on page 19 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding?

No, I do not agree. Stormwater should remain a locally funded activity.

Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? Please tell us why

Stormwater is a local responsibility.

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No, I do not agree. Public toilets should remain funded through a district-wide rate.

Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Please tell us why

Council promotes itself as a tourist destination and has responsibility for tourist comfort.

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Yes, I agree that cemeteries should be funded locally.

Do you agree with our proposal that we move cemeteries from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Please tell us why

Because many choose to be buried in locations closer to family.

All information centres are currently funded through a district-wide rate. We are proposing over the next three years that the funding for the Tairua, Pauanui, Whangamata and Coromandel information centres be funded locally by ratepayers in those community board areas and that the Thames and Whitianga information centers remain funded at a district-wide level as they are key visitor information locations for the whole of the Coromandel Peninsula.

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Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years?

No, I do not agree. Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres should remain district funded.

Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? Please tell us why

These information centres provide a wonderful service to visitors. To even think that Thames or Whitianga can provide the same is a nonsense as many of the visitors to the Coromandel don't even visit Thames as their first port of call. The three centers you wish to penalise are the first port of call for any visitor entering the Coromandel from the South.

We are proposing a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers (e.g. Bed and Breakfast operators, Book a Bach owners) as a contribution towards economic development expenditure.

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Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? No, I do not agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

This again is a beat up on those private property owners who choose to have a paying tenant for a short term instead of using their own property at certain times. To suggest that they impose on services to a greater extent than normal is doubtful. I suggest you just take a look around at peak times and see how many properties have a more than full house at holiday times. To me this another of the Mayor's support for a special group at the expense the average ratepayer.

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Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? Please tell us why

Again the plan attacks the small man. B&Bs provide an important service to the tourist that Councils porport to encourage. Many tourist dont want motel accommodation but enjoy a more personal service provided by this group.

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Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes? Please tell us why.

The service use of this type of residence is likely to be well below the norm.

We are proposing that all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less (i.e. "Granny Flats") will receive a rates remission (refund) of 50% of their fixed rates charges (e.g. UAGC, water charges).

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Do you agree with our proposal to give a rates remission to all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less? Yes, I agree with giving a rates remission to second dwellings of 50 square metres or less.

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These units are likely to be for family dependents, do not have a great impact on services and can be seen as a social responsibility.

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Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking? Yes, I agree with the fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking.

Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking? Please tell us why.

These both are user based and as such should be funded by recovery of costs.

We are proposing that the Thames Community Board make additional investment in economic development to be funded from the targeted local rate in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000. The proposal, which is for the first 3 years of the Long Term Plan includes:

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- . An additional \$50,000 per year to facilitate economic development in the area.

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Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area? Yes, I agree with both of the additional measures taken to support economic development in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000 per year.

Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area? Please tell us why.

If Thames wishes to grow and the community of Thames support this then go ahead.

We are proposing that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads so that the programme is completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

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Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads? No, I do not agree. The Whangamata Community Board should maintain their long term gradual footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads.

Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads? Please tell us why.

Whangamata rates are high now but if the community wish to proceed then do so.

We are proposing a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway. This would be a project funded by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers and would support economic development.

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Do you agree with the proposed construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers? No, I do not support the construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway.

Do you agree with the proposed construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers? Please tell us why.

Again a tourist promotion, should be at least partly funded by some form of recovery if it was to proceed.

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Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Yes, I support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Please tell us why.

A wonderful long term memorial.

Hearing

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Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

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Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? Yes, I agree

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Agree with statement above re slow growth of some areas.

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Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? Yes, I agree that stormwater should be funded district-wide.

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One activity of what I consider to be a basic council service.

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Majority use of these facilities is by visitors to area. Their spending may be in other parts of the peninsula.

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Another basic service to ratepayers.

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I would still like to see a component of this funding at district level. These "local" information centres promote parts of the Coromandel outside of their immediate surrounds and deserve recognition of this.

I support the funding of the Tairua and Pauanui Information centres by the Tairua/Pauanui Community Board via a local rate. These centres are vital community hubs, but also provide a valuable service to visitors to the peninsula.

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Yes, I agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

Additional extra loading on local facilities.

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Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? Please tell us why

it would seem obvious that someone operating this level of accommodation is in it as a business for profit.

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Yes, I agree that residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes should be given a rates remission.

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes? Please tell us why.

We need to provide relief for our older citizens in this quandary, although council should be lobbying government to revise the rules.

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Yes, I agree with giving a rates remission to second dwellings of 50 square metres or less.

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rates remission to all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less? Please tell us why.

Again, part of looking after our elder citizens.

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Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking? Please tell us why.

These facilities used by residents and visitors alike. Should be "user pays".

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Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area? Please tell us why.

Why Thames only? Tairua is as much a "gateway" to the Peninsula.

Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads? Please tell us why.

No comment. Up to Whangamata Community Board to make this decision.

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Do you agree with the proposed construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers? Please tell us why.

Yes, but district funded as part of the walkway/ cycleway on the rest of the peninsula

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Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Please tell us why.

Already commemorated at various war memorials around the peninsula

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

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Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? Please tell us why

Tairua Information Centre is a vital community resource as a general visitor information service for the whole Coromandel Peninsula and as a TCDC information agency. Tairua is strategically placed as the gateway to the eastern seaboard and as such, should be recognised by Council funding.

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. Water Supply

Further comments on the Water Supply activity.

The mains water supply in Tairua in summer is abysmal. There is an urgent need to address this situation with additional reservoir/s.

Hearing

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Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

Make Submission

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Make Submission

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We already pay outrageous rates to Council and Waikato Regional Council. Letting our Bach helps offset our already expensive rates. Most Bach owners like us end little time at Pauanui and therefore do not use services very much as permanents do. Your proposal helps motel owners at the expense of Bach owners. Effectively this proposal is nakedly a tax. We have to travel from Auckland to check, clean and prepare for new renters. There is considerable cost in terms of opportunity costs as well as financial considerations. Motel owners live on site and do not face these extra considerations/problems.

We would be very unhappy should this proposal be adopted!

Diana and Mike Walford

10 Ajax Head Rd

Pauanui

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Please select the option that best describes you. I own a property in the Thames-Coromandel District but I live elsewhere in New Zealand

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People who rent out their holiday houses are providing a service to the Coromandel. Events such as Beach Hop, Scallop Festival, Britz at the beach, Surf living saving and fishing competitions, Beach weddings and many others could not happen if accommodation was not provided by holiday house owners renting out their homes. There is insufficient accommodation available through motels, B&Bs and Camping grounds to enable these events to be held in the Coromandel without the holiday houses. Beach Hop alone brings in about 100,000 visitors, many of whom stay at least a week. As well as providing accommodation at peak holiday times to enable more visitors to enjoy the Coromandel, holiday houses are essential to the viability of tourism on the Coromandel. If holiday house accommodation was not available these events would not happen and visitor numbers at peak holiday times would be restricted. Holiday House owners actually provide a service to the Economic Development of the

Coromandel and therefore should not be expected to contribute any more than they already do through rates. There are a large number of holiday houses in the Coromandel, \$200 each per year would bring in a huge amount of money which is not necessary. The Coromandel and its events sells itself, no need to spend lots on promotion

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This seems to be contradicting the plan to ask holiday house owners to contribute more. An extra dwelling can be used for extra income as a holiday rental. I dont believe granny flats are just used for grannys, more likely teenage sons.

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Whangamata footpaths are not too bad, you should see the shocking state of our footpath outside our home in Hamilton and the HCC are not planning on repairing it for several years.

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I am happy to support walkway and cycleways, they are great way for the residents and tourists to enjoy the environment.

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There is no choice to agree or disagree.

A debt for something purchased has to be repaid - just as in any business run properly.

It was agreed by council in 2006 on the construction of the plants at Whitianga, Whangamata and Pauanui. The decision was amid much debate and discussion appearing in media including the odour problems. (There are still odour problems at Whangamata and Pauanui at times of increased population levels. Eg holidays which would suggest that these two plants may not be working to what was originally intended)

Based on the information TCDC has given in this proposed plan it would appear there is budget and capital overrun for these plants and very unfortunately ratepayers will have to pick up the debt. There appears to be a movement of what is called "taking from Peter to give to Paul "(ie from developers to ratepayers). This decision has an impact on ratepayers.

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We do not believe that debt should be borrowed on or funded by further debt. It is not good practice and history including that of Councils, record major problems.

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However we believe the proposed District rate of \$88.01 needs looking at before applying. Also if it is to be a District Rate each community should still have an ability to peer review the decisions for cost, rate and any new or replaced structure.

Funding does need to be put aside to be able to meet the needs of maintenance and replacement.

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They are not a local service. There is increasing overseas and domestic tourism which means that these are not just a local service.

Even though Council has freedom camping areas and requirements for Motor Homes to be self-contained these still travel on tour and use the Public Conveniences.

Council and Destination Coromandel promotion of events eg Scallop Festival, Heritage Festival, Car Rally, Beach Hop, Light Festival, Celtic Festival see the Public Conveniences in these towns being used to capacity during these events.

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We believe that they are not just purely a local service.

There are both burials and increasingly cremations with ashes. The two crematoriums used are Hamilton and Cambridge. (I would in the long term think that if a crematorium was built at Thames then it would be used by those on the Eastern Seaboard side of the Peninsula just as current funeral directors are also used on this side.

On the Eastern Seaboard absentee owners (holiday property owners) are also utilising the facilities. Also new residents (ie Retirees who may have not lived long in the local area.)

The Waikato Area Health Board also administers Burial, cremation and disinterment - Population Health - carries out responsibilities under burial and cremation legislation and contractual functions in the Waikato district, including reporting on a range of burial, cremation and disinterment situations. Their requirements should be heeded.

Increasing Ancestry Tourism to Coromandel Peninsula where people doing family history are looking for the grave of their forebears who may have come to the area in gum, goldmining and timber felling days. Easier to look up a TCDC wide cemetery list and easier to coordinate the records of the old cemeteries at Whangamata, Tairua, Mercury Bay, Coromandel, Tararu, etc. This is confirmed in our own search for forebears.

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. Representation

Further comments on the Representation activity.

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Economic Development

Further comments on the Economic Development activity.

Initiative being pursued as part of Economic Development Strategy for Coromandel to become a Heritage Region

We believe that this needs a lot more than just this vague statement. Firstly it needs to be defined exactly what is meant by the term Coromandel Heritage. Does it just mean buildings or does it also mean surfing heritage, maritime heritage. If it is to be the whole of the Peninsula - which it should be - will the timber logging heritage, environmental heritage (dune planting and flora and fauna be included). Will the writing heritage be included eg On the Eastern Seaboard Side of the Peninsula is the home of historian writer (Michael King) - now a writers in residence owned by University of Waikato next to the Michael King Reserve with its sculpture done by Barry Brickell. Michael is a significant National Historian and also author of the book "Coromandel."

Heritage should be treasured for its inherent values, cultural importance and sense of identity.

We believe there should be a TCDC staff member (paid position) facilitating Heritage and a Heritage Organisation such as the Hauraki Heritage Forum. It needs to be a person already experienced in Heritage and District planning as TCDC already has an extensive Register of Heritage Items.

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We believe that Coromandel Heritage should have more than just a token budget - it is not an add on but an integral part of past, present and future - why do we all live here?

. Whangamata Community Spaces

Further comments on the Whangamata Community Spaces activity.

Whangamata Williamson Park Reserve Redevelopment

This Reserve was gifted in perpetuity with a clear written document and terms. The document must be consulted with initially to ensure meeting requirements and terms.

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Whangamata - Pursue the sale of surplus assets in order to reinvest funds into key community projects - on Whangamata Community Board Survey

Which Reserves and who is making this decision?

. Rates/Debt

Further comments on Rates/Debt.

We would like to add that TCDC should follow its own policy and use depreciation to replace existing assets and not spend depreciation on new assets. Regardless of what may be the current thinking fashion for Councils it is not good business practice using depreciation towards new assets and runs the risk of more debt and even perhaps bankruptcy.

We do not believe that debt should be borrowed on or funded by further debt. It is not good practice and history including that of Councils, record major problems.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

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Submission from Chris Ball and Anne Stewart Ball Ratepayer / Residents on the Coromandel Peninsula to TCDC Draft Ten Year Plan (Long Term Plan) 2015 - 2025

Firstly thank you for giving us the democratic opportunity to make this submission.

Funding Debt Page 15

There is no choice to agree or disagree.

A debt for something purchased has to be repaid - just as in any business run properly.

- It was agreed by council in 2006 on the construction of the plants at Whitianga, Whangamata and Pauanui. The decision was amid much debate and discussion appearing in media including the odour problems. (There are still odour problems at Whangamata and Pauanui at times of increased population levels. Eg holidays which would suggest that these two plants may not be working to what was originally intended)
- Based on the information TCDC has given in this proposed plan it would appear there is budget and capital overrun for these plants and very unfortunately ratepayers will have to pick up the debt. There appears to be a movement of what is called "taking from Peter to give to Paul "(ie from developers to ratepayers) This decision has an impact on ratepayers.
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Stormwater Page 20

We agree that Stormwater should be funded at a district level

- However we believe the proposed District rate of \$88.01 needs looking at before applying. Also if it is to be a District Rate each community should still have an ability to peer review the decisions for cost, rate and any new or replaced structure.
- Funding does need to be put aside to be able to meet the needs of maintenance and replacement.
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Public Conveniences Page 20

We do not agree that these facilities should be paid by ratepayers within each of the local community board.

- They are not a local service. There is increasing overseas and domestic tourism which means that these are not just a local service.
- Even though Council has freedom camping areas and requirements for Motor Homes to be self-contained these still travel on tour and use the Public Conveniences.
- Council and Destination Coromandel promotion of events eg Scallop Festival, Heritage Festival, Car Rally, Beach Hop, Light Festival, Celtic Festival see the Public Conveniences in these towns being used to capacity during these events.

The costs for the extra (events etc) should be applied to the User and not be placed on the local ratepayer (a burden)

Cemeteries Page 20

We do not agree that cemeteries be paid for by ratepayers in each local community board areas as they are a local service.

We believe that they are not just purely a local service.

- There are both burials and increasingly cremations with ashes. The two crematoriums used are Hamilton and Cambridge. (I would in the long term think that if a crematorium was built at Thames then it would be used by those on the Eastern Seaboard side of the Peninsula just as current funeral directors are also used on this side.
- On the Eastern Seaboard absentee owners (holiday property owners) are also utilising the facilities. Also new residents (ie Retirees who may have not lived long in the local area.)
- The Waikato Area Health Board also administers Burial, cremation and disinterment - Population Health - carries out responsibilities under burial and cremation legislation and contractual functions in the Waikato district, including reporting on a range of burial, cremation and disinterment situations. Their requirements should be heeded.
- Increasing Ancestry Tourism to Coromandel Peninsula where people doing family history are looking for the grave of their forebears who may have come to the area in gum, goldmining and timber felling days. Easier to look up a TCDC wide cemetery list and easier to coordinate the records of the old cemeteries at Whangamata, Tairua, Mercury Bay, Coromandel, Tararu, etc. This is confirmed in our own search for forebears.
- Treasury (the Coromandel heritage Archives) also provides an important Regional Archive for those doing Family History Research including cemeteries.
- Also from own experience thought cemetery plots User pays which contribute to future maintenance.
- Also note That Whangamata cemetery did receive a bequest a number of years ago towards the construction of the wall and sit area in the corner. We also note that RSA and Council staff do a wonderful job of maintenance and upkeep of the Whangamata Cemetery.
- We like a number of generational Coromandel Peninsula residents have extended family members in a number of different cemeteries on the Coromandel Peninsula and therefore regard it as a District wide rather than local service.

Economic Development - Initiative being pursued as part of Economic Development Strategy for Coromandel to become a Heritage Region Page 22

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Information Centres Page 23

- **We believe that the funding regime should be reworked for all the information centres.** From what we were told at the meetings and what we read it would appear that ratepayers at Tairua, Pauanui, Whangamata and Coromandel will have two payments towards Information Centres - one a local charge and two a District Wide Charge. It is not clear and what exactly are the figures for Thames and Whitianga.
 - We believe that more concrete planning and ideas need to be worked thorough before being fixed in what is local and what is district and what money and where is it to come from to pay for this new I' Site (not from Depreciation we hope)
 - As raised at meeting - some overseas visitors may in fact arrive at Tairua or Whangamata I-Sites first without having gone to Thames I- Site because plane has arrived outside opening hours of Thames I-Site. Some overseas visitors may make their way to Tairua, then Hot Water Beach before even having reached Whitianga. An answer that was given at the meeting was that a District I-Site will be built at Kopu. Has any thought been given to what if Hauraki District Council also decide to build an I- Site at Kopu? Will the Thames I- Site at Kopu be open after hours to catch the airport traffic travelling to Eastern Seaboard eg about 6.30 pm?

Annual Fixed Rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation Page 23

- **We do not agree that there be an Annual Fixed Rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation.**
- First - it is not \$200 - it is \$200 plus GST - some short term accommodation premises may not be GST - registered because some choose not to because they do not have a turnover more than \$60000. Therefore they cannot claim the GST that Council would be charging.
- It appears to be a compulsory local body tax. There is no real detail on how or why this figure was arrived at. Nor does there appear to be any detail on what impacts such a charge could have on any increases for tourists staying in such accommodation and will there in the future less accommodation available. As two who travel in New Zealand and overseas staying in accommodation rather than campervan (and pay for ourselves not have it paid for by some organisation) - we expect value for stay per night, the more we pay the better the accommodation we expect. Nor is it quite clear what the Economic Development Group are going to spend the collected amount on.

Footpath construction Whangamata Community Board Page 26

- **We agree that construction of footpaths, kerbing and channel programme be completed in years 1 and 2.**

Wentworth Valley Walkway and Cycleway Page 27

- **We agree Wentworth Valley Walkway, Cycleway and Seal**
- We also believe that sealing of Wentworth Valley Road should be progressed and completed - it was promised to be done a number of years ago - still waiting. Will be even more important if proposal of cycleway/ walkway proceeds.
- Wentworth Valley walks to the waterfall and on to the Maratoto Track across to Hikuia have been major tourist and tramping walks for decades

World War 1 Memorial Forests Page 27

- **We agree**

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- **Duck Creek Bridge Upgrade** - review the time span before it is completed. By then hopefully cycleway is completed, new Motor Camp is completed, more housing in the waterway - all contributing to probable higher traffic levels.

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Lastly thankyou once more for the opportunity to do submissions to the 10 year plan.

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We are proposing to move the funding of \$46.6M of debt on the Eastern Seaboard plants to be paid by rates rather than development. This is because some areas are growing slowly which means this debt would not be repaid until after the plant has been retired and latest capacity information shows much of the capacity of the plants is being used today.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 15 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? No, I do not agree.

Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? Please tell us why

Bad financial planning should be borne where original approval was provided.

Stormwater is currently an activity which is paid for by ratepayers within each community board area. We are proposing that this should be funded at a district level as one of our essential services.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 19 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? No, I do not agree. Stormwater should remain a locally funded activity.

Public toilets are currently paid for by a district wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as they are a local service.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 20 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? No, I do not agree. Public toilets should remain funded through a district-wide rate.

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Public toilets are seldom used by residents. They are for visitors' use mainly.

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Do you agree with our proposal that we move cemeteries from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Yes, I agree that cemeteries should be funded locally.

All information centres are currently funded through a district-wide rate. We are proposing over the next three years that the funding for the Tairua, Pauanui, Whangamata and Coromandel information centres be funded locally by ratepayers in those community board areas and that the Thames and Whitianga information centers remain funded at a district-wide level as they are key visitor information locations for the whole of the Coromandel Peninsula.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 21 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? No, I do not agree. Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres should remain district funded.

Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? Please tell us why

These information centres are for the benefit of the whole region and the cost should be borne in the same way. They are for tourists' use, not locals.'

We are proposing a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers (e.g. Bed and Breakfast operators, Book a Bach owners) as a contribution towards economic development expenditure.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 23 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? No, I do not agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

I believe many people owning holiday homes in the Coromandel do not get full value for the rates that are paid. These holiday properties are never occupied 100% of the year and yet there is no rate relief for the unoccupied periods. This reads like a wealth tax for those who can afford holiday homes and yet it is these owners who help to subsidise the permanent residents rates. The cost should be borne by all rate payers.

We are proposing that Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire be reclassified as commercial properties.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 23 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? No, I do not agree. Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire should not be reclassified as commercial properties.

We are proposing a rates remission (refund) for residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 24 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes? No, I do not agree with giving a rates remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes.

We are proposing that all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less (i.e. "Granny Flats") will receive a rates remission (refund) of 50% of their fixed rates charges (e.g. UAGC, water charges).

Information relating to this question can be found on page 24 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rates remission to all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less? Yes, I agree with giving a rates remission to second dwellings of 50 square metres or less.

We are proposing a new fee for the Hahei Park and Ride, and to extend fees for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking areas to all upgraded boat ramp areas.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 25 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking? Yes, I agree with the fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking.

We are proposing that the Thames Community Board make additional investment in economic development to be funded from the targeted local rate in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000. The proposal, which is for the first 3 years of the Long Term Plan includes:

- . A new position to promote Thames at a cost of \$90,000 a year
- . An additional \$50,000 per year to facilitate economic development in the area.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 26 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area? No, I do not agree with either of the additional measures taken to support economic development in the Thames Community Board Area.

We are proposing that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads so that the programme is completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

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Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads? Yes, I agree that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads to be completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads? Please tell us why.

Safeguard roads etc from flooding and protection for pedestrians.

We are proposing a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway. This would be a project funded by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers and would support economic development.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 27 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers? Yes, I support the construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway.

We are proposing a series of memorial native forests around the Coromandel Peninsula in order to commemorate the NZ soldiers who died in World War 1.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 27 of the Consultation Document .

Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? No, I do not support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I own a property in the Thames-Coromandel District but I live internationally

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We are proposing a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers (e.g. Bed and Breakfast operators, Book a Bach owners) as a contribution towards economic development expenditure.

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I think this is a level of control that is outside the core concern of the council. Revenue can be collected off visitors who use such accommodation providers by way of boat ramp fees, Hahei park and ride and other such targeted initiatives. This proposal targets residents who by and large are not commercial operators and are simply trying to make ends meet. Given that the mean income in the Thames Coromandel District catchment is \$40,310 compared to a National mean of \$53,120, this seems to be an additional burden on residents that could viably be collected from other sources. Furthermore most of these short term providers can realistically only expect to rent their accommodation for a few weeks a year over summer and this fee will likely act as a disincentive- thus potentially restricting the number of tourists who visit the district at peak times.

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Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? Please tell us why

A bed and breakfast operator with four or more rooms fits more comfortably within the accepted paradigm of a commercial enterprise than someone who offers their home for holiday rental for a week or so over christmas and therefore a commercial rating is appropriate and will be built into their accommodation rates.

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Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes?

Yes, I agree that residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes should be given a rates remission.

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes? Please tell us why.

I think this policy is fair and equitable.

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No, I do not agree with either of the additional measures taken to support economic development in the Thames Community Board Area.

Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area? Please tell us why.

This should be an initiative driven by the Thames Business association, not a council funded initiative.

We are proposing a series of memorial native forests around the Coromandel Peninsula in order to commemorate the NZ soldiers who died in World War 1.

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Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel?

No, I do not support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Please tell us why.

I note the wording in the LTP that indicates that the project is already underway - is consultation therefore a smokescreen for this project?

Further comments on the Strategic Planning activity.

Re: The potential development of a district wide arts strategy, with funding being allocated to consultation and development of the strategy.

I am currently conducting research into engagement with volunteer organisations within the Mercury Bay area as partial fulfillment of a Master of Arts degree at Massey University. This research has involved interviewing volunteers engaged with a range of volunteer organizations including Arts organizations;(those from Arts groups were most frequently volunteers associated with Creative Mercury Bay).

Whilst this research won't be completed until the end of the year, preliminary indications suggest that these Arts organizations are stretched to breaking point in terms of their ability to provide quality arts and performances within the district, due to the large volume of volunteer hours worked by committee members in order to sustain their current level of service. Their work and output is highly valued by residents and contributes to the overall sense of well being and community attachment that is evident in Mercury Bay.

Research literature suggests that areas with high levels of community attachment have been reliably linked to both well-being and positive health-related outcomes and to increased levels of civic engagement, civic welfare and networking. Plainly put, these outcomes clearly contribute to the sense of community experienced by residents and result in communities that are better able to work together for successful community initiatives, have higher levels of trust and lower levels of crime.

Given the above, in my view the TCDC should adopt a comprehensive Arts strategy to support and facilitate the Arts within the district. This strategy should acknowledge and include all art forms, be transparent and involve consultation with arts groups, residents and ratepayers, and should acknowledge economic significance and contribution of the arts to the region. Further, this Arts strategy should at minimum include provision for the establishment of a remunerated position of Arts coordinator to create, initiate and support the development of art and creativity initiatives throughout the region.

Hearing

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Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? Yes

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. Strategic Planning

Further comments on the Strategic Planning activity.

Creative Mercury Bay

Trustees and members of Creative Mercury Bay were part of an enthusiastic arts community which attended the TCDC Arts in the Coromandel workshop in Thames on March 17. We wholeheartedly support the development and adoption of a TCDC Arts Strategy to acknowledge, develop and sustain the creative potential and talent on the Peninsula.

We are encouraged by the initiative taken by Council so far in running the workshop and recognising both the value of the voluntary work we do in the community and the potential benefits to the district of developing and supporting the arts infrastructure.

These benefits include enhanced community identity and wellbeing, accessibility and social inclusion as well as the economic potential of a creative and innovative community, entrepreneurial small businesses, increased tourism and resulting employment opportunities.

The Creative Mercury Bay Trust requests that council develops and adopts an arts strategy which -

- 1 Is inclusive of all forms of art and creativity
- 2 Is developed in consultation with the arts communities throughout the district

- 3 Is relevant to all residents of and visitors to the district
- 4 Supports all people in the district whether they are makers, consumers or potential consumers of the arts
- 5 Acknowledges and supports the economic significance of the arts in the region
- 6 Is a stand-alone strategy but is integrated into council's activities

To achieve a useful and meaningful strategy we ask that Council -

- 1 Funds a process of consultation with the arts community throughout the district to establish areas of need, existing resources and specific requirements of our different communities
- 2 Ensures the strategy includes relevant and community based action plans to support and sustain the development of art and creativity in our district
- 3 Allocates funding to carry out these action plans in consultation and collaboration with the local arts communities
- 4 Establishes a system for ongoing monitoring of the strategy and projects which are developed from the action plans
- 5 Recognises the social and economic value that development of the arts can bring to the district by allocating staff resources to carry out the implementation and monitoring of the arts strategy.

Mercury Bay - Community Spaces

Further comments on the Mercury Bay - Community Spaces activity.

Creative Mercury Bay requests that consideration is given by TCDC for TCDC funds to be set aside to support the development of the Whitianga Town Hall, in its current building, into a flexible centre suited for the multiple community uses, but better enabling use of the space as a performance centre.

Such adaptations as: installation of retractable tired seating, retractable lighting bars and tracks for block out curtains would immediately create a much more usable space. The project could be a collaboration driven by the community, using funds raised by the community, and supported by public funders and TCDC funds and staff.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? Yes

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Public toilets are currently paid for by a district wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as they are a local service.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 20 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? No, I do not agree. Public toilets should remain funded through a district-wide rate.

Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Please tell us why

The network of toilets should be a Thames-Coromandel feature and all of uniform quality.

Cemeteries are currently paid for by a district-wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as these are a local service.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 20 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move cemeteries from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Yes, I agree that cemeteries should be funded locally.

All information centres are currently funded through a district-wide rate. We are proposing over the next three years that the funding for the Tairua, Pauanui, Whangamata and Coromandel information centres be funded locally by ratepayers in those community board areas and that the Thames and Whitianga information centers

remain funded at a district-wide level as they are key visitor information locations for the whole of the Coromandel Peninsula.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 21 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? Yes, I agree, but I think that the move should be done all at once, not over a three year period.

Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? Please tell us why

An amazing service can be provided by properly funded centres. Thames is the logical place for this investment to be made.

We are proposing a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers (e.g. Bed and Breakfast operators, Book a Bach owners) as a contribution towards economic development expenditure.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 23 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Yes, I agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

For the reasons outlined by the Council.

We are proposing that Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire be reclassified as commercial properties.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 23 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? Yes, I agree that Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire should be reclassified as commercial properties.

Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? Please tell us why

Four or more rooms is a LOT OF ROOMS. It is a business!

We are proposing a rates remission (refund) for residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 24 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes? No, I do not agree with giving a rates remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes.

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes? Please tell us why.

This is a national, not local issue.

We are proposing that all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less (i.e. "Granny Flats") will receive a rates remission (refund) of 50% of their fixed rates charges (e.g. UAGC, water charges).

Information relating to this question can be found on page 24 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rates remission to all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less?

Yes, I agree with giving a rates remission to second dwellings of 50 square metres or less.

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rates remission to all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less? Please tell us why.

Pragmatic.

We are proposing that the Thames Community Board make additional investment in economic development to be funded from the targeted local rate in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000. The proposal, which is for the first 3 years of the Long Term Plan includes:

- . A new position to promote Thames at a cost of \$90,000 a year
- . An additional \$50,000 per year to facilitate economic development in the area.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 26 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area?

Yes, I agree with both of the additional measures taken to support economic development in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000 per year.

Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area? Please tell us why.

Then better we can promote and co-ordinate the plethora of activities in the region the better. \$140k sound CHEAP.

We are proposing that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads so that the programme is completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 26 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads?

No, I do not agree. The Whangamata Community Board should maintain their long term gradual footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads.

We are proposing a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway. This would be a project funded by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers and would support economic development.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 27 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers?

Yes, I support the construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway.

We are proposing a series of memorial native forests around the Coromandel Peninsula in order to commemorate the NZ soldiers who died in World War 1.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 27 of the Consultation Document .

Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Yes, I support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Please tell us why.

Lest We Forget!

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

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We are proposing to move the funding of \$46.6M of debt on the Eastern Seaboard plants to be paid by rates rather than development. This is because some areas are growing slowly which means this debt would not be repaid until after the plant has been retired and latest capacity information shows much of the capacity of the plants is being used today.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 15 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? Yes, I agree

Stormwater is currently an activity which is paid for by ratepayers within each community board area. We are proposing that this should be funded at a district level as one of our essential services.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 19 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? Yes, I agree that stormwater should be funded district-wide.

Public toilets are currently paid for by a district wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as they are a local service.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 20 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Yes, I agree that public toilets should be funded locally.

Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Please tell us why

If this results in more appropriate placement or signage for toilets for confused and under served out of town visitors.

Toilets can be a magnet for business (e.g. Kawakawa). We should look at them as an opportunity, not a locked up, inadequately sign-posted "inconvenience".

Cemeteries are currently paid for by a district-wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as these are a local service.

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Information relating to this question can be found on page 21 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years?

Yes, I agree that Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres should move to be locally funded over the next three years.

Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? Please tell us why

There is no cost-benefit analysis available for these sites. This work should be done and a review then made of providing these sites. This might lead to improved siting or other services, or reveal better ways to use the funds to help with the district's economic development.

We are proposing a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers (e.g. Bed and Breakfast operators, Book a Bach owners) as a contribution towards economic development expenditure.

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Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers?

No, I do not agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

Perverse impacts and unfairness: While officials estimate it will cost \$6500 a year to advertisements and booking sites to find the properties being rented, an extra tax may result in owners advertising elsewhere. for example, moving to social media of various forms and relying more on friends and relatives or bookings by previous users which would not be detected in the current proposal.

There also appears to be no way to prove that a owner actually rented a property even if it were advertised. So this will become impossible to police and also unfair on those who do not mislead council. The council in this LTP is proposing to correct a similar perverse outcome relying on occupier honesty regarding 'granny flats'.

I submitter does not have an interest in rental property in the district

Better options to use unoccupied dwellings to boost economic activity: The council might consider finding better options to actually encourage the use of residential properties not usually occupied (holiday homes). Can some thought please be given to how this is flipped on its head to support greater use of mostly unused accommodation and significantly boost the number of holiday makers and economic activity?

What would the economic benefits be of boosting occupation of the 11,000+ "holiday homes" by 10, 20 or 30% per year? What incentives can be applied to help achieve this? Would an overall toilet tax on dwellings unoccupied for a specified period of the year (e.g. 150 days) be remitted if a dwelling were occupied? This provides an incentive to rent, lower local taxes and provide a more honest assessment of activity within each dwelling. proceeds could be targeted to programmes to promote greater renting of dwellings and also applied to other economic development initiatives. There may be an opportunity to waive taxes for those in support of major community and economic initiatives (e.g. the Beach Hop; special weekend to promote participation by non-residents in events (like promotions supporting the migration of various population target groups to Thames and other areas, e.g. the retirement, IT , educational or other 'industries'.

Let's think more about what's possible : I suggest the council postpone implementing the current rental tax idea and while it reviews alternatives which might deliver much greater benefits for home owners, businesses and the council and communities over the next 10 years.

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Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? Please tell us why

I think accommodation owners should be encouraged to increase patronage, not penalised for successful marketing. They do not and cannot compete on an even playing field with motels. The offering is different and motellers buy and operate their businesses on the known taxes and costs applying to them and individual businesses.

They are not aided by additional taxes on others: **there is no objective assessment of**

- 1 **how many stay in what number of B and Bs in the district each year**
- 2 **any benefit which commercial rates might deliver to B and Bs and their competitor motellers**
- 3 **the loss of customers for B and Bs because of higher tariffs**
- 4 **the potentially perverse impacts of the policy on decisions to reduce the number of beds offered (from 4 to 3) to avoid the tax,or**
- 5 **to stop operating.** This at a time when the number of beds and visitors should be encourage to grow.

The proposed policy confuses self interest while allegedly attempting to achieve equity while doing nothing to grow B and B and motel businesses in the district. There must be better ideas. The submitter has no interest in motels or B and Bs.

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This is more equitable. It also avoids the policing issue (which will arise if a new tax is placed on those who rent holiday homes (see above).

Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking? Please tell us why.

The council needs to focus attention on serving its Thames boat owners and visitors.

An all tide boat ramp is needed in or near Thames township. The spectacle of more than 200 boats trying to use Waikawua 20 minutes north of town and thousands of boat owners trekking north with nowhere handy to launch is an opportunity lost: not only for economic growth, but to better serve and support the lifestyles of residents in the district - and also attract greater visitor numbers to the Thames area from the Hauraki, Waikato and other districts.

We are proposing that the Thames Community Board make additional investment in economic development to be funded from the targeted local rate in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000. The proposal, which is for the first 3 years of the Long Term Plan includes:

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Yes, I agree with both of the additional measures taken to support economic development in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000 per year.

Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area? Please tell us why.

Even greater funding should be voted for economic development.

The "slow growth" scenario provided as the basis for the LTP provides for the Thames resident population growing by only about 38 per year.

The lifestyle, lower median house prices, shorter commuting times, health and educational services offered by Thames, combined with immense housing under supply and housing unaffordability and price inflation and increasing commuting times in Auckland Council area have the potential to make Thames and other areas within 1.5 hours to central Auckland (and 1 hour to Auckland airport) extremely attractive. The provision of incentives or collaborating with others to ensure there are jobs available will tip many into a decision to work and live in Thames. The area is likely to be particularly attractive to services and skilled workers and business investors and may not require significant new expenditure on industrial developments, like Kopu: These are potentially IT and other service and skilled workers who would move for half price equivalent-quality homes.

The main barrier for them is to find work. A co-ordinated approach to stimulate promotion of Thames as a place for working from home or telecommuting; IT, education and retirement sector developments (with all the attendant economic impact and residential growth potential) should be developed: the 10

year plan to grow Thames by 338 people is not acceptable under the "slow growth" scenario. Nor is its proposal for the long-term population decline of Thames.

The growth-scenarios have not taken into account the particular issues of housing affordability and immense lifestyle benefits and other attractions of living in Thames, in particular, and immense benefits are possible if the council revisits and researches potential demand to locate here for businesses which are not infrastructure intensive, pay well, attract families and higher income groups and strongly support current and new council work streams which proactively look for and launch initiatives based on current market opportunities and the desire for New Zealanders to move to Thames and other centres in the District.

We are proposing a series of memorial native forests around the Coromandel Peninsula in order to commemorate the NZ soldiers who died in World War 1.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 27 of the Consultation Document .

Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Yes, I support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Please tell us why.

Encourage the forests' "owners" to apply for carbon credits: these forests will not be harvested and will act as long term carbon sinks under the Emissions Trading Scheme. An agreement to underwrite should contain provisions relating to carbon credits, with a view to selling some to fund development, before calling on the TCDC's under writing guarantee. Emission unit values will only rise over the long term and if the council is to share in costs, if under writing is called upon, then it should also require the value of ETUs be applied to the development before under writing funds are spent. The council can then make provision to use the more than \$450,000 for under writing in promoting the forests and walks and destinations and for other economic development work.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

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Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Yes, I agree that public toilets should be funded locally.

Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Please tell us why

I believe that the construction/ upgrading of public toilet facilities is something in which local council and communities could be directly involved. I think it would make sense for those who live near these facilities or will be using these facilities to participate in how and what is built and how funding is raised and spent. A significant portion of Council money is currently used in dealing with waste water, and at least some of this responsibility and cost could be handed over to communities which could benefit, not just from the facility itself but from collective activities around its creation and upkeep. The possibility for composting toilets to start being used would also be improvement in terms of environmental impact and financial cost. if we look at the public toilets in kawakawa, for example, we can see that these facilities are so much more than "just" toilets- groundbreaking ecological technology and unusual artwork could make toilets an attractive feature of a town rather than an eyesore to be hidden from view

Cemeteries are currently paid for by a district-wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as these are a local service.

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Yes, I agree that cemeteries should be funded locally.

We are proposing a series of memorial native forests around the Coromandel Peninsula in order to commemorate the NZ soldiers who died in World War 1.

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Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel?

Yes, I support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

. Other

Further comments.

I believe that one of the most essential elements for long term development in thames is a food strategy, in order to make locally grown food easily available to all who live here, travel in and through thames. a just and sustainable food system will help to meet social, environmental, economic and health goals for the residents of this town.

i hope that the council will continue to support projects like thames be fruitful and the bright smile community gardens, and any and all other projects working towards growing fresh produce locally. it would be excellent to have a farmers market or other forum at which local growers can sell any surplus produce, and the councils endorsement of a "locally grown" label of some sort would be an excellent way to promote growing food in the district and keep money spent on food within the local economy.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

Make Submission

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We are proposing to move the funding of \$46.6M of debt on the Eastern Seaboard plants to be paid by rates rather than development. This is because some areas are growing slowly which means this debt would not be repaid until after the plant has been retired and latest capacity information shows much of the capacity of the plants is being used today.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 15 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? No, I do not agree.

Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? Please tell us why

We believe that the most equitable long term solution for the funding of the debt is through so called "inter-generational equity" which requires each generation that benefits from a capital work such as a sewerage scheme to contribute to it. This is the method mooted by Local Government NZ.

This point is further amplified in the LGNZ website under the heading "Why do councils use debt?" "Inter-generational equity occurs when the costs of an asset are spread over the life-time of an asset and paid for by the generations that benefit from, or consume, that asset. Not only would it be unfair if today's generation paid the full cost of building assets that last for 50 to 100 years, but such investments also tend to be well beyond the capacity of Councils to fund out of their operational income alone".

In our opinion, the Council's Annual Plan for year 2014/2015 ending June 2015 provided all that was necessary to correct any reasonable risks relating to the sustainability of the collection of Development Contributions for that period of time. That plan (ref pages 126-131) saw current ratepayers henceforth pay nearly all the interest costs (\$5.6m) that finance all future capacity debt including the wastewater debt (\$86.6m in total). Rates went up \$53 p.a, per property to finance this approach.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? Yes

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We are proposing to move the funding of \$46.6M of debt on the Eastern Seaboard plants to be paid by rates rather than development. This is because some areas are growing slowly which means this debt would not be repaid until after the plant has been retired and latest capacity information shows much of the capacity of the plants is being used today.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 15 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? No, I do not agree.

We are proposing a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers (e.g. Bed and Breakfast operators, Book a Bach owners) as a contribution towards economic development expenditure.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 23 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? No, I do not agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

We believe that this unfairly penalises Bach owners. We use the property on a very limited basis but pay rates at the full level. This is despite the fact that we clearly only use services provided for a small portion of the year.

Also, if baches become less accessible going forward, we do not believe that the business will simply transfer to motels/hotels. Baches fill a niche in the market and if not satisfied, these customers (and their money) will go to other destinations like Northland. This will therefore damage, not enhance the local economy due to reduced visitor numbers.

We are proposing that Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire be reclassified as commercial properties.

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Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? No, I do not agree. Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire should not be reclassified as commercial properties.

Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? Please tell us why

Again, having a variety of accommodation options enhances the Coromandel as a destination. There appears to be only economic downside in providing restrictions.

We are proposing that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads so that the programme is completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 26 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads? No, I do not agree. The Whangamata Community Board should maintain their long term gradual footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I own a property in the Thames-Coromandel District but I live elsewhere in New Zealand

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We are proposing to move the funding of \$46.6M of debt on the Eastern Seaboard plants to be paid by rates rather than development. This is because some areas are growing slowly which means this debt would not be repaid until after the plant has been retired and latest capacity information shows much of the capacity of the plants is being used today.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 15 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? Yes, I agree

Stormwater is currently an activity which is paid for by ratepayers within each community board area. We are proposing that this should be funded at a district level as one of our essential services.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 19 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? Yes, I agree that stormwater should be funded district-wide.

Public toilets are currently paid for by a district wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as they are a local service.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 20 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? No, I do not agree. Public toilets should remain funded through a district-wide rate.

Cemeteries are currently paid for by a district-wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as these are a local service.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 20 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move cemeteries from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? No, I do not agree. Cemeteries should remain funded through a district-wide rate.

All information centres are currently funded through a district-wide rate. We are proposing over the next three years that the funding for the Tairua, Pauanui, Whangamata and Coromandel information centres be funded locally by ratepayers in those community board areas and that the Thames and Whitianga information centers remain funded at a district-wide level as they are key visitor information locations for the whole of the Coromandel Peninsula.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 21 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? No, I do not agree. Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres should remain district funded.

Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? Please tell us why

Because it is consistent with how other services are funded so why make an exception for this. Plus other residents from other areas utilise this area so local residents would be funding this as well as other district services which they may not use.

We are proposing a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers (e.g. Bed and Breakfast operators, Book a Bach owners) as a contribution towards economic development expenditure.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 23 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? No, I do not agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

Why? I do not see the logic in this and it does not sound friendly to businesses who attract tourist dollars into the area that we rely on.

How do you expect to manage this. I expect it would cost more than the money raised to fund such a scheme and all that would happen is you upset part of your rating base for little or a negative gain.

We are proposing that Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire be reclassified as commercial properties.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 23 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? No, I do not agree. Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire should not be reclassified as commercial properties.

Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? Please tell us why

It's a B&B. Look at overseas models - they are not significant commercial properties.

We are proposing a rates remission (refund) for residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 24 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes?

No, I do not agree with giving a rates remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes.

We are proposing that all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less (i.e. "Granny Flats") will receive a rates remission (refund) of 50% of their fixed rates charges (e.g. UAGC, water charges).

Information relating to this question can be found on page 24 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rates remission to all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less?

No, I do not agree with giving a rates remission to second dwellings of 50 square metres or less.

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rates remission to all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less? Please tell us why.

Do they use the same services as separate entities? Then they should pay like all separate users do.

We are proposing a new fee for the Hahei Park and Ride, and to extend fees for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking areas to all upgraded boat ramp areas.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 25 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking?

Yes, I agree with the fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking.

We are proposing that the Thames Community Board make additional investment in economic development to be funded from the targeted local rate in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000. The proposal, which is for the first 3 years of the Long Term Plan includes:

- . A new position to promote Thames at a cost of \$90,000 a year
- . An additional \$50,000 per year to facilitate economic development in the area.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 26 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area?

I only agree with the new role at a cost of \$90,000 a year, not the additional \$50,000 per year.

We are proposing that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads so that the programme is completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 26 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads?

No, I do not agree. The Whangamata Community Board should maintain their long term gradual footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads.

We are proposing a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway. This would be a project funded by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers and would support economic development.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 27 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers? Yes, I support the construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway.

We are proposing a series of memorial native forests around the Coromandel Peninsula in order to commemorate the NZ soldiers who died in World War 1.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 27 of the Consultation Document .

Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Yes, I support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I own a property in the Thames-Coromandel District but I live elsewhere in New Zealand

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. Strategic Planning

Further comments on the Strategic Planning activity.

The majority of adults in the Waikato have either engaged with the arts or are inclined to, either by attending or actively participating and almost all having attended at least one arts and culture event in the year the research was conducted. Importantly, the report confirms that participating in the arts makes young people feel good about themselves, with nearly half saying it made them feel 'brilliant' and a further third 'really good'.

We also know that the arts sector creates jobs, generates household income, supports tourism and contributes to the economic development of towns, cities and regions. For example in Wellington, we know that in 2010, arts and culture organisations together generated \$141.5 million of expenditure within the region over 12 months.

Creative Waikato supports the development of an Arts Strategy for the ThamesCoromandel area for the following reasons:

- It would clearly articulate the aspirations for the arts and its contribution to the economic and general wellbeing of Thames Coromandel
- Provide a framework for decision making when it comes to arts matters or matters that do or could have an arts component
- Improve the impact of other local government policies and services i.e., support Thames-Coromandel key projects such as the Hauraki Rail Trail
- Drive innovation leading to employment and tourism benefits which would complement the Coromandel as “New Zealand’s most desirable place to live, work and visit”
- Encourage small businesses and entrepreneurs, who are critical to the local economy

The changes to the Local Government Act 2002 and focus on core services have meant that arts is not considered a priority by many Councils. Creative Waikato recognises this and therefore proposes that a Regional Arts Strategy is developed which will provide overarching principles for local authorities within the Waikato region .

Benefits of a Regional Arts Strategy

This strategy will provide a guide for those Councils who do not yet have an Arts Policy of their own, with the understanding that in time individual Councils may develop their own individual Arts Strategy focusing on their unique needs. If not, the Regional Strategy would provide an excellent framework for arts development and decision-making. The benefits of a Regional Arts Strategy include the following.

It will:

- Provide a consistent framework by which to guide decision making on arts issues locally and regionally reative Waikato Thames-Coromandel District Council Long-Term Plan Submission 2015-2025 4
- Provide a collective voice regarding the regions value of the arts and contribution it makes to its various communities • Give a strong mandate to National and International stakeholders that the arts are important
- Support work already done on the Waikato Creative Infrastructure Plan
- Enable Districts to work together, share resources and ideas
- Ensure that the arts priorities for each district is captured in one overarching document Over the coming months Creative Waikato plans to undertake further consultation, in conjunction with local authorities, to gain input into a Regional Arts Strategy for the Waikato region.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

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Creative Waikato's submission is focused on the following:

1. Advancing the development of an Arts Strategy for the Thames-Coromandel District Council.
2. Support for a Regional Arts Strategy for the Waikato region and a fully representative vision for the arts across the Waikato.

Introduction

In 2011, research conducted by Creative New Zealand provided a wealth of powerful information when it came to looking at the positive impact of arts and culture on New Zealand's communities. It showed that the majority of the population believes that arts and culture help define who we are as New Zealanders.

The majority of adults in the Waikato have either engaged with the arts or are inclined to, either by attending or actively participating and almost all having attended at least one arts and culture event in the year the research was conducted. Importantly, the report confirms that participating in the arts makes young people feel good about themselves, with nearly half saying it made them feel 'brilliant' and a further third 'really good'.

We also know that the arts sector creates jobs, generates household income, supports tourism and contributes to the economic development of towns, cities and regions. For example in Wellington, we know that in 2010, arts and culture organisations together generated \$141.5 million of expenditure within the region over 12 months.

Creative Waikato Engagement with Local Government

Creative Waikato has actively encouraged Councils, within the Waikato region, to recognise the value of the arts since its inception in 2012. In December 2013, to coincide with local government elections, Creative Waikato held two meetings in Matamata and Te Awamutu. The main purpose of these meetings was to bring together Mayors, Councillors and key arts staff to specifically look at the importance of the role that the art sector plays within our region.

One of the key focus areas of these sessions was the role of Arts Policy in local government and the benefits of having an Arts Policy as part of a broader policy framework.

In 2014, Creative Waikato has been working with local government elected members and staff on the development and findings of the Waikato Creative

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Infrastructure Plan (published in November 2014 and developed to feed into the Mayoral Forums work on the Regional Spatial Plan).

In 2015, Creative Waikato is working alongside local government on the Creative New Zealand Regional Pilot initiative, which will bring \$400,000 of new funding into the region over the next two years.

Current Arts Strategy in the Waikato

Of the 10 TLA's within the Waikato region, only 1 (Hamilton City Council) has an active Arts Policy, which is called the Hamilton Arts Agenda. This policy was developed "to support and grow Hamilton's thriving sector by providing direction and leadership". It identifies five priority areas of focus that will help achieve this vision.

The Arts Agenda has a working group, the Arts Agenda Forum, which has input into policy development and implementation. There have been many tangible benefits since its establishment, including:

- It is one of Council's key strategic documents acknowledging the importance of local arts and culture in the community
- Has been the impetus for other important arts initiatives for the city i.e., Public Art Plan, which has forged a strong partnership with MESH, an independent public art group
- Encouraged a Cross-Council and Cross-Community approach to development and implementation
- Strengthened other Council initiatives i.e., incorporating public art as a component of capital works projects

Benefits of an Arts Strategy for Thames-Coromandel

Creative Waikato recently held an Arts Strategy workshop, together with Thames-Coromandel District Council, which involved more than 70 artists and groups from around the Thames-Coromandel area. The purpose of this workshop was to jointly investigate the development of an Arts Strategy for Coromandel.

It was an extremely positive session, which left participants very enthused about the potential opportunity to develop an Arts Strategy and Thames-Coromandel District Council having a key role in this process.

Creative Waikato supports the development of an Arts Strategy for the Thames-Coromandel area for the following reasons:

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- It would clearly articulate the aspirations for the arts and its contribution to the economic and general wellbeing of Thames Coromandel
- Provide a framework for decision making when it comes to arts matters or matters that do or could have an arts component
- Improve the impact of other local government policies and services i.e., support Thames-Coromandel key projects such as the Hauraki Rail Trail
- Drive innovation leading to employment and tourism benefits which would complement the Coromandel as “New Zealand’s most desirable place to live, work and visit”
- Encourage small businesses and entrepreneurs, who are critical to the local economy

Creative Waikato encourages Thames-Coromandel District Council to advance the development of an Arts Strategy and is willing to facilitate further work in this area.

A Regional Approach

One of the strategic issues identified in the Waikato Creative Infrastructure Plan was the absence of a regional strategy for the arts in the Waikato. Subsequently, a key non-infrastructure recommendation of the Plan was the development of a Regional Arts Strategy.

The changes to the Local Government Act 2002 and focus on core services have meant that arts is not considered a priority by many Councils. Creative Waikato recognises this and therefore proposes that a Regional Arts Strategy is developed which will provide overarching principles for local authorities within the Waikato region.

This strategy will not substitute individual arts strategies developed by local authorities for their own particular area, but rather, be a framework to connect all the districts together.

Benefits of a Regional Arts Strategy

This strategy will provide a guide for those Councils who do not yet have an Arts Policy of their own, with the understanding that in time individual Councils may develop their own individual Arts Strategy focusing on their unique needs. If not, the Regional Strategy would provide an excellent framework for arts development and decision-making.

The benefits of a Regional Arts Strategy include the following. It will:

- Provide a consistent framework by which to guide decision making on arts issues locally and regionally

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- Provide a collective voice regarding the regions value of the arts and contribution it makes to its various communities
- Give a strong mandate to National and International stakeholders that the arts are important
- Support work already done on the Waikato Creative Infrastructure Plan
- Enable Districts to work together, share resources and ideas
- Ensure that the arts priorities for each district is captured in one overarching document

Over the coming months Creative Waikato plans to undertake further consultation, in conjunction with local authorities, to gain input into a Regional Arts Strategy for the Waikato region.

Creative Waikato asks that Thames-Coromandel District Council supports this approach and assists and participates in the facilitation of consultation in your community to develop a fully representative vision for the arts across the Waikato.

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Further comments.

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) wishes to propose that the Thames-Coromandel District Council support greater water and energy efficiency initiatives in Council operations and in the wider community. Improving the management of these resources will contribute towards the community outcomes of a prosperous, clean and green district as well as reduce ongoing Council infrastructure costs.

EECA proposes that Council focus on:

Efficient water supply

Reducing Councils' own energy use

Increasing the share of renewable energy used

Reducing long and short term energy use in the community

ECCA proposes a Voluntary Targeted Rate (VTR) mechanism to support the community to install water and energy efficiency measures in the home, as a cost neutral initiative to Council. This would provide your ratepayers with another method of funding their water tank or insulation requirements by paying off the balance on their rates over a nine to ten year period. 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. From a council point of view the VTR debt is secured against the ratepayer's home and so provides first call for repayment.

Residents of the Thames-Coromandel region are older, and personal income is lower than the NZ average, this will particularly effect the way Council manages population, housing and unit changes over the next 10 years. The VTR mechanism targets householders that struggle with the upfront cost of insulation. Addressing this barrier is in line with the Council's core values of empathy and compassion along with fairness and equity². 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 Thames-Coromandel District Council is a role model for the wider community and could encourage further Corporate energy and water efficiency initiatives. EECA asks Council to assist the community to install water and energy efficiency measures by providing a Voluntary Targeted Rate mechanism. This would provide your ratepayers with another method of funding their water tank or insulation requirements by paying off the balance on their rates over a nine to ten year period. This VTR scheme can offer a multiplicity of benefits to your community, including warmer, healthier homes, enhanced resource management as well as local jobs.

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

Job creation/economic growth:

This is because insulation is a labourintensive process, and companies tend to employ and up skill local labour to meet demand.

Warmer, drier, healthier homes:

o 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.

o Warmer, drier homes can result in fewer hospital admissions.

o 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.

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.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

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EECA wishes to speak to this submission in person.

Submission

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) wishes to propose that the Thames-Coromandel District Council support greater water and energy efficiency initiatives in Council operations and in the wider community. Improving the management of these resources will contribute towards the community outcomes of a prosperous, clean and green district as well as reduce ongoing Council infrastructure costs.

EECA proposes that Council focus on:

- Efficient water supply
- Reducing Councils' own energy use
- Increasing the share of renewable energy used
- Reducing long and short term energy use in the community

EECA proposes a Voluntary Targeted Rate (VTR) mechanism to support the community to install water and energy efficiency measures in the home, as a cost neutral initiative to Council. This would provide your ratepayers with another method of funding their water tank or insulation requirements by paying off the balance on their rates over a nine to ten year period.

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. From a council point of view the VTR debt is secured against the ratepayer's home and so provides first call for repayment.

Residents of the Thames-Coromandel region are older, and personal income is lower than the NZ average¹, this will particularly effect the way Council manages population, housing and unit changes over the next 10 years. The VTR mechanism targets householders that struggle with the upfront cost of insulation. Addressing this barrier is in line with the Council's core values of empathy and compassion along with fairness and equity². 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".

Ten councils currently use a VTR mechanism successfully. These councils are:

1. Auckland City Council
2. Dunedin City Council
3. Greater Wellington Regional Council
4. Hawkes Bay Regional Council
5. Nelson City Council
6. New Plymouth City Council
7. Marlborough District Council
8. South Taranaki District Council
9. South Waikato District Council
10. Tasman District Council

In addition, several other councils are considering joining the scheme.

A quick glance at this list shows that the Thames-Coromandel area is not currently covered by these schemes, which encompass about 60% of New Zealand's population. The Auckland City Council has delivered around 1,500 VTR insulated households, and provides \$5,000 in financial assistance for water tank installation and water efficient devices.

The opportunity to capture energy efficiency gains aligns with the Thames-Coromandel vision in the *30 year Infrastructure Strategy*, and could result in energy savings for Council to re-invest into future community projects. This could include preparing an energy efficiency strategy for the Thames-Coromandel area, identifying renewable energy power generation potential from wastewater facilities or encouraging greater active transport options through shared pathways.

EECA's role:

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) promotes energy efficiency, energy conservation and the use of energy from renewable sources.

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

¹ Pg. 11 of the *Long term Plan – Consultation Document for Thames-Coromandel District Council 2015-25*

² Pg. 4 of the *30 year Infrastructure Strategy*

energy trusts and community groups working in partnership with service providers to provide the remaining 40%.

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 Thames-Coromandel region there are 1,303 households with insulation that have benefited from this 100% funding for insulation. Under Healthy Homes criteria the majority of eligible households were the elderly.


In conclusion: The Thames-Coromandel District Council is a role model for the wider community and could encourage further Corporate energy and water efficiency initiatives. EECA asks Council to assist the community to install water and energy efficiency measures by providing a Voluntary Targeted Rate mechanism. This would provide your ratepayers with another method of funding their water tank or insulation requirements by paying off the balance on their rates over a nine to ten year period. This VTR scheme 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. Details of the Voluntary Targeted Rate mechanism are provided in Attachment A, and further examples of energy and water efficiency opportunities are provided in Attachment B for your consideration.

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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 admissions³.
 - 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,

³ These health-related benefits have been verified by the Wellington School of Medicine.
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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).

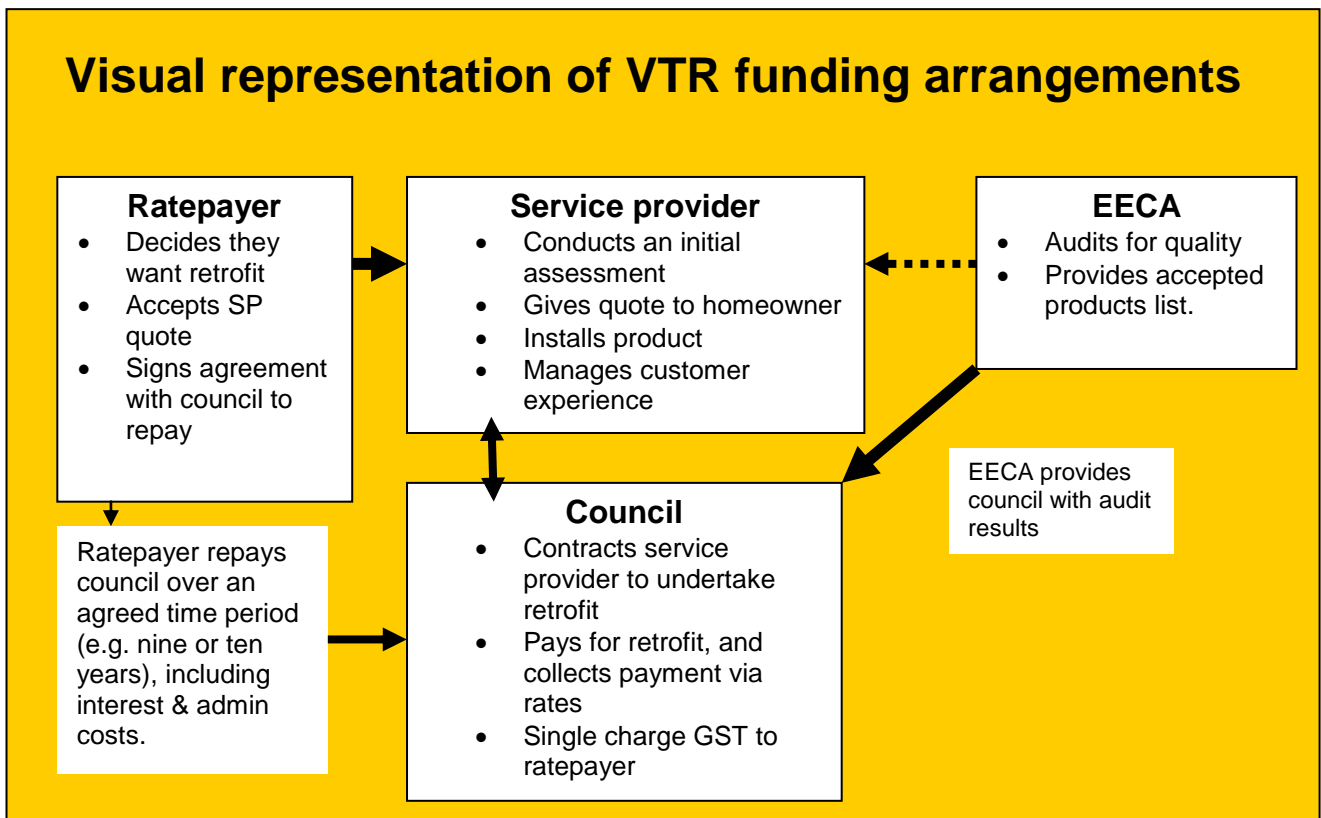
Explanation of how the scheme works in practice

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,

- 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: Water and energy efficiency opportunities

EECA encourages councils to consider the full range of water and energy efficiency 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, and in the case of hot water systems and washing machines, reduces heating energy use.

How installing water efficiency measures can benefit your community

- Less infrastructure costs - where it is expensive or unviable to extend existing infrastructure rainwater tanks can provide a sustainable solution.
- Energy bill savings through less water use - cut hot water waste with water efficient products; showerheads, dishwashers, washing machines⁴.
- Have more energy produced from renewable energy sources, such as wastewater and sewerage plant electricity generation from biogas.

EECA measures available to support local government action:

- 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.
 - there are also opportunities for government organisations to make the most of renewable energy, such as using wood energy or 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.
- 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.
- Case studies and regional energy strategies assist with the identification and use of renewable energy resources including geothermal heat, biomass and sources of renewable electricity generation. This includes information on the factors that determine how much of these renewable resources actually get used, 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.

For more information, please contact EECA's Relationship Manager Advisor Residential Programme, Bill Hewitt on Bill.Hewitt@eeca.govt.nz or phone 027-420-5419.

⁴ Hot water heating accounts for around 30% of energy bills and costs the average household around \$650 a year.

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Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? Please tell us why

This issue was rejected for the 2009-2019 and 2012-2022 LTP's. Other than having more economic reasoning given this time there is no equitable justification given for all ratepayers having to contribute now. Bullet point 5 on p. 8 of the Consultation Document is pertinent here. Te Kouma ratepayers have no Council wastewater service, i.e. we have to install and maintain our own sewerage systems without subsidy. We do use these Council services in Coromandel Town and Thames, but very infrequently, if ever, in the Eastern Seaboard area. Until adequate justification on equity grounds is given, or at least a differential system introduced for those not living on the Eastern Seaboard, user pays should remain the sole criterion.

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Yes, I agree that stormwater should be funded district-wide.

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My agreement is conditional upon written confirmation of the assurance that David Hammond gave at the Coromandel consultation meeting on 17 March, 2015 that the differential rates set under the previous plan for Te Kouma would remain. [See 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan Vol 1, p. 183] This differential was set at 0.6 in view of the fact that Puriri Road, Kowhai Drive and Te Kouma Road properties have only roading stormwater infrastructure and do not have individual property stormwater infrastructure. Properties 399, 401, 403, 405 and 407 Te Kouma Rd are excluded as they have no Council stormwater infrastructure at all, their differential is 0.0.

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There are minimal criteria given in the consultation document for determining how the short term accommodation provider is to be identified, no indication of how the provider can appeal, and no economic data to justify the \$200 rate to be levied. In an area like Te Kouma ratepayers who offer this accommodation have to provide their own sewerage and drinking water services and this is a cost that those in a serviced area do not have to independently provide and maintain. If this proposal is being done in the interests of equity (p. 22-23 of the consultation document) then introducing another such inequity to unserved providers is not acceptable.

We are proposing that Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire be reclassified as commercial properties.

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Yes, I agree that Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire should be reclassified as commercial properties.

Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? Please tell us why

But I think the Council should expect that some of these providers will reduce the amount of accommodation they offer below the four bedroom limit, and if that is not financially viable may withdraw the accommodation altogether. Is this what Council is prepared to accept ?

We are proposing a rates remission (refund) for residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 24 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes?

Yes, I agree that residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes should be given a rates remission.

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes? Please tell us why.

Equity.

We are proposing that all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less (i.e. "Granny Flats") will receive a rates remission (refund) of 50% of their fixed rates charges (e.g. UAGC, water charges).

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No, I do not agree with giving a rates remission to second dwellings of 50 square metres or less.

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My agreement would require written confirmation that current Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to our dwelling is honoured. As we do not , and never have , offered this facility for rent and are prepared to continue to sign the annual document to this effect, I would expect to continue to have 100% rates remission.

We are proposing a new fee for the Hahei Park and Ride, and to extend fees for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking areas to all upgraded boat ramp areas.

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For this question as well as 11,12,& 13 I would prefer that the relevant Community Boards make the decision.

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Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

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I agree with the extended fees for Mercury Bay boat ramp and trailer parking but not the new fee for the Hahei Park and Ride.

We are proposing that the Thames Community Board make additional investment in economic development to be funded from the targeted local rate in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000. The proposal, which is for the first 3 years of the Long Term Plan includes:

- . A new position to promote Thames at a cost of \$90,000 a year
- . An additional \$50,000 per year to facilitate economic development in the area.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 26 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area?

I only agree with the additional \$50,000 per year, not the new role at a cost of \$90,000 a year.

We are proposing that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads so that the programme is completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

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No, I do not support the construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway.

Do you agree with the proposed construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers? Please tell us why.

I do not support the restructuring of the Wentworth Valley proposal as outlined in the 2015-2025 LTP consultation document. It is my vehement belief that the Council should instead uphold the commitment made in the 2012-2022 LTP document which committed \$70,000 in the 2013-2014 year and a subsequent \$930,000 in the 2014-2015 year to the improvement of this roadway.

It is beyond comprehension as to why such a vital roadway has been repeatedly overlooked, especially in light of the Council's proposed drive to increase tourism. This delay is particularly confusing when the current consultation document features a picture of the Wentworth Valley Falls themselves.

There are a myriad of economic and health and safety issues that the delay in sealing this roadway only worsens. I submit that the Council reviews their proposed amendment and, instead, upholds the commitment made during the last consultation process. To quote that document, "To reflect the priority of the community in Whangamata, a Wentworth Valley Seal Extension project has been included in 2013/2014 - 2014/2015 at a cost of \$1 million." Not only is upholding this commitment less costly than the proposed \$2.4million, it would be a show of support and goodwill toward the citizens of Whangamata and the users of the Wentworth Valley Road. I implore you to read the and take on board the submissions from those groups and to make this issue a matter of priority moving forward.

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While I agree in principle, the change should be transitioned in recognition of the fact that much of Whangamata does not have stormwater services. Priority should be given to increasing the provision of stormwater services.

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These centres provide services beyond the local area. For example, visitors to the Whangamata info centre often want to know about Hot Water Beach and Cathedral Cove. The info centres should be seen as a network providing district benefits and all adequately district funded.

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This is a bad proposal. It is unreasonably high and does not recognise the very part time nature of these rentals, most often for less than a month a year in total. I understand that the majority of commercial ratepayers actually pay less than this amount. When these baches are rented all commercial rentals (motels) are usually full so it is likely that some owners will cease to rent their baches because of this unfair tax. Already, many stay in the Hauraki District for Beach Hop and this will only increase if this tax is introduced. I was unable to find any evidence justifying the \$230 charge, I suspect that is because none exists.

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This is a safety issue

We are proposing a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway. This would be a project funded by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers and would support economic development.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 27 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers? No, I do not support the construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway.

Do you agree with the proposed construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers? Please tell us why.

I would prefer the money was spent on urban footpaths and K&C

We are proposing a series of memorial native forests around the Coromandel Peninsula in order to commemorate the NZ soldiers who died in World War 1.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 27 of the Consultation Document .

Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Yes, I support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Have more to tell us? Record it below.

. Mercury Bay - Community Spaces

Further comments on the Mercury Bay - Community Spaces activity.

Council should take some action to ensure camping facilities are still available in Whangamata and Hahei if the existing grounds close. This could involve providing facilities for camping on Council land.

. Whangamata Community Spaces

Further comments on the Whangamata Community Spaces activity.

Council should take some action to ensure camping facilities are still available in Whangamata and Hahei if the existing grounds close. This could involve providing facilities for camping on Council land.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

Make Submission

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Have more to tell us? Record it below.

Roads and Footpaths

Further comments on the Roads and Footpaths activity.

Cycle/walking path from Parawai to Kauaeranga Valley. Every summer local people walk Kauaeranga Road to get swimming holes, especially to the Swing Bridge spot. It is quite dangerous as these people walking on the road on which someplaces are hidden spots for car drivers. Also as Water Race Lane has been added and more new residence are living this area, it is worth to have a proper walking path for safety and health promoting reason.

Other

Further comments.

Ban plastic bags - this movement is already happening all over the world, including Waiheke Island and Waitakare as local example. Plastic bags kill marine life and choke our land, and they are made from fossil fuel. We could take steps, plastic bags swapped to biodegradable bags then promote people carrying own shopping bags. Creating natural material shopping bags are byproduct of this movement, promote local economy and businesses.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

Make Submission

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We are proposing to move the funding of \$46.6M of debt on the Eastern Seaboard plants to be paid by rates rather than development. This is because some areas are growing slowly which means this debt would not be repaid until after the plant has been retired and latest capacity information shows much of the capacity of the plants is being used today.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 15 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? No, I do not agree.

Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? Please tell us why

Absolutely not. The burden of the treatment plants' debt should lay with the TCDC staff and Council. They created an appallingly overseen project resulting from dodgy tendering practice and a huge overspend. Yet some of those responsible still draw TCDC salaries!

Stormwater is currently an activity which is paid for by ratepayers within each community board area. We are proposing that this should be funded at a district level as one of our essential services.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 19 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? Yes, I agree that stormwater should be funded district-wide.

Public toilets are currently paid for by a district wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as they are a local service.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 20 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? No, I do not agree. Public toilets should remain funded through a district-wide rate.

Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Please tell us why

Does the TCDC really think only locals crap in them. The usage extends way beyond that.

Cemeteries are currently paid for by a district-wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as these are a local service.

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Do you agree with our proposal that we move cemeteries from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Please tell us why

USER pays here. Many old residents return to be buried locally. Cremation is fast becoming the preferred option.

All information centres are currently funded through a district-wide rate. We are proposing over the next three years that the funding for the Tairua, Pauanui, Whangamata and Coromandel information centres be funded locally by ratepayers in those community board areas and that the Thames and Whitianga information centers remain funded at a district-wide level as they are key visitor information locations for the whole of the Coromandel Peninsula.

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Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? No, I do not agree. Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres should remain district funded.

Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? Please tell us why

DUHH. Again it is not the locals that take advantage of these well managed facilities. Their primary function is to promote the various communities to travellers and tourist to the benefit of local commerce.

We are proposing a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers (e.g. Bed and Breakfast operators, Book a Bach owners) as a contribution towards economic development expenditure.

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Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Yes, I agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

Don't really care either way, however they are using Council provided services.

We are proposing that Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire be reclassified as commercial properties.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 23 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties?

Yes, I agree that Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire should be reclassified as commercial properties.

Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? Please tell us why

With four rooms or more the operation has become commercial.

We are proposing a rates remission (refund) for residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 24 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes?

Yes, I agree that residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes should be given a rates remission.

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes? Please tell us why.

It is only fair.

We are proposing that all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less (i.e. "Granny Flats") will receive a rates remission (refund) of 50% of their fixed rates charges (e.g. UAGC, water charges).

Information relating to this question can be found on page 24 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rates remission to all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less?

Yes, I agree with giving a rates remission to second dwellings of 50 square metres or less.

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rates remission to all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less? Please tell us why.

This represents double dipping by Council.

We are proposing a new fee for the Hahei Park and Ride, and to extend fees for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking areas to all upgraded boat ramp areas.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 25 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking?

No, I do not agree with either of the fees.

Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking? Please tell us why.

Just more money grubbing collection to fund the operation of an overstuffed TCDC.

We are proposing that the Thames Community Board make additional investment in economic development to be funded from the targeted local rate in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000. The proposal, which is for the first 3 years of the Long Term Plan includes:

- . A new position to promote Thames at a cost of \$90,000 a year
- . An additional \$50,000 per year to facilitate economic development in the area.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 26 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area?

No, I do not agree with either of the additional measures taken to support economic development in the Thames Community Board Area.

Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area? Please tell us why.

What purpose will it serve other than another TCDC employment opportunity?

We are proposing that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads so that the programme is completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

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Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads?

No, I do not agree. The Whangamata Community Board should maintain their long term gradual footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads.

Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads? Please tell us why.

Seems to be working okay. Having witnessed a ludicrous expense incurred from a TCDC "preferred contractor", which I questioned, only to have Council's overseeing department decline any investigation. May I suggest a closer look at the way this work is allocated.

We are proposing a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway. This would be a project funded by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers and would support economic development.

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No, I do not support the construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway.

Do you agree with the proposed construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers? Please tell us why.

User pays.

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Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Yes, I support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Please tell us why.

Probably time to give recognition to the sacrifices made through a perpetual monument. Like the idea.

. Strategic Planning

Further comments on the Strategic Planning activity.

The 10 Year Plan exercises are a futile waste of time and money given the lack of implementation of the previous ones. Most of the projections never eventuated.

. Water Supply

Further comments on the Water Supply activity.

When I built my present residence I wanted to install water collection reservoirs. TCDC declined the application to do so. Yet every summer TAIRUA (my town) incurs heavy water use restrictions.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

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Because they are for the pleasure of all who live and visit the Coromandel not just each individual town.

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Public toilets in each town are for the use of passing visitors. They are not for the use of the local rate payers who would go home to use the toilet.

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The information centres in each town are for the use of visitors and tourists who move from town to town as they holiday in the whole of the Coromandel region.

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No, I do not agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

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This is just another tax to be put in place by the TCDC. And while it does not sound like a large sum, once put in place it will be increased at the Council's convenience as they please.

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Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking? Please tell us why.

This is just another way to tax the rate payers.

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Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area? Please tell us why.

I would have thought that Council should have been promoting economic development already from the revenue you have been gathering.

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Yes, I support the construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway.

Do you agree with the proposed construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers? Please tell us why.

Good to offer more to locals and tourists to visit the area.

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Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel?

No, I do not support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

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Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? Please tell us why

Stormwater is an infrastructure asset in every urban area on the Coromandel. Everyone should pay their fair share.

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Working as it is. I would need proof that being locally funded would not increase cost to local ratepayers and that the level of cleanliness did not drop.

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Do you agree with our proposal that we move cemeteries from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? Please tell us why

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No, I do not agree. Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres should remain district funded.

Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? Please tell us why

In the case of Whangamata I would hazard a guess that visitor levels over peak holiday times rivals or surpasses that of Whitianga and Thames. It is a key visitor information site.

We are proposing a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers (e.g. Bed and Breakfast operators, Book a Bach owners) as a contribution towards economic development expenditure.

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Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers?

No, I do not agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

I don't think this would even be legal without central government legislation!!! What private home owners do with their own properties is not the business of Council other than to collect the apportioned rates from the property. In general these private properties have only one or two toilet/bathroom areas, which is not the case for motels who have 30 to 50 depending on their size. Their occupancy rate is 5 times higher so they are putting larger strain on infrastructure and so should pay a higher rate. How does Council intend to police these private arrangements? If they are going to ask real estate agents and Book a Bach to supply this information then privacy laws would be broken. This is just greedy moteliars and Council money grubbing!

We are appalled at the sneaky way Thames-Coromandel District Council has tried to levy another rate on top of the existing rates by asking private property owners who let out their PRIVATE property for short term lets to pay a standard fee for doing so to Council. We intend to contact the local member of parliament to fully investigate the legality of this.

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Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? No, I do not agree. Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire should not be reclassified as commercial properties.

Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? Please tell us why

In general private properties have only one or two toilet/bathroom areas, which is not the case for motels who have 30 to 50 depending on their size. Motel/hotel occupancy rates are 5 times higher so they are putting larger strain on infrastructure and so should pay a higher rate. Bed and Breckfast operators are not putting anything like the pressure on infrastructure that motels/hotels do.

We are proposing a rates remission (refund) for residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes.

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Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes? Please tell us why.

There is a remission available to retirement village residents - they just need to be aware of it and ask the village management. Below is a statement copied and pasted from the Internal Affaires website:

- 1 **Retirement village residents** – residents of retirement villages who have a licence to occupy are not eligible for a rates rebate, but may be eligible for the retirement village remission.

We are proposing that all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less (i.e. "Granny Flats") will receive a rates remission (refund) of 50% of their fixed rates charges (e.g. UAGC, water charges).

Information relating to this question can be found on page 24 of the Consultation Document .

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Do you agree with our proposal to give a rates remission to all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less? Please tell us why.

Why would you do this? This is when you should be charging an extra UAGC. How is Council going to decide if the person/people living in the second dwelling are family or tenants? Every dwelling that is hooked up to Council infrastructure should have individual service charges invoiced to the property.

Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking? Please tell us why.

Not applicable to me.

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Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area?

Yes, I agree with both of the additional measures taken to support economic development in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000 per year.

Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area? Please tell us why.

If the economic development is for Thames, then Thames ratepayers need to pay for it.

We are proposing that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads so that the programme is completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 26 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads?

Yes, I agree that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads to be completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

Do you agree with the proposal that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads? Please tell us why.

Anything is better than nothing.

We are proposing a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway. This would be a project funded by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers and would support economic development.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 27 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers?

No, I do not support the construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway.

Do you agree with the proposed construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers? Please tell us why.

We actually do support the construction of these facilities....just not the way Council wants to fund them.

1. Why is central government not being asked to fund this initiative? They are proporting the use of cycleways and walkways - see the Great NZ Cycleways etc.

2. We live in a user pays society. Have a toll situation on the facilities so that walkers and cyclists pay for the cycleway and walkway - just like the toll on the Orewa tunnel. In this high tech age there would be a simple solution to monitoring this and collecting fees.

We are proposing a series of memorial native forests around the Coromandel Peninsula in order to commemorate the NZ soldiers who died in World War 1.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 27 of the Consultation Document .

Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? No, I do not support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Please tell us why.

We have enough wonderful war memorials commemorating WW1 and WW2 that were generally funded and fund-raised for by grieving mothers and widows and families. Why not put this money towards taking better care of these wonderful memorials and making sure they are kept in the manner that the original fundraisers anticipated.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I own a property in the Thames-Coromandel District but I live elsewhere in New Zealand

Make Submission

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We are proposing to move the funding of \$46.6M of debt on the Eastern Seaboard plants to be paid by rates rather than development. This is because some areas are growing slowly which means this debt would not be repaid until after the plant has been retired and latest capacity information shows much of the capacity of the plants is being used today.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 15 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? No, I do not agree.

Stormwater is currently an activity which is paid for by ratepayers within each community board area. We are proposing that this should be funded at a district level as one of our essential services.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 19 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? Yes, I agree that stormwater should be funded district-wide.

Public toilets are currently paid for by a district wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as they are a local service.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 20 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? No, I do not agree. Public toilets should remain funded through a district-wide rate.

Cemeteries are currently paid for by a district-wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as these are a local service.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 20 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move cemeteries from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? No, I do not agree. Cemeteries should remain funded through a district-wide rate.

All information centres are currently funded through a district-wide rate. We are proposing over the next three years that the funding for the Tairua, Pauanui, Whangamata and Coromandel information centres be funded locally by ratepayers in those community board areas and that the Thames and Whitianga information centers remain funded at a district-wide level as they are key visitor information locations for the whole of the Coromandel Peninsula.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 21 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? No, I do not agree. Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres should remain district funded.

We are proposing a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers (e.g. Bed and Breakfast operators, Book a Bach owners) as a contribution towards economic development expenditure.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 23 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? No, I do not agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

We are proposing that Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire be reclassified as commercial properties.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 23 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? Yes, I agree that Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire should be reclassified as commercial properties.

We are proposing a rates remission (refund) for residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 24 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes? Yes, I agree that residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes should be given a rates remission.

We are proposing that all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less (i.e. "Granny Flats") will receive a rates remission (refund) of 50% of their fixed rates charges (e.g. UAGC, water charges).

Information relating to this question can be found on page 24 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rates remission to all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less? Yes, I agree with giving a rates remission to second dwellings of 50 square metres or less.

We are proposing a new fee for the Hahei Park and Ride, and to extend fees for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking areas to all upgraded boat ramp areas.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 25 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking? No, I do not agree with either of the fees.

We are proposing that the Thames Community Board make additional investment in economic development to be funded from the targeted local rate in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000. The proposal, which is for the first 3 years of the Long Term Plan includes:

- . A new position to promote Thames at a cost of \$90,000 a year
- . An additional \$50,000 per year to facilitate economic development in the area.

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Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area? Yes, I agree with both of the additional measures taken to support economic development in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000 per year.

We are proposing that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads so that the programme is completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

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Do you agree with the proposed construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers? Yes, I support the construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway.

We are proposing a series of memorial native forests around the Coromandel Peninsula in order to commemorate the NZ soldiers who died in World War 1.

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Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Yes, I support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

Make Submission

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Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? Please tell us why

I propose that the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board fund the Tairua Information Centre for the next three years.

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Further comments on the Water Supply activity.

Water fluoridation in Thames is unsafe and should cease, in line with the rest of the district.

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

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Do you agree with the proposed consutruction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers?

Yes, I support the construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway.

Do you agree with the proposed consutruction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers? Please tell us why.

The Department of Conservation owns the Wentworth Valley Campground, which is found at the end of Wentworth Valley Road. There are complimentary recreation opportunities on site managed by the Department, including tramping and walking opportunities as well as exploration of historic sites. The campground is currently operated by a third party, under a concession agreement with the Department.

The campground provides basic camping facilities, limited to vault toilets and basic cold water supply. There are 60 unpowered sites, providing for up to around 200 campers, and these are allocated currently on a "first come first served" basis.

The Department of Conservation is pleased to support the principle of the proposed Wentworth Valley Road seal extension in 2018 /19 and the construction of a walkway / cycleway in the same year. This project is in accordance with one of DOC's intermediate Outcomes which is "New Zealanders are enriched by outdoor experiences".

The Department requests that its staff are involved very early in the project. As a result of sealing the road and providing a cycleway / walkway, the campground and the associated recreational facilities (including the tracks) may be exposed to significantly more use in the future. The Department may find it necessary to make capital and operational investment to provide for an expanded campground to accommodate extra visitors, and to do so requires appropriate lead-in time to scope requirements (ideally with TCDC) present a business case, and go through the internal investment approval process. Such investment is not guaranteed, particularly as DOC's current priorities lie with required upgrades of infrastructure at Waikawau Campground and infrastructure in the Kauaeranga Valley.

It should be particularly noted that an increase to a capacity of over 500 persons will require significant investment to the water supply to provide for appropriate and legal drinking water standards. Toilets will also have to be increased in numbers to comply with Campground Regulations when and if the site numbers are increased.

Thames - Community Spaces

Further comments on the Thames - Community Spaces activity.

Kauaeranga Valley Road Partial Sealing

The Department of Conservation wishes to partner with Thames-Coromandel District Council to seal the Kauaeranga Valley Road from the current end of the seal to the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre. This is a distance of 2.24km, of which 1.6km is road managed by the Council and 640 metres is managed by the Department of Conservation. It is proposed that the Council portion is funded from the Economic Development Fund, and/or from the District / Local Roading funds. The total cost has been estimated by TCDC's roading engineers at \$740,000. It is proposed that the funding request be allocated as follows:

TCDC: \$30,000 for 2016/17, then \$495,000 for 2017/18

DOC: \$10,000 for 2016/17, then \$205,000 for 2017/18 (Subject to Business Case Approval and internal process completion)

Background

The Kauaeranga Valley Road is approximately 20km long. The first 9km or so is managed by Thames-Coromandel District Council, of which approximately 8km is sealed. The last 11km is managed by the Department of Conservation and is entirely unsealed.

The road provides the only vehicular access to the Kauaeranga Valley. For decades the Kauaeranga Valley has been a valuable recreation resource for locals and visitors to the Coromandel Peninsula. There are a wide range of walks provided, and there is also a bridal path, a mountain bike area, numerous swimming holes, and 9 campgrounds. When at peak, these campgrounds can accommodate over 1000 visitors, and are frequently full, especially in the peak season in January. It is worth noting that the “shoulder” season from February to April is increasing in terms of visitor numbers and length of stay.

The road also provides access to the tracks leading to the Pinnacles Hut, which at 80 bunks is the largest “back country” hut in New Zealand. Multi-day walks are now possible with the opening of Crosbies Hut in 2010. The valley also has two education camps, which are in constant demand from a variety of user groups. It is possible to walk to the eastern sea board via the Kauaeranga Valley, which provides for possible future links with the proposed Coromandel Coastal Walkway and the Tairua Harbour walk.

The Kauaeranga Valley is ideally placed to provide the visitor with their first “back country experience”, and with opportunities for “wilderness” camping. The valley is in close proximity to New Zealand’s largest population bases, and is important for the domestic market. However, there is a growing interest from overseas visitors, and there is a definite increase in international numbers in recent times.

The Kauaeranga Valley has the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre as its central focal point. Constructed in 2008, it is one of 23 DOC Visitor Centres throughout New Zealand. The Kauaeranga Visitor Centre is now in the process of marketing itself as a destination, and has recently operated a successful summer programme and opened a cafe during summer months. The visitor centre is now poised to grow on these initiatives, but is hampered by not having a tar sealed road all the way to the visitor centre. Visitors using rented vehicles are typically unable to access the Kauaeranga Visitor centre because in many cases their rental agreements prohibit them from driving rented cars on unsealed roads.

Statistics

According to TCDC’s Roding Manager (Busch, April 2015, pers. comm.) the unsealed portion of Kauaeranga Valley Road receives more than 500 vehicles per day over the peak summer period, with an annual average of approx. 250vpd. The Kauaeranga Visitor Centre has experienced a constant increase in visitor numbers since the building was opened (apart from a period of time in 2011 when the centre was closed due to a floor repair), and is now receiving just under 30,000 visitors per year. This year (2014-15) in December, January, and February, the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre experienced a 40% increase in visitor numbers from the same period in 2013/14. This is no doubt due to initiatives such as an improved summer events programme, and the introduction of a cafe at the visitor centre. From March 2014 to March 2015 the Pinnacles Hut has generated just over 11,500 “bed nights”, which would make it one of the most occupied accommodation facilities on the Coromandel Peninsula. The hut is full most weekends during the summer period. The higher percentage of visitors are domestic, with many school groups staying during term time. However, it is worth noting that international tourists are increasing in numbers.

In an email to DOC staff, dated 1st April 2015, Councils Roding Manager expressed support for this project, stating:

“Sealing Kauaeranga Valley Road is to improve safety and the experience for the many visitors to this very popular tramping and camping destination. A portion of the improvements are on conservation land, therefore DoC will be a third party contributor to the cost.....The unsealed road dust restricts visibility (therefore increases crash risk) as well as detracting from the overall visitor experience.”

What is the transport problem/opportunity that requires attention

This unsealed road caters for more than 500vpd over the peak summer period, with an AADT of approx. 250vpd. The unsealed road dust restricts visibility (therefore increases crash risk) as well as detracting from the overall visitor experience.

NZTA and WRC Status

The Kauaeranga Valley sealing project has been included in the Regional Transport Plan as a “place holder” project for 2016/17 and 2017/18. It is unlikely, however, that NZTA would provide subsidies for this project, however, the Department is now working for this to occur, and has now been recognised by NZTA as a Road Controlling Authority. DOC is therefore eligible for 51% NZTA funding for maintenance and asset replacements across New Zealand. This request assumes no subsidies have been allocated by NZTA. The Department has a number of roads it manages throughout New Zealand, some of which receive high levels of use. The Department has recently been declared a Roothing Authority and is now eligible for NZTA funding, and the Department is now in discussion with the NZTA to enable this to happen.

DOC's future Management of Kauaeranga Valley

The Department of Conservation, over the years, has invested significant amounts of capital in the Kauaeranga Valley. Key capital investments in recent times include:

- 1 The construction of the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre in 2008 at a cost of \$1.0m
- 2 The upgrade of Pinnacles Hut in 2013 to include on site sewerage disposal and new cladding at a cost of \$500k
- 3 The construction of Crosbies Hut in 2012, at a cost of around \$400k
- 4 The inclusion of powered camp sites in 2013 adjacent to the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre at a cost of \$60k
- 5 The upgrading of Wainora Track to the Cookson Kauri in 2009 at a cost of \$300k
- 6 Numerous smaller track and structure upgrades and additions since 2008.

With this investment, and the recent notable increases in visitor numbers to the valley, DOC believes that the Kauaeranga Valley is worthy of improved accessibility. The Kauaeranga Valley is hampered by its access, with visitors reporting that they reach the end of the current seal and turn back, unwilling or unable to proceed on the existing unsealed road.

The Department of Conservation has started implementing a plan to give the Kauaeranga “Iconic” status within the organisation, for both recreation and historic purposes. Currently the Kauaeranga Valley has “Gateway Status”, as does the Cookson Kauri Trail, which is located within the Kauaeranga Valley. Gateways are:

“the places that connect new people to the outdoors. They introduce the next generation of outdoor users and grow family participation. Visitors feel safe and the places are welcoming. Gateway experiences are easy to access, easy to engage with and fun. These places become a 'gateway' to long term participation in outdoor recreation”.

Iconic sites are:

“developed to support the growth of domestic and international tourism. Icon sites represent the best of NZ; the 'must see' places that both New Zealanders and our international visitors want to experience. They are well known places and there are few of them. They are most often located on the main tourism travel routes. The focus of icon destinations is attracting New Zealanders on holiday and international visitors.”

Doc's local staff believe that the Kauaeranga has got what it takes to achieve iconic status within the Department's estate. In achieving this status, the Department would, in all likelihood, receive more taxpayer funding for the Kauaeranga Valley. The flow-on effect to the local community, with regard to increasing tourist numbers, would be only beneficial.

As well as the sealing extension, the Department has identified the following actions to begin to work towards Iconic Status:

- 1 Late 2015: Preparation of a road management plan for the DOC administered road, beyond the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre. This will include an ongoing maintenance plan and suggestions for capital projects to improve road safety and maintenance.
- 2 2015 – 2020 (and beyond) – implementation of the road management plan
- 3 2014 – 15 – implementation of part one of visitor centre business plan which included an extensive summer programme and the installation of a cafe at the visitor centre during the summer months.
- 4 2015 – 16 (and beyond) – continuation of cafe over summer, with possible extended hours, and continuation of the summer events programme

- 5 2015 – 2020 (and beyond) – continue to upgrade and install new facilities to compliment visitor experiences in the Kauaeranga Valley. These include, but not limited to, tracks, toilets, picnic facilities, and other assets.
- 6 2015 onwards – establish better links with Destination Coromandel / TCDC / I-sites in order to effectively market and promote the Kauaeranga Valley as a outdoor recreation area in a natural setting.
- 7 2017 / 18 – complete the seal from the current seal end to the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre.
- 8 2014 / 15 – Exploration of Iconic Status for recreation and historic values in the Kauaeranga Valley

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Thames Coromandel District Council

- 1 Notes this submission to seal the Kauaeranga Valley Road from the current end of the seal to the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre. This is a distance of 2.24km, of which 1.6km is road managed by the Council and 640 metres is managed by the Department of Conservation.
- 2 Notes that the Department of Conservation has proposed to budget: \$10,000 for 2016/17, then \$205,000 for 2017/18 to proportionately contribute to the project, subject to business case approval and internal process.
- 3 TCDC provides budget for \$30,000 for 2016/17, then \$495,000 for 2017/18, sourced from the Economic Development Activity, and/or from the District / Local Roding Activities.

[Submitter has attached a letter of support from the Thames Community Board Chairperson to DoC on the work to the road between the DoC Visitors Centre and the Pinnacles carpark.]

Hearing

Hearings will be scheduled for late April.

Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? Yes

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[Letter of support for the maintenance of Kauaeranga Road from the Thames Community Board Chair](#)

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The Kauaeranga Valley has the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre as its central focal point. Constructed in 2008, it is one of 23 DOC Visitor Centres throughout New Zealand. The Kauaeranga Visitor Centre is now in the process of marketing itself as a destination, and has recently operated a successful summer programme and opened a cafe during summer months. The visitor centre is now poised to

grow on these initiatives, but is hampered by not having a tar sealed road all the way to the visitor centre. Visitors using rented vehicles are typically unable to access the Kauaeranga Visitor centre because in many cases their rental agreements prohibit them from driving rented cars on unsealed roads.

Statistics

According to TCDC's Rooding Manager (Busch, April 2015, pers. comm.) the unsealed portion of Kauaeranga Valley Road receives more than 500 vehicles per day over the peak summer period, with an annual average of approx. 250vpd. The Kauaeranga Visitor Centre has experienced a constant increase in visitor numbers since the building was opened (apart from a period of time in 2011 when the centre was closed due to a floor repair), and is now receiving just under 30,000 visitors per year. This year (2014-15) in December, January, and February, the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre experienced a 40% increase in visitor numbers from the same period in 2013/14. This is no doubt due to initiatives such as an improved summer events programme, and the introduction of a cafe at the visitor centre. From March 2014 to March 2015 the Pinnacles Hut has generated just over 11,500 "bed nights", which would make it one of the most occupied accommodation facilities on the Coromandel Peninsula. The hut is full most weekends during the summer period. The higher percentage of visitors are domestic, with many school groups staying during term time. However, it is worth noting that international tourists are increasing in numbers.

In an email to DOC staff, dated 1st April 2015, Councils Rooding Manager expressed support for this project, stating:

"Sealing Kauaeranga Valley Road is to improve safety and the experience for the many visitors to this very popular tramping and camping destination. A portion of the improvements are on conservation land, therefore DoC will be a third party contributor to the cost.....The unsealed road dust restricts visibility (therefore increases crash risk) as well as detracting from the overall visitor experience."

What is the transport problem/opportunity that requires attention

This unsealed road caters for more than 500vpd over the peak summer period, with an AADT of approx. 250vpd. The unsealed road dust restricts visibility (therefore increases crash risk) as well as detracting from the overall visitor experience.

NZTA and WRC Status

The Kauaeranga Valley sealing project has been included in the Regional Transport Plan as a "place holder" project for 2016/17 and 2017/18. It is unlikely, however, that NZTA would provide subsidies for this project, however, the Department is now working for this to occur, and has now been recognised by NZTA as a Road Controlling Authority. DOC is therefore eligible for 51% NZTA funding for maintenance and asset replacements across New Zealand. This request assumes no subsidies have been allocated by NZTA. The Department has a number of roads it manages throughout New Zealand, some of which receive high levels of use. The Department has recently been declared a Rooding Authority and is now eligible for NZTA funding, and the Department is now in discussion with the NZTA to enable this to happen.

DOC's future Management of Kauaeranga Valley

The Department of Conservation, over the years, has invested significant amounts of capital in the Kauaeranga Valley. Key capital investments in recent times include:

- The construction of the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre in 2008 at a cost of \$1.0m
- The upgrade of Pinnacles Hut in 2013 to include on site sewerage disposal and new cladding at a cost of \$500k
- The construction of Crosbies Hut in 2012, at a cost of around \$400k
- The inclusion of powered camp sites in 2013 adjacent to the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre at a cost of \$60k
- The upgrading of Wainora Track to the Cookson Kauri in 2009 at a cost of \$300k
- Numerous smaller track and structure upgrades and additions since 2008.

With this investment, and the recent notable increases in visitor numbers to the valley, DOC believes that the Kauaeranga Valley is worthy of improved accessibility. The Kauaeranga Valley is hampered by its access, with visitors reporting that they reach the end of the current seal and turn back, unwilling or unable to proceed on the existing unsealed road.

The Department of Conservation has started implementing a plan to give the Kauaeranga "Iconic" status within the organisation, for both recreation and historic purposes. Currently the Kauaeranga Valley has "Gateway Status", as does the Cookson Kauri Trail, which is located within the Kauaeranga Valley. Gateways are:

"the places that connect new people to the outdoors. They introduce the next generation of outdoor users and grow family participation. Visitors feel safe and the places are welcoming. Gateway experiences are easy to access, easy to engage with and fun. These places become a 'gateway' to long term participation in outdoor recreation".

Iconic sites are:

"developed to support the growth of domestic and international tourism. Icon sites represent the best of NZ; the 'must see' places that both New Zealanders and our international visitors want to experience. They are well known places and there are few of them. They are most often located on the main tourism travel routes. The focus of icon destinations is attracting New Zealanders on holiday and international visitors."

Doc's local staff believe that the Kauaeranga has got what it takes to achieve iconic status within the Department's estate. In achieving this status, the Department would, in all likelihood, receive more taxpayer funding for the Kauaeranga Valley. The flow-on effect to the local community, with regard to increasing tourist numbers, would be only beneficial.

As well as the sealing extension, the Department has identified the following actions to begin to work towards Iconic Status:

- Late 2015: Preparation of a road management plan for the DOC administered road, beyond the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre. This will include an ongoing maintenance plan and suggestions for capital projects to improve road safety and maintenance.
- 2015 – 2020 (and beyond) – implementation of the road management plan
- 2014 – 15 – implementation of part one of visitor centre business plan which included an extensive summer programme and the installation of a cafe at the visitor centre during the summer months.
- 2015 – 16 (and beyond) – continuation of cafe over summer, with possible extended hours, and continuation of the summer events programme
- 2015 – 2020 (and beyond) – continue to upgrade and install new facilities to compliment visitor experiences in the Kauaeranga Valley. These include, but not limited to, tracks, toilets, picnic facilities, and other assets.
- 2015 onwards – establish better links with Destination Coromandel / TCDC / I-sites in order to effectively market and promote the Kauaeranga Valley as a outdoor recreation area in a natural setting.
- 2017 / 18 – complete the seal from the current seal end to the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre.
- 2014 / 15 – Exploration of Iconic Status for recreation and historic values in the Kauaeranga Valley

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Thames Coromandel District Council

1. Notes this submission to seal the Kauaeranga Valley Road from the current end of the seal to the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre. This is a distance of 2.24km, of which 1.6km is road managed by the Council and 640 metres is managed by the Department of Conservation.
2. Notes that the Department of Conservation has proposed to budget: \$10,000 for 2016/17, then \$205,000 for 2017/18 to proportionately contribute to the project, subject to business case approval and internal process.
3. TCDC provides budget for \$30,000 for 2016/17, then \$495,000 for 2017/18, sourced from the Economic Development Activity, and/or from the District / Local Roding Activities.



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Thames 3540

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This work has improved the visitor experience to one of Thames' jewels which the Board sees as an integral part of promoting Thames and encouraging people to keep coming back to the area.

The Board looks forward to more regular work being done in the future to maintain it to a good standard. We also look forward to engaging with DoC in the not too distant future with a view to perhaps partnering in an extension to the road seal ultimately to the Visitor Centre to enhance this wonderful attraction even further.

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Most baches are rented out for only a few weeks a year and this is minor compared to use by the owner or periods when the bach is vacant. A charge of \$200 plus GST is excessive and unreasonable

and far exceeds any benefit the bach owners may receive from economic development promoted by the Council. In fact, most baches are only rented over the New Year/January period or Beach Hop and the main attractions are the beach and classic cars, not Council events or other economic development. It should be remembered that people renting baches actually spend a lot of money in town and this benefits businesses.

We are proposing that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads so that the programme is completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

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No, I do not support the construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway.

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Yes, I support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

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Please select the option that best describes you. I own a property in the Thames-Coromandel District but I live elsewhere in New Zealand

Make Submission

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We are proposing to move the funding of \$46.6M of debt on the Eastern Seaboard plants to be paid by rates rather than development. This is because some areas are growing slowly which means this debt would not be repaid until after the plant has been retired and latest capacity information shows much of the capacity of the plants is being used today.

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A user pays system is the best option for these facilities, however ensure that the funds allocated are suitable for immediate and long-term levels of service past the 3 year period.

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We are proposing that all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less (i.e. "Granny Flats") will receive a rates remission (refund) of 50% of their fixed rates charges (e.g. UAGC, water charges).

Information relating to this question can be found on page 24 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rates remission to all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less? No, I do not agree with giving a rates remission to second dwellings of 50 square metres or less.

We are proposing that the Thames Community Board make additional investment in economic development to be funded from the targeted local rate in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000. The proposal, which is for the first 3 years of the Long Term Plan includes:

- . A new position to promote Thames at a cost of \$90,000 a year
- . An additional \$50,000 per year to facilitate economic development in the area.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 26 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area?

I only agree with the additional \$50,000 per year, not the new role at a cost of \$90,000 a year.

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Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel?

Yes, I support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

Other

Further comments.

It is interesting to read in the Consultation Document that 55% of property owners reside outside of the TCDC area. However, in no way did the community engagement programme reflect this.

- 1 The document loaded to the website for viewing was 32MB and not at all suitable for downloading or viewing online, therefore limiting access.
- 2 The community meetings to discuss the proposals were all scheduled in daytime hours (12 noon or 1pm) Monday - Friday. There was no allowance for ratepayers living outside of the district to attend either an evening meeting or a weekend meeting. Given that Easter and the Beach Hop fell in the middle of the submission period these would have been perfect opportunities to capture a target audience.
- 3 As a non residential ratepayer we didnt receive any correspondence, until requested, about the process.

Hearing

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Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? Yes

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Please select the option that best describes you.

I own a property in the Thames-Coromandel District but I live elsewhere in New Zealand

Make Submission

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Have more to tell us? Record it below.

I would like to see the council work towards several environmental initiatives including:

- a plastic bag ban
- recycling in public places
- future living skills workshops
- better cycling infrastructure
- more community gardens
- a continuation of the Thames Be Fruitful project

Thames is a fantastic place to live, but we could be a lot more environmentally focussed too.

Hearing

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Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

Make Submission

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The only reason I rent my property out is to pay the local rates as I am a single income owner, and have a mortgage as well on this property, which is my only property. I am not there for most of the year - about 1 month in total is used by myself or close family members. It works out a bloody expensive month, if not for the fact it is listed on Bookabach. This brings in enough to cover rates and repair and maintenance costs, and part of the running costs, power, etc. The people who rent from me come to Cooks Beach for the beach only, they spend large amounts of money in the local Cooks Beach businesses and also in Whitianga township . The people who rent baches rent to be by the beach - they enjoy whichever that may be. The people who use the rail trails etc. come for those activities specifically and most likely are day trippers . The majority of my renters are regulars and they bring friends to see the stunning Mercury Bay area and thus spend money in that same area . The rental period for my property is around the 30 to 40 nights per year so the other 10 odd months unoccupied is straight cost to myself. As far as the motels go in the Mercury bay South area, I haven't yet seen one that I would pay to stay in, if you know of any worth considering I would love to hear about it. Maybe I could pass them on to the enquirers I get from Bookabach. I am sure your proposal will impact

on all the local businesses and further afield in the Coromandel Peninsula as a destination. I would love to not rent my property out but to keep my little bit of Paradise it is a necessity.

Mike Holland 4 Marine Parade Cooks Bch

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We are proposing a new fee for the Hahei Park and Ride, and to extend fees for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking areas to all upgraded boat ramp areas.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 25 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking? No, I do not agree with either of the fees.

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Information relating to this question can be found on page 15 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? Yes, I agree

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Although capacity has increased due to development, it is also the increase of people on each existing property over the summer period that contributes to the issues so it should also be a local resident issue to share in the cost of upgrading infrastructure.

Stormwater is currently an activity which is paid for by ratepayers within each community board area. We are proposing that this should be funded at a district level as one of our essential services.

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Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? No, I do not agree. Stormwater should remain a locally funded activity.

Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? Please tell us why

The cost of upgrading local infrastructure should fall on the local residents where there is no additional benefit to the wider community.

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Public amenities which are of benefit to not only locals, tourists and visitors should be funded by the wider community as they have a positive benefit to the wider community.

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Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? Please tell us why

The information centres are for the benefit of the greater region. By offering these services we attract further and better tourism opportunities which has a financial benefit to the region as a whole.

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No, I do not agree that short term accommodation providers should be charged an annual fixed rate.

Do you agree with our proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate of \$200 for all short term accommodation providers? Please tell us why.

I do not agree with this proposal, as short term accommodation providers who do not exceed the "normal" level of occupancy on their property on any given day, whether they are charged or not charged, do not create any increased "stress" on the day-to-day habits and consumption of that property. Why should they be charged more than other ratepayers when their property is being consumed in the same fashion as any other non-charged property.

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Yes, I agree that Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire should be reclassified as commercial properties.

Do you agree with our proposal to reclassify Bed and Breakfast operators with four or more rooms for hire as commercial properties? Please tell us why

Yes, these are generally commercial operations seeking year wide occupancy and generating income to support individuals. The numbers of people per property exceed what would be general occupancy on a property on a daily basis, and therefore put more stress on local infrastructure.

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Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area? Please tell us why.

I believe that we need to support appropriate local economic development and also go further by looking into keeping money circulating locally. It might be useful to look into a local currency initiative such as those in Bristol, UK and in Brixton UK.

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Solid Waste

Further comments on the Solid Waste activity.

I request that the Council promote and provide the facilities for recycling in public spaces and at events. Events provide a great opportunity to educate about recycling. These initiatives would encourage a recycling ethos and result in a reduction in waste to landfill. As solid waste is a significant portion of Council expenditure (6.08% of budget according to the 2015 LTP document), this should help reduce landfill costs and save the ratepayers money in the long term.

Specifically, I ask that Council continue to give support to community recycling initiatives; to include public space recycling in future town waste collection contracts and support the contractor in meeting these aims; and to use Council media to promote effective recycling in public spaces. This would fit with the public's perception of the "clean green" Coromandel and align with the Council by-line of "the Coromandel being New Zealand's most desirable places to live, work and visit".

Other

Further comments.

Please could Council support education for living sustainably in the future. This would cover waste minimisation, reduced consumption of energy and increased uptake of local renewable energy, healthy local food, and supporting the local economy. We would like the Council to support initiatives in this area such as the Future Living Skills programme (currently supported by 13 local councils including Auckland and Wellington), the Seagull Centre expansion proposed education space and workshops, and a possible future Envirocentre. This would involve Council working in partnership with community groups and private companies.

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I ask Council to support a plastic bag free Thames. Plastic bags are being recognised globally as an environmental hazard. For example Mexico City, Kenya, Rwanda, Italy, Toronto City and more than 100 local territorial authorities in the United States have banned the use of plastic bags altogether. The incorrect disposal of single use plastic bags (such as are provided by the majority of retailers) can lead to the death of sea life when ingested, or become unsightly rubbish along tourist routes. In addition to this, the bags require fossil fuel to produce.

The idea of a plastic bag free town has been floated and is being pursued by several organisations in New Zealand (notably in Golden Bay and on Waiheke Island), and there are many opportunities for the Council to take a lead role in the implementation of a plastic bag ban in Thames. For example, helping to advertise a Plastic Bag Free day, promotion of alternatives such as Thames Market/Thames Coast branded canvas bags, and education at many levels as to why plastic bags should ultimately be replaced.

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Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? No

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

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Yes, I support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel.

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Instead of adding costs to short term accommodation providers (which in turn will impact on the rates that the property owners will charge, which in turn will impact on visitor numbers), the Council should be finding ways to make it cheaper for other accommodation providers. The costs for Council to monitor this whole plan may even outweigh the benefit of it. I am actually finding it difficult to understand how Council even has the right to impose this fee.

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No, I do not agree with either of the additional measures taken to support economic development in the Thames Community Board Area.

Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area? Please tell us why.

I am concerned that this funding will be at the expense of other areas of the Thames-Coromandel District which is actually growing in numbers but is severely lacking in facilities and resources.

Mercury Bay - Community Spaces

Further comments on the Mercury Bay - Community Spaces activity.

I support the spending proposed on the Whitianga Sports Ground Development and would like to see funding provided for a new clubroom/netball tower as proposed by the Trust.

I would like to see funding allocated to a covered swimming pool for the residents and visitors of the greater Mercury Bay area. We are a growing community as evidenced by the increasing school roll. It is not acceptable that our residents have to travel nearly 1 ½ hours (one way) to get to an indoor pool during winter. Mercury Bay has a 25m pool available, all it needs is for Council to provide extra funding to cover it in winter. I understand that Council is investigating the possibility of a Sub Regional Aquatic Centre in Thames, but this does not solve the problem of Mercury Bay not having suitable access to a covered pool during the winter months. The residents (particularly our younger members) are disadvantaged as a result and are missing out. If Thames High School and the Council can arrange funding for a new indoor sports centre, surely Council can assist in getting Mercury Bay a covered indoor pool.

Roads and Footpaths

Further comments on the Roads and Footpaths activity.

I support the spending proposed on the Whitianga Town Upgrade. This is long overdue.

Hearing

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Would you like to speak at a hearing in support of your submission? Yes

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Hearing requirements:

I **WOULD** be prepared to consider presenting a joint case if others make a similar submission.

Please select the option that best describes you. I live in the Thames-Coromandel District

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We are proposing to move the funding of \$46.6M of debt on the Eastern Seaboard plants to be paid by rates rather than development. This is because some areas are growing slowly which means this debt would not be repaid until after the plant has been retired and latest capacity information shows much of the capacity of the plants is being used today.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 15 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates? No, I do not agree.

Stormwater is currently an activity which is paid for by ratepayers within each community board area. We are proposing that this should be funded at a district level as one of our essential services.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 19 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move stormwater from being locally funded to district-wide funding? Yes, I agree that stormwater should be funded district-wide.

Public toilets are currently paid for by a district wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as they are a local service.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 20 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move public toilets from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? No, I do not agree. Public toilets should remain funded through a district-wide rate.

Cemeteries are currently paid for by a district-wide rate. We are proposing that these facilities should be paid for by ratepayers within each of the local community board areas as these are a local service.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 20 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal that we move cemeteries from being funded district-wide to being locally funded? No, I do not agree. Cemeteries should remain funded through a district-wide rate.

All information centres are currently funded through a district-wide rate. We are proposing over the next three years that the funding for the Tairua, Pauanui, Whangamata and Coromandel information centres be funded locally by ratepayers in those community board areas and that the Thames and Whitianga information centers remain funded at a district-wide level as they are key visitor information locations for the whole of the Coromandel Peninsula.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 21 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to move Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres to local funding over the next three years? No, I do not agree. Tairua, Pauanui Whangamata and Coromandel information centres should remain district funded.

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We are proposing a rates remission (refund) for residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 24 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rate remission to residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes? Yes, I agree that residents in a retirement village who don't qualify for the central government rates rebate because of how they own their homes should be given a rates remission.

We are proposing that all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less (i.e. "Granny Flats") will receive a rates remission (refund) of 50% of their fixed rates charges (e.g. UAGC, water charges).

Information relating to this question can be found on page 24 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with our proposal to give a rates remission to all second dwellings of 50 square metres or less? No, I do not agree with giving a rates remission to second dwellings of 50 square metres or less.

We are proposing a new fee for the Hahei Park and Ride, and to extend fees for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking areas to all upgraded boat ramp areas.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 25 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking? Yes, I agree with the fees for the Hahei Park and Ride and for Mercury Bay boat ramps and trailer parking.

We are proposing that the Thames Community Board make additional investment in economic development to be funded from the targeted local rate in the Thames Community Board Area at a total cost of \$140,000. The proposal, which is for the first 3 years of the Long Term Plan includes:

- . A new position to promote Thames at a cost of \$90,000 a year
- . An additional \$50,000 per year to facilitate economic development in the area.

Information relating to this question can be found on page 26 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed additional investment in economic development in the Thames Community Board Area? I only agree with the additional \$50,000 per year, not the new role at a cost of \$90,000 a year.

We are proposing that the Whangamata Community Board accelerates their current gradual programme of footpath construction and kerbing and channel to key roads so that the programme is completed in years 1 and 2 of the Long Term Plan.

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Information relating to this question can be found on page 27 of the Consultation Document .

Do you agree with the proposed construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway, to be funded locally by Whangamata Community Board ratepayers? Yes, I support the construction of a new Wentworth Valley walkway and cycleway.

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Do you support a series of memorial native forests here in the Coromandel? Please tell us why.

This is a superb project and our school fully supports this concert and its progressive development offer the next 5 years

. Strategic Planning

Further comments on the Strategic Planning activity.

Our school fully supports the development of a district wide and community centred Arts Policy.

The Arts are one of the key planks of development of and for young people within our school (Mercury Bay Area School) and it is clear that there is not the same commitment external to our school for the growth and development in this field for those beyond our school. Local arts organisation struggle with support, volunteers, and funding to make things happen, yet they do so despite the absence of wider support structures that ought to be present within and across our communities.

Policy backed by strategic planning and associated financial provision is essential for the development of this Kaupapa for our communities.

Further comments on the Mercury Bay - Community Spaces activity.Support for the provision of community facilities in our school.

Play areas. Our play areas for young people up to the age of 13-14, are in use by the community "24/7". We have a belief that we are a community school and that all we do is for and should/needs to be supported by our wider community. Our playgrounds practically speaking are open to all, and are the only ones available outside those at the boat ramp, Moewai Park and Brophys beach. That is our school effectively provides for community play areas in the southern half of Whitianga. Consequently the wear and tear on the facilities is significant. Our board are about to develop our facilities further and our request would be for some supportive funding for maintenance and safety checks and provision during the next 10 year period. This will be helpful and of direct benefit to the families who reside locally.

4.2 gymnasium. Our new gymnasium is a school facility, paid for by the school itself through supportive funding from the MoE. Our view is that it should be considered a "Community gymnasium", available to all within our community, certainly until the community is able to get its own at Moewai Park. Naturally the clubs involved in using the gym make a modest donation to the running of the facility, however it is the wear and tear on this facility, beyond that which could be expected from educational use alone that is of concern to our board. Our request is that provision be made for a modest contribution over and during the next ten years from TCDC to MBAS, in recognition of the wider use of the school facility by the community at large; the absence of any fiscal need by the council to make any provision for a community gymnasium for the foreseeable future in Mercury Bay; and as a reflection of the supportive role and contribution MBAS makes to the wider provision of facilities to our community. A clear example of this will be the need to resurface our floor within 10 years - surface, lines etc - due to significant increase in use. An ongoing contribution by TCDC to support us is appropriate.

Joint venture development. There is much wisdom in looking at increasing the community connection between our school and all folks within our community. We are moving into a further developmental and very exciting phase of preparing our property, working with our staff, and growing our young people to be capable flexible, effective learners for this century. Engagement with community in what we are seeking to achieve is essential. Physical facilities like, for example, our library and our hall are set for significant redevelopment and it would wise for us to consider how we could, as a community, make the most of these possible joint venture developments. We as a community, missed a grand opportunity with the development of our new gymnasium, to incorporate redevelopment of the changing rooms etc and associated infrastructure around our swimming pool which would have serviced our community for the subsequent 20 years. It is essential we have at the forefront of what we are thinking, the vision of us being a community, of us utilising funds strategically to serve the wider community and school community effectively and well.

A formal request is made to commit to a community:school partnership within and during the next 10 years around property (re)development which will serve us all well into the future.

Further comments on the Roads and Footpaths activity.Consideration of traffic flows through South Highway west of Albert St to Cook Drive

I am deeply concerned at the volume and flow of traffic through the route described above, most particularly at the commencement and close of the school day. I believe research into making this section of South Highway, adjacent to Mercury Bay Area School, flow west only would reveal a significant improvement in safety in and around our school. Speed humps could be added, and the parallel parking in the N side of this section of the road could be changed to angle parking to provide

for more and safer parking. This road is the width of a state highway and would be well wide enough to allow for all the improvements.

Consideration of a name change of South Highway west of Albert street to the waterways canal

Considerable confusion abounds with the retention of the name "South Highway" in the section of the road that leads from Albert St in the east to the Whitianga Waterway's canal in the west. Investigations indicate that this part of the road could take the name "Albert Street", easily, with sequential numbering commencing from the east end of south highway. This would make a lot of sense and remove confusion that persists for people wishing to get to our school, frequently new comers to our school and community, and visitors (eg Ministry of Education) to our school

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