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Dear Karen

Draft Long Term Plan 2021/2031

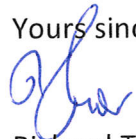
As a submitter to the Draft Long Term Plan 2021/2031 your views were considered by Council prior to this plan being finalised. There were seventy submissions received on a range of issues, and Council appreciates the input from the community to the development of this document.

The Long Term Plan has now been adopted, and a copy of the plan will be available on the Council's website www.tararua.govt.nz, at any Council Service Centre, or can be forwarded on request.

Matters covered in the submission you completed are set out in the attachment to this letter regarding Council's decisions, and comments made relating to growth, community hubs and forestry were noted.

Thank you for your submission and taking the time to place your comments in writing concerning the Council's proposals relating to its services and activities to be provided within the Tararua District.

Yours sincerely



Richard Taylor
Manager - Democracy Services



Recycling

That Council acknowledge the communities desire to encourage waste minimisation and a reduction in waste disposal and agree to implement the preferred option of kerbside recycling services for the four main urban towns in the district funded via a targeted rate, and continue with the ongoing waste reduction education programmes.

Community Development

That with the reinstatement of the four aspects of wellbeing (social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of the district's communities) into legislation, Council introduce the preferred option of a new activity called Community Development and invest in two new roles, as supported by the community.

Debt Repayment

That recognising the financial challenges and opportunities discussed in the Financial Strategy and support expressed through the submissions received Council agree to:

- The introduction of a dedicated debt repayment programme which ensures Council has continued financial resilience, and based on the preferred option to repay debt at a compounding rate of 2% of rates each year, and*
- The rates limits where rate increases in any one year will be maintained within the weighted average local government cost index, which is calculated by BERL and specifically reflects the types of costs faced by councils, PLUS three percent and PLUS two percent dedicated for additional principal debt repayment.*

Road Financial Reserves

That to improve the district's resilience to the impacts of climate change on infrastructure Council support:

- The continued current funding of \$1.6 million of emergency road works, with \$217,000 funded from rates being maintained as the preferred option for the roading financial reserves, and*
- The development of a Climate Change Strategy.*