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Mayor Les Probert and Wairoa District Council CEO Peter Freeman.

Kia ora and welcome to the Wairoa District Council 2009-2019 Ten Year Plan.

Council reviews its LTCCP every three years and this process allows the public the opportunity of helping Council set programmes and priorities for the future.

The 2009-19 Plan is reflective of the current economic environment. The accumulated activity plans show a no frills approach to Council's

business and also some options around levels of service that you may wish to comment on. See Significant Issues **Vol 1, p3-14**.

Some examples are:

**Roading:** Do we increase investment in our sealed road rehabilitation or not?  
Do we continue to maintain all of our current network or not? See discussion **Vol 1, p103**.

**Wastewater:** Should Council and the Government invest \$12m in a Wastewater Scheme for Mahia? **Vol 2, p176**.

**Waste Management:** Should Council maintain its own landfill or transfer, refuse outside the District?  
Should the hours at the landfill be changed?  
See Significant Issues **Vol 1, p8-12**.

**Finance:** The proposal in the plan to bolster 2009/10 income with reserves to offset the effect of decreased income and dividend earnings. Is this a good idea?  
What is the impact on future years?  
See Significant Issues **Vol 1, p3-4**.

These are only some of the many questions upon which Council would appreciate your input.

The plan of course also provides for anyone with any idea at all to come and present their proposal for Council consideration.

The overall impact of the Plan on year one 2009/10 is that Council would require 1% less rating income than the previous year.

This is due largely to the greatly reduced Mahia Wastewater Rate from \$737.30 to \$203.60.

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The impact on individual properties varies greatly from reductions in some cases to significant increases in others.

The LTCCP shows a balanced set of books over 10 years and the average rate increase to achieve this is 3.81% per annum.

Thank you for taking the time to read this Plan. Please feel free to make any comments and or suggestions.



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