

**WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

*(Hearing Long-term Plan Submissions)*

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Council to Hear the Long-term Plan Submissions held at the Wairoa War Memorial Hall, on Friday, 19 June 2015 at 9.00am.

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**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor Mr C Little (Chairman)

**COUNCILLORS**

M Bird, B Cairns, D Eaglesome-Karekare (Deputy Mayor), H Flood, J Harker,  
M Johansen

**IN ATTENDANCE:** F Power (Chief Executive Officer)  
J Cox (Engineering Manager)  
A Morton (Chief Financial Officer)  
J Baty (Corporate Services Manager)  
H Montgomery (Regulatory Manager)  
K Tipuna (Communications Strategist)  
C McGimpsey (Governance Advisor and Policy Strategist)

**CIVIC PRAYER**

The civic prayer was given by J Baty (Corporate Services Manager).

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from G Symes (Chairperson of the Maori Standing Committee) and P Kelly (Representative – Māori Standing Committee).

**CALLS FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Nil**

**CALLS FOR ITEMS OF URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS NOT INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA AND NOTICES**

**General Items**

**SCHEDULE OF SUBMISSIONS**

His Worship the Mayor welcomed those in attendance explaining the procedure for the Hearing of Submissions. Each submitter would have 10 minutes to speak to their submission and Councillors would be able to ask questions on points of clarity.

A copy of all the submissions received are available on the agenda for this meeting.

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| <b><u>Resolved:</u></b> | <i>That the speaking and non-speaking submissions to the Draft LTP 2015-2025 be received.</i> | <b><i>Johansen/Cairns</i></b> |
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**SCHEDULE OF DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2015-25 SUBMISSIONS (SPEAKING)**

The summary document of submitters concerns/suggestions (speaking and non-speaking) is attached as Appendix 1 to these minutes.

The following people spoke to their submissions:

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| Roland Matley  |
| Merv Goodley   |
| Points of clarity were sought by Councillor Cairns and J Cox (Engineering Manager) |
| Chris Hart   |
| Mike Little  |
| Pua Malta Taumata  |

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| Points of clarity were sought by Councillor Eaglesome-Karekare and Councillor Bird.  |
| Gordon Preston   |
| Brian Webby<br>Points of clarity were sought by Councillor Eaglesome-Karekare.   |
| Jean Martin<br>Points of clarity were sought by Councillor Harker and Councillor Bird.   |
| Brian Jones  |
| Douglas Waugh<br>Points of clarity were sought by Councillor Johansen, Councillor Flood, Councillor Cairns, Councillor Eaglesome-Karekare and Councillor Bird. |
| Areta Pohe<br>Points of clarity were sought by Councillor Eaglesome-Karekare, Councillor Flood and J Cox (Engineering Manager)                                 |

10.37am The meeting adjourned

10.59am The meeting reconvened

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| Denys Caves<br>Points of clarity were sought by His Worship the Mayor and Councillor Cairns.   |
| Chris Wilson   |
| Larry Grooby<br>A point of clarity was sought by Councillor Harker   |
| Kerry Whitworth  |
| Katarina Kawana<br>A point of clarity was sought by Councillor Bird  |
| Heather Smith, Democrats for Social Credit   |
| Susan White, Business Hawke's Bay<br>Points of clarity were sought by Councillor Cairns and Councillor Bird.   |
| Stuart Perry, Tourism Eastland Inc<br>Points of clarity were sought by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Bird, Councillor Harker, and Councillor Cairns. |
| Brenda Allen, Wairoa Citizens Advice Bureau  |

12.38pm The meeting adjourned

1.27pm The meeting reconvened

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| Annette Mossman and Sara Bird, Sports Hawke's Bay<br>Points of clarity were sought by J Baty (Corporate Services Manager), His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Harker, Councillor Flood, Councillor Eaglesome-Karekare, and Councillor Cairns. |
| Derek Williams<br>Points of clarity were sought by His Worship the Mayor and J Cox (Engineering Manager)   |
| Matthew Croft, Hawke's Bay Forestry Group<br>Points of clarity were sought by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Cairns, Councillor Johansen and J Cox (Engineering Manager).   |
| Lis and Carl Batters<br>A point of clarity was sought by Councillor Harker   |
| Ngaio Bell, Wairoa Budget Advisory Service Inc   |
| Margaret and David Fraser<br>Points of clarity were sought by Councillor Cairns, His Worship the Mayor and J Cox (Engineering Manager)   |
| Peter Krzanich<br>Points of clarity were sought by His Worship the Mayor, and Councillor Harker.   |
| Jenny Krzanich<br>Points of clarity were sought by Councillor Harker and J Cox (Engineering Manager)   |
| Leona Karauria, Computers in Homes<br>A point of clarity was sought by Councillor Bird   |
| Leona Karauria<br>Points of clarity were sought by Councillor Cairns, Councillor Harker, Councillor Eaglesome-Karekare, and Councillor Flood   |

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| Jon Knauf<br>Points of clarity were sought by His Worship the Mayor and Councillor Eaglesome-Karekare. |
| Sefton Alexander, Federated Farmers<br>A point of clarity was sought by Councillor Bird                |
| Joan Ropiha  |

3.59pm The meeting adjourned

4.08pm The meeting reconvened

His Worship the Mayor thanked those in attendance who had spoken to their submissions

**SCHEDULE OF DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2015-25 SUBMISSIONS (NON-SPEAKING)**

The summary document of submitters concerns/suggestions (speaking and non-speaking) is attached as Appendix 1 to these minutes.

His Worship the Mayor thanked those who had sent in their submissions.

4.10pm Councillor Flood re-entered the meeting

He advised that the submissions had been received at the start of the meeting and that they would be deliberated at the Council Meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June at 9am in the Council Chamber.

There being no further General Business His Worship the Mayor declared the meeting closed. The closing prayer was given by J Baty (Corporate Services Manager).

**CLOSED:**            The meeting closed at **4:11pm.**

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WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL

DRAFT LONG-TERM PLAN 2015-25: SUMMARY OF SPEAKING SUBMISSIONS

**SUBMITTER:** Merv Goodley  
**SUBMISSION:** Opening of the Mahanga drain

The submitter is concerned about flooding of the Mahanga drain outlet and that blockages are not cleared promptly enough.

**SUBMITTER:** Chris Hart  
**SUBMISSION:** Competitive pricing of piping of open drains  
Opposes the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal  
Rating system

The submission is concerned with a number of issues. The submitter queries whether the estimate for piping of open drains is the best competitive price.

In addition, the submitter is opposed to the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal, arguing that it is not an appropriate activity for Council as not all members of the community are interested in this service.

The submission also states that the current rating system may put some people off from moving to Wairoa and that the rating system should be more suitable for the make-up of the district.

**SUBMITTER:** Mike Little  
**SUBMISSION:** Opposition to the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal  
Supports Wairoa Wastewater Treatment Plant option 2  
Supports the piping of open drains  
Proposes replacement of rural fire appliances on 22-year cycle  
Supports option 3 for the use of Council reserves to smooth rates  
Opposes three-yearly CEO vehicle replacement

The submitter expresses opposition to the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal on the grounds that the technology may well become obsolete in a short space of time and because all ratepayers are being asked to pay regardless of whether they want or will use the service.

The submitter is in favour of option 2 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and option 3 for the use of Council reserves in smoothing the rates but is opposed to three-yearly vehicle replacement for the CEO.

In addition, the submitter supports the piping of open drains as the community has become accustomed to this service and so it should continue as funds permit.

Rural fire appliances, the submitter suggests, should be on a 22-year renewal cycle and new ones fitted with intelligent battery chargers.

**SUBMITTER:** Pua Malta Taumata  
**SUBMISSION:** Proposes market days for locals to sell their produce

The submitter proposes market days for locals to sell their produce and products as a way of supporting the local economy. By charging stallholders a small fee, the submitter suggests, the costs can be covered without any call on rates.

**SUBMITTER:** Gordon Preston  
**SUBMISSION:** Queries whether replacement fire appliances need to be new  
Proposes Council keeps costs to a minimum and provides a helpful service  
Opposes Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal  
Proposes a decrease in rates  
Suggests prudent Council financial management  
Opposes CCTV

**Suggests that Wairoa Wastewater Treatment Plant should be designed and completed prior to 2019**  
**Proposes that employment contracts should be limited to an election term**  
**Recommends a review of QRS to consider financial and management issues**

The submission is concerned with a number of issues. In relation to the replacement of fire appliances, the submitter queries whether it is possible to use second-hand replacements to keep costs down.

Keeping Council costs to a minimum and providing a helpful service to residents will, the submitter argues, help to ensure that Wairoa is an attractive place to live.

The submitter is not in favour of the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal and argues that Council should prioritise other activities such as installing footpaths.

Council must plan for annual rates decreases over the ten-year period, the submitter contends. Current rates, he argues, are at unacceptably high levels and are not commensurate with the size of the district.

In terms of financial management, the submitter suggests that Council services should be managed prudently and should only focus on the basic services that are required by law so that costs are kept to the minimum. In addition the leadership, governance and corporate functions should account for 21.3% of the budget and actual services 78.7%.

The submitter is opposed to CCTV in the main street and argues that this is not a public service but one that private businesses should meet.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant is the biggest issue facing Wairoa according to the submitter. A dedicated manager should investigate all the options and the treatment plan should be designed and completed prior to 2019 in order to keep the costs down.

The submitter proposes that if the amalgamation of Hawke's Bay local government does not go ahead that in future, employment contracts in WDC should be limited to the election term.

The submitter recommends that a review of QRS be conducted to examine its financial position and to consider management options including becoming a private company or a division of Council.

**SUBMITTER: Jean Martin**

**SUBMISSION: Expresses a preference for options outlined in the LTP as follows:**

**Wastewater Treatment Plant option 1**

**Piping open drains option 1**

**Replacement of fire appliances option 1**

**Wairoa Wi-Fi option 3**

**Rates reduction, lower dog registration fees and better maintenance of roads**

The submission relates to a number of issues in the LTP. The submitter is against the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal and supports option 1 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, option 1 for piping drains and option 1 for fire appliances.

In addition, the submitter wants to see a reduction in rates to encourage people back to live in Wairoa and also argues for a reduction in dog registration fees and an increase in road maintenance.

**SUBMITTER: Brian Webby**

**SUBMISSION: Concerned about misleading information on spending**  
**Opposed to rates increases**

The submitter is opposed to rates increases and suggests that financial information contained in the LTP is misleading. Instead of stating the annual rate increase, the submitter suggests that it would be more accurate to state how much the rates will increase up to 2025 as a percentage increase on

existing rates. Furthermore the submitter queries why QRS's staff numbers are not included in the CEO's comparisons with other councils on staff numbers.

**SUBMITTER: Brian Jones**  
**SUBMISSION: Opposes the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal**

The submitter is opposed to the Wi-Fi proposal arguing that all ratepayers should not be expected to pay and that a user pays system would be fairer. The main concern, however, is that the technology may become obsolete too quickly.

**SUBMITTER: Douglas Waugh**  
**SUBMISSION: Concerned about disproportionate rates increases for second dwellings**

This submission is concerned about a disproportionate increase in rates for second dwellings. A rates system based on floor area or number of bedrooms, it is suggested, would be fairer.

**SUBMITTER: Areta Pohe**  
**SUBMISSION: Concerned about charging ratepayers in Mahia for services not received**  
**Proposes changes to the determination of rates**

Concern is expressed that ratepayers in Mahia are being charged for services such as the Wastewater Treatment Plant, cemeteries and the library that they do not receive. The submitter argues for an alternative basis to determine the rates that reflects whether landowners have been resident for years.

**SUBMITTER: Denys Caves**  
**SUBMISSION: Opposes culvert at Mahanga Beach drainage outlet through Happy Jacks Road**  
**Opposition to the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal**  
**Council is urged to reduce unnecessary expenditure and to economise as rates increases are unsustainable**  
**Requests urgent review of rural roading rate applicable in Mahia and Mahanga**  
**Proposes suspending upgrade of Mahanga non-potable supplementary water supply**

The submission covers a number of areas. The budgetary provision for a culvert at Mahanga Beach is opposed as it is suggested this will not achieve anything and is an unnecessary expense. A request is also made to remove the obstructive boulders beside the ford on the road reserve.

The submitter is opposed to the Wi-Fi proposal and suggests that it should be a matter of individual choice for residents.

Council is also urged to reduce unnecessary expenditure and to economise wherever possible as rates increases are unsustainable.

In addition, the submission requests a review of the roading rate applicable in Mahia and Mahanga to ensure conformity between communities and neighbouring properties.

In relation to the upgrade of the Mahanga non-potable supplementary water supply, the submission suggests that there has been a lack of consultation and transparency about the decision-making process and that the current proposal be suspended until such consultation has taken place.

There are a number of other proposals made in the submission which officers have had difficulty in interpreting.

**SUBMITTER: Chris Wilson**  
**SUBMISSION: Opposes the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal**  
**Support for funding the Wastewater Treatment Plant through external loans**  
**Supports funding fire appliances through general reserves**  
**Agrees to the use of reserves to smooth rates increases**

The submission covers a number of areas and expresses opposition to the Wi-Fi proposal with a query as to whether this is an area Council should be involved in. Instead, it is suggested, that assistance should be given to start-up businesses or families that find broadband unaffordable. In addition, subsidising rates for new businesses should be explored to encourage economic growth.

Support is expressed for the following options: funding the Wastewater Treatment Plant through external loans, funding fire appliances through general reserves and the use of reserves to smooth rates increases.

**SUBMITTER: Larry Grooby**

**SUBMISSION: Supports voluntary participation in the Wi-Fi proposal  
Recommends an investigation into Wairoa river flats irrigation  
Requests review of urban sewage systems  
Requests water storage tank off Awatere Road**

The submitter is supportive of voluntary participation in the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal. The submission also proposes an investigation into the possibility of using excess pumping capacity from the Wairoa River intake to offer piped water on a user pays basis to the river flats farmers.

In addition, a request is made for a full review of urban sewage systems and for an investigation into situating a high level water storage tank near the Awatere red metal quarry on the Frasertown Road.

**SUBMITTER: Kerry Whitworth**

**SUBMISSION: Supports user pays Wi-Fi proposal  
Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Queries replacement of fire appliances  
Supports smoothing rates with reserves  
Use reserves to pay off existing \$5m debt  
Concerned about use of ratepayers' money to support the airport  
Local bodies to promote Wairoa  
No ideas for the youth of Wairoa**

A number of issues are covered in this submission including support for a user pays Wi-Fi proposal. In relation to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the submitter queries why funds were not put aside for future replacement many years ago to avoid the need to borrow now and also why the replacement of fire appliances is not a matter for the Fire Service or the Regional Council.

The submitter is in favour of a fairer rating system that smooth rates, suggests that reserves should be used to pay off debt and queries why ratepayers are supporting the airport which is not used by the public.

The LTP is lacking any proposals for the youth of Wairoa and the submitter suggests that local bodies within Council could do more to promote the district, for example seeking new businesses for Wairoa's empty shops.

**SUBMITTER: Katarina Kawana**

**SUBMISSION: Expensive rates  
Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Opposes Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal  
Land use changes to minimise environmental impacts  
Budgets: increase planning/regulatory expenditure and decrease capital replacements and transport  
Decrease capital replacement and transport costs to cover waste management  
Beautification of Wairoa and more native planting**

The submitter is concerned that rates are too expensive for a district with a declining population and is not in favour of the Wi-Fi proposal as it will not serve the whole population of Wairoa.

The submitter queries why a land-based treatment plant is not an option for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and suggests that discharging effluent directly to the Wairoa River will be an environmental disaster. Furthermore, any land use changes should minimise the environmental impact.

The submission suggests that planning/regulator expenditure should be increased to cover climate change, river management and engagement with Māori. Expenditure in capital replacements and transport should be decreased to cover waste management expenditure.

There should be more beautification of the township, the submitter suggests, with more planting of native trees.

**SUBMITTER: Heather Smith, Democrats for Social Credit**  
**SUBMISSION: Supports Council's aim to achieve a sound financial base**  
**Expresses alarm at the prospect of Council's debt reaching \$16m**  
**Urges Council to pressure the government to give local bodies the opportunity to borrow from any source and to lobby KiwiRail for the repair of the Gisborne-Wairoa-Napier rail track**

The submission covers a number of issues and is supportive of Council's aim to achieve a sound financial base for the LTP although it expresses alarm at the prospect of Council's debt reaching \$16m.

In addition, the submission urges Council to pressure the government to give local bodies the opportunity to borrow from any source and to lobby KiwiRail for the repair of the Gisborne-Wairoa-Napier rail track.

**SUBMITTER: Susan White, Business Hawke's Bay (BHB)**  
**SUBMISSION: Requests Council support for the establishment of a centrally funded mechanism to support BHB with a minimum 3-year contract**  
**Seeks Council support for the work of BHB in Wairoa and the Hawke's Bay**  
**Encourages Council to consider the potential for a permanent hotdesk at the BHB business hub**  
**Requests contribution to allow BHB to expand its activities**

The submission requests support for the establishment of a centrally funded mechanism across the five Hawke's Bay local authorities to support BHB with a minimum 3-year contract. In addition, BHB requests that Council confirms its support for the economic development work that they do in Wairoa and across the Hawke's Bay. Council is encouraged to consider the potential for a permanent hotdesk at the Hawke's Bay business hub and support is also requested to allow BHB to expand its activities.

**SUBMITTER: Stuart Perry, Tourism Eastland**  
**SUBMISSION: The absence of tourism in the LTP**

Tourism Eastland reports, in its submission, that Wairoa District is important as the southern gateway to the whole east coast region and that tourism is vital to developing economic growth. Despite this, Tourism Eastland suggests that there is insufficient reference to developing tourism in the LTP.

**SUBMITTER: Brenda Allen, Citizens Advice Bureau**  
**SUBMISSION: Makes a request for financial support from Council**

The submission advises that the Citizens Advice Bureau contributes to Council's community outcome of 'supportive, caring and valued communities'. The organisation, however, is exposed to ongoing financial insecurity and as such, requests the support of Council.

**SUBMITTER: Annette Mossman, Sara Bird, Sport Hawke's Bay**  
**SUBMISSION: LTP should be aligned with Hawke's Bay Regional Sport and Active Recreation Strategy**

**LTP should be aligned with Sport Hawke's Bay Strategic Plan 2014-17 & Sport New Zealand Strategy**  
**Council's help is requested for a regional fund to support Sport Hawke's Bay**  
**Endorses additional funds for sport and recreation facilities including skatepark, community centre and learn to swim pool and requests involvement in delivery of specific programmes**

The submission requests alignment of the LTP with the Hawke's Bay Regional Sport and Active Recreation Strategy, the Sport Hawke's Bay Strategic Plan 2014-17 and the Sport New Zealand Strategy.

In addition, Council's assistance is requested for a regional fund to support Sport Hawke's Bay.

Sport Hawke's Bay is positive about the LTP's additional funds for sport and recreation facilities including the skatepark, community centre and learn to swim pool and requests involvement in delivery of specific programmes.

**SUBMITTER: Derek Williams**

**SUBMISSION: Requests Council considers SRBs for the Wastewater Treatment Plant**

The submission urges Council to consider using SRB technology when upgrading the Wairoa Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**SUBMITTER: Matt Croft, Hawke's Bay Forestry Group**

**SUBMISSION: Requests involvement in any collaboration with similar local authorities on rural roading differentials**  
**Opposes the proposed forestry roading differential rate (>100 ha) and the rural roading forestry differential factor (<100ha)**

The submission requests involvement in any discussions on rural roading differentials with other local authorities in a similar position to Wairoa. The submission is also opposed to the proposed forestry roading differential rate (>100 ha) and the rural roading forestry differential factor (<100ha).

**SUBMITTER: Johanna Ormond**

**SUBMISSION: Supports the 'revitalising Wairoa' theme and wants to contribute to its achievement**

The submission agrees that there is a need to arrest and reverse Wairoa's population decline and to build economic development and the submitter would like to contribute to this.

**SUBMITTER: Chris Joblin**

**SUBMISSION: Opposes Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal**  
**Against the replacement of rural fire appliances, Visual Identity Project, Friendship Cities, further provision for interns, increasing mayoral grants and reducing provision for bad debts**

The submission addresses a number of issues including opposition to the Wi-Fi proposal and suggests that Council has neither the capacity nor the capability or mandate for such a project. In addition, the submitter argues that the rural fire appliances should not be replaced if their performance is sufficient. The submitter is also against the provision of \$38,000 for the Visual Identity Project, \$20,000 for Friendship Cities, \$32,000 for interns and increasing mayoral grants. A request is made to review the decision to reduce provision for bad debts from 5% to 3%.

**SUBMITTER: Ngaio Bell, Wairoa Budget Advisory Service Inc**

**SUBMISSION: Opposes Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal**

This submission opposes the ratepayer funded Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal and argues that the additional rates could unduly affect the financial well-being of some members of the community without any significant benefit to the majority of ratepayers.

**SUBMITTER: Leona Karauria, Computers in Homes Inc**  
**SUBMISSION: In favour of Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal**

From the perspective of the community, the submitter is in favour of the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal.

**SUBMITTER: Jenny Krzanich**  
**SUBMISSION: Opposes the Mahanga Beach village drainage outlet through Happy Jacks Road**  
**Requests more information on the Mahanga water supply scheme**

The submission is against the Mahanga Beach village drainage outlet going through Happy Jacks Road, arguing that it would be detrimental to the natural character, environment, water flow and the passage of fish as well as being culturally insensