

streams is required. This explanation will not change the requirement to undertake the proposed work-streams, but will highlight any possible past deficiencies to ensure that we do not find ourselves in this predicament in the future.

Further urban drinking water resilience measures, for consideration

There are additional cost-effective options to manage our urban drinking water systems which Council might consider.

- Most notably, by incentivising (including by subsidy) use of rain-water tanks. It is, however, acknowledged that this option would be limited due to the small size of many town sections;
- Increased monitoring and prompt repair of water leaks. Water leaks spilling out onto the street are sometimes evident in Waipukurau, and for whatever reasons take some time to repair.
- Water conservation incentivisation measures, specifically by **installation of water metres**. Having lived in Australia for many years with a residential water meter, I believe that this is the best means to achieve awareness of residential water usage and, by extension, conservation. As with the currently limited use of water metres in the district, the system would allow a capped water amount (based on number of persons-per-household), at no charge, with a rising-scale charge applying thereafter.

➤ I support **Option 2** (5% District-Wide Targeted Rate)

However, this plan to be implemented **only following an explanation from Council about how the current targeted water rates have been applied historically, and why the recently identified infrastructure work has not been met from those rates.**

3) **Upgrading of Waipawa Swimming Pool**

This facility is a major community asset, especially since it is now the only community outdoor pool in Central Hawkes Bay; it was a great travesty that the Waipukurau A.W. Parsons Pool was installed at the cost of the outdoor pool facility in the town.

The proposal for a full upgrade will enhance and improve this asset for the benefit of the community for many years, and staging the development over several years will allow fundraising to be undertaken.

➤ I support **Option 3** (Staged upgrade, funded by Council and local fundraising)

4) **Planning for the Future**

While it is already the role of Council to plan for the future of the communities they govern, the current proposal for additional rates to undertake infrastructure upgrades indicates this has not always been done effectively. Clearly such planning should be undertaken in consultation with the affected communities where practical, and the proposed Town Centre Plans and Community Plans would achieve this.

➤ I support **option 2** (Develop Town Centre and Community Plans)

5) Funding of Emergency Management

Centralisation of the Civil Defence function, including a centralised funding model, is the most efficient means to deliver this service.

- I support **Option 1** (HBRC to rate for Civil Defence)

6) Additional Matters

Trees in Waipukurau's main street

It is reported that these trees are destined for removal and replacement due to the ongoing maintenance costs associated with leaves and roots. The reason these trees now require this level of maintenance is because, in recent years at least, they have not received regular pruning maintenance.



It is possible that the department of Council responsible for this work has been negligent, or that responsibility for undertaking this work has not been clearly allocated. In any event, when the trees are removed they should **be replaced with suitable species as a matter of urgency, and then regularly maintained.** If practical, native species should be re-planted. For instance, there are species of Golden Totara which do not grow to usual height, and which would in time create a spectacular and unique feature for Waipukurau's main street.

Keeping youth in Central Hawkes Bay

A widespread problem facing many provincial centres is how to attract and keep young families. Just as access to sufficient and reliable sources of clean water is the life-blood of a community, a thriving youth population ensures its vitality. This is a multi-faceted problem requiring multiple approaches. Certainly, provision of amenities such as the skate parks in Waipawa and, more recently, Waipukurau are worthwhile, as is provision of both the pool complexes. Access to affordable rental properties is a serious issue which is beyond the scope of local body Councils to address alone.

Sustainable and well paid jobs are the key. While, again, this is beyond the scope of Council to address alone, **employment generating opportunities should be identified and pursued where practical**. Partnership models with other branches of government and the private sector may provide such opportunities. Some ideas are:

- The Hawkes Bay Regional Council has identified Central Hawkes Bay as a potential regional hub for a native tree nursery and planting programme. Council should be liaising with HBRC and facilitating this development by, for instance, identifying potential sites;
- The recently elected coalition government have launched a \$3 billion Regional Growth Fund which includes the planting of a billion trees over ten years, half of which will be planted in partnership with community and iwi groups. This may be a further opportunity which could tie in with the Regional Council proposal; and
- There is currently a “wall of wood” being harvested from forests in the region, most of which is being transported to Napier port and shipped overseas as whole logs. Is there an opportunity to identify a value-added processor and incentivise them to establish a local business?

Can Council make cost savings to reduce the proposed rates increases?

Council’s Long Term Plan does not state whether internal budget savings have been investigated? Savings might be achievable in-house, or by trimming, placing on hold, or shelving currently budgeted items. For instance, do any Council staff have vehicles for personal use which are not essential to the undertaking of their role? Are there non-essential budgeted items which can be identified? My submission for the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan did not support the Russell Park multi-sport turf surface project on grounds of high initial capital cost, ongoing maintenance and eventual replacement costs. I argued that the sports amenity value of Russell Park could be enhanced by more cost-effective improvements and increased maintenance of existing soil surface fields. Is this project still a realistic option, given current rating priorities?

The elephant in the room

The elephant in the room, in terms of future costs faced by ratepayers and not addressed in this Long Term Plan, is the upgrading of the town’s sewage processing plants. My submission for the 2016-2017 Annual Plan argued against investing in additional anaerobic and stormwater ponds at Waipukurau on grounds that this would be insufficient to provide long-term solutions to the identified wastewater discharge shortcomings. I argued instead for investment in a Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) system, and provided a basic outline of

the system's operating principles and costs. The system could be funded by a loan paid for by rates amortised over several years. These suggestions were not acknowledged in Council's letter of response to my submission. As it transpires, an SBR system is now being considered.

However, the prospect of a loan is now no longer viable because of the recently identified infrastructure priorities, and the requirement to fund these from rates. That is, **Central Hawkes Bay ratepayers cannot afford any additional major rates rises for many years to come**, if the current proposals and rates increases are adopted. As with most provincial centres, Central Hawkes Bay has a low, static, and aging population base who do not provide the economies of scale to sustain the required cost, realistically estimated to be as much as \$36 million.

Yet the upgrades, and the health of our rivers, are of immediate urgency. The only conceivable means to pay for the upgrades is for a partnership amongst local, regional and central branches of government to invest for the good of our national environment. That is, community wastewater discharges are a national rather than a localised issue.

It is conceivable that under the current environmentally-focussed coalition government a case for funding would be seriously considered. I recommend that Council **convene a committee consisting of Councillors, interested local ratepayers and iwi, for the purpose of developing and presenting a case for funding the required infrastructure to regional and central government.**

Acknowledgement

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Council's 2018-2028 Long Term Plan. A crucial component of a healthy democracy is the ability for the public to be heard, and for that collective voice to be afforded due consideration. In this regard, and in general matters of transparency and long-term vision, our current Councillors are to be commended.

Corporate Services



29 March 2018

Central Hawke's Bay District Council
P Box 127
WAIPAWA 4210

Email: thrive@chbdc.govt.nz

Dear Council

CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2018-28

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on Central Hawke's Bay District Council's Long Term Plan 2018-28. Hawke's Bay District Health Board considers CHB District Council to be a key partner in improving the health of Central Hawke's Bay's people.

1. The Big Water Story

The Hawke's Bay District Health Board supports Council's proposal to invest in water infrastructure over the medium term with payment spread over 35 years (option 1).

The DHB agrees that significant investment is likely to be required and that spreading the cost over successive generations of users is more equitable. We note that Government is currently conducting a three waters review. Changes arising from the review may require Council to revisit the funding strategy within the ten years of this plan.

We note that while the plan has a ten year horizon some upgrades to the region's drinking water supplies are required in the very short term to demonstrate compliance with the Health Act 1956 and the Drinking Water Standards New Zealand 2008 in the short term.

The plan proposes that further review of wastewater treatment is undertaken to address ongoing non-compliance. We recommend that the DHB's Health Protection Team is consulted as part of any review to ensure that the resources of this group can be provided to assist in ensuring that any changes to wastewater treatment achieves public health goals. We note that achieving consent *E.coli* discharge limits does not necessarily guarantee that all public health risks have been eliminated.

The DHB supports CHBDC's plans to improve the collection and management of stormwater. We note that stormwater ingress to the wastewater network creates public health risk currently by overloading the wastewater plant treatment capacity.

Hawke's Bay DHB supports the statement that the Central Hawke's Bay District Council will 'Ensure we do not burden future generations with aging infrastructure'. The definition of sustainable management under section 5 of the Resource Management Act makes specific reference to social, economic, and cultural well-being and health and safety. Central Hawke's Bay District Council is to be commended on the statement in the Long Term Plan consultation document.

2. Funding of Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

The DHB agrees that the whole community benefits from drinking water and wastewater infrastructure. We agree with the proposal for a district-wide targeted rate to fund drinking water and wastewater investment. *Assuming the rate is applied on a uniform basis as proposed the rate of 7.5% (option 3) appears to provide the greatest spread of rates across the district and is supported.*

The introduction of a region-wide rate will help to relieve the burden on the ratepayers directly connected to the infrastructure. The rate would reflect the contribution that effective wastewater treatment in particular can play in reducing nutrient and pathogen loads on waterways, thereby reducing the nutrient control requirements for farms in the same catchment.

We also recommend that rather than applying the district-wide rate on a uniform basis, Council consider that a differential regional-wide rate should be introduced. This would enable those with the greatest ability to contribute more to do so, thereby leaving those families with the least ability to pay with more funds for other essential expenditure.

3. Upgrade of Waipawa and District Centennial Memorial Baths

The DHB supports Council's plans to upgrade the baths. We agree that facilities for swimming are important for health by promoting physical activity, swimming lessons and water safety and social connection. We support option 3 as this includes a 'learn to swim' pool. We note that it will be important for the new facility to include shade protection.

4. Planning for the future for our Towns and Communities

We support the proposal to develop Town Centre Plans for Waipukurau and Waipawa and community plans for Tikokino, Onga Onga, Takapau, Porangahau and Otane (option 2).

Urban and community planning contribute significantly to health by facilitating development that results in health promoting physical environments. We agree that it is essential communities themselves steer these planning processes and that plans address the issues that are important to them. We note that just over half of the CHB population live in rural areas and are therefore particularly vulnerable to adverse climatic events. Residents in rural areas can also be relatively isolated. We agree that it is also important to plan for these communities so as to build resilience and support the health of these communities. We note that provision of primary health care in CHB is part of the picture and look forward to working with the Central Hawke's Bay District Council on this as part of the CHB's town and community planning project.

We would like to speak to this submission. Please contact: Kim Maitland (Executive Assistant) kim.maitland@hbdbh.govt.nz or phone (06) 8732101.

Yours sincerely



Dr Kevin Snee
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LONG TERM PLAN SUBMISSION

Submitters Name: CHB Disability Reference Group

Contact: Fred Howley, Email: s.howley320@gmail.com Phone 0221587145

We would like to present our submission at the hearing.

The CHB Disability Reference groups wishes to provide a submission to the Long Term Plan 2018-28, specifically around the upgrade to the Waipawa and District Centennial Memorial Baths.

To ensure that the Waipawa and District Centennial Memorial Baths, as stated in the consultation document, is a facility for everyone to enjoy we would like this pool to cater for the needs of residents and visitors of all ages who live with disabilities so as to enable them full and functional access of this community facility. These specific's include

- Large spacious dressing rooms
- Large spacious toilets and showers, close to seating area
- Sliding doors access to toilets and changing rooms
- Disability access pool ramp
- Non-slip surfaces
- Railing around and in the pool
- Wide doors and steps
- Cubicles in changing area
- Access to accept 4 wheel scooters
- Charging area for 4 wheel scooters
- Equipment such as float belts, neck cradles, pool access chairs
- Adequate, appropriate and monitored disability carparking
- Wide ramp entrance to facility
- Height appropriate tables (without attached seats)

To enable this to happen we propose that Universal Design is used in the development, design and construction of the facility. Universal design is about producing environments that are accessible to all people of all abilities, at any stage of life. The abilities covered by universal design resources are broad ranging, and include people who are elderly, young, manipulatory disabled, blind, or deaf, or who need a walking aid or use a wheelchair. However, the design concepts and solution provided are smart for everyone using the facility.

Research has shown that it is considerably cheaper and less disruptive to build universal design features into a project than retrofit at a later stage.

We propose that CHB District Council engage the services of a consultant who specialises in universal design and that the recommendations of this consultant are included in the pool design and specifications. We also propose that the CHB Disability Reference Group is included in all consultation around the design of the facility.

Further information see <https://www.odi.govt.nz/nz-disability-strategy/outcome-5-accessibility/>

CHBDC – Long Term Plan 2018–2028

#279

Consultation

Name Fred Howley

Address



CHB Disability Reference Group
New Zealand

Day Phone:

Night Phone:

Mobile: 0221587145

Email s.howley320@gmail.com

Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing? Yes

1.
How do we make sure our Three Waters Infrastructure is fit for the future?

Please provide any comments:

**2.
How do we
fund our
drinking water
and
wastewater
infrastructure**

**Please provide
any
comments:**

**3.
How do we
upgrade the
Waipawa and
District
Centennial
Memorial
Baths?**

Please provide any comments:

We would like to present our submission at the hearing.

The CHB Disability Reference groups wishes to provide a submission to the Long Term Plan 2018–28, specifically around the upgrade to the Waipawa and District Centennial Memorial Baths.

To ensure that the Waipawa and District Centennial Memorial Baths, as stated in the consultation document, is a facility for everyone to enjoy we would like this pool to cater for the needs of residents and visitors of all ages who live with disabilities so as to enable them full and functional access of this community facility. These specific's include

- Large spacious dressing rooms
- Large spacious toilets and showers, close to seating area
- Sliding doors access to toilets and changing rooms
- Disability access pool ramp

- Non-slip surfaces
- Railing around and in the pool
- Wide doors and steps
- Cubicles in changing area
- Access to accept 4 wheel scooters
- Charging area for 4 wheel scooters
- Equipment such as float belts, neck cradles, pool access chairs
- Adequate, appropriate and monitored disability carparking
- Wide ramp entrance to facility
- Height appropriate tables (without attached seats)

To enable this to happen we propose that Universal Design is used in the development, design and construction of the facility. Universal design is about producing environments that are accessible to all people of all abilities, at any stage of life. The abilities covered by universal design resources are broad ranging, and include people who are elderly, young, manipulatory disabled, blind, or deaf, or who need a walking aid or use a wheelchair. However, the design concepts and solution provided are smart for everyone using the facility.

Research has shown that it is considerably cheaper and less disruptive to build universal design features into a project than retrofit at a later stage.

We propose that CHB District Council engage the services of a consultant who specialises in universal design and that the recommendations of this consultant are included in the pool design and specifications. We also propose that the CHB Disability Reference Group is included in all consultation around the design of the facility.

Further information see <https://www.odi.govt.nz/nz-disability-strategy/outcome-5-accessibility/>

4.
How do we
plan for the

**future of our
Towns and
Communities?**

**Please provide
any
comments:**

**5.
How do we
fund
Emergency
Management?**

**Please provide
any
comments:**

**ANY OTHER
SUGGESTIONS:**

CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL
03 APR 2018
RECEIVED

05 APR 2018
280



Submission Form

YOUR details

Submitters Name: PATRICIA MARY PHELVIN

Postal Address: 502 ORUAWHARA RD TAKAPAU

Day Phone: 06-8558241 Night Phone: NA

Mobile: (No Reception) Email: PHELVIN@BLINGSHOT.CO.NZ

Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing? Yes No

Please note that your submission (including any personal information supplied) will be made available to Councillors and the public. Submissions Close on 29 March 2018 at 5pm

Submission Questions

1.
How do we make sure our Three Waters Infrastructure is fit for the future?

Invest based on the plan

Invest over a longer time frame

Maintain the current assets

Please provide any comments

Is this a "Do you still beat your wife" question?

2.
How do fund our drinking water and wastewater infrastructure?

Retain the current funding

District wide charge at 5%

District wide charge at 7.5%

Please provide any comments

This is also not a question for rate payers who have to fund their own water/wastewater now. Grossly unfair

3.
How do we upgrade the Waipawa and District Centennial Memorial Baths?

Council funds \$650k of 25m pool and Splashpad

Council funds \$700k of 25m pool only

Council funds \$650k of staged project

Please provide any comments

USER PAYS.

4.
How do we plan for the future of our Towns and Communities?

Address each issue at the time

Develop Town Centre and Community Plans

Please provide any comments

I see no reason to expect any change to the shrinking of small towns. Including coming - I do not think so - just like myself

5.
How do we fund Emergency Management?

Fund costs of Civil Defence through Regional Council rates

Continue to fund through the CHBDC General rate

Please provide any comments

MAY STOP THEM floating costly Dam schemes that will benefit their mates and then self

ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS

MY TOWN TAKAPAU IS a lawless, unpoliced mess.

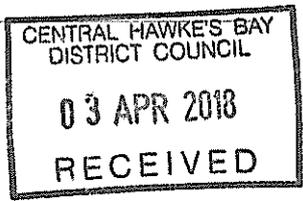
Do you as a council know of the crime y Daug use that is just ignored by all. No industry would be silly enough to come here under this cloud

You are able to comment on anything included in the Consultation Document or provide any other feedback.

Need more room? You can attach extra pages but please make sure they include your name and contact information.

05 APR 2018

2861



Submission Form

YOUR details

Submitters Name: Heather Monson & Paul Prendergast

Postal Address: 24 Lyall St, Tirokino

Day Phone: _____ Night Phone: 021 137 9794

Mobile: _____ Email: wheelbarrow1@hotmail.co.nz

Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing? Yes No

Please note that your submission (including any personal information supplied) will be made available to Councillors and the public.
 Submissions Close on 29 March 2018 at 5pm

Submission Questions

1.
 How do we make sure our Three Waters Infrastructure is fit for the future?

Invest based on the plan

Invest over a longer time frame

Maintain the current assets

Please provide any comments

4.
 How do we plan for the future of our Towns and Communities?

Address each issue at the time

Develop Town Centre and Community Plans

Please provide any comments

2.
 How do fund our drinking water and wastewater infrastructure?

Retain the current funding

District wide charge at 5%

District wide charge at 7.5%

Please provide any comments

5.
 How do we fund Emergency Management?

Fund costs of Civil Defence through Regional Council rates

Continue to fund through the CHBDC General rate

Please provide any comments

3.
 How do we upgrade the Waipawa and District Centennial Memorial Baths?

Council funds \$650k of 25m pool and Splashpad

Council funds \$700k of 25m pool only

Council funds \$650k of staged project

Please provide any comments

ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS

Cancel new draft plan and amend current, still valid plan already adopted

Individual issues can be dealt with as and when they arise through current legislation.

Rates increased 100% last year, so not accepting of an interest for Tirokino when benefits are for other areas. Why penalise Tirokino now? Instead address issues as they arise whilst current plan operational

You are able to comment on anything included in the Consultation Document or provide any other feedback.

Need more room? You can attach extra pages but please make sure they include your name and contact information.

Regional Council are also proposing a significant increase, can't afford to manage two councils making large % increase, especially with no resultant benefit from CHBDC for Tirokino.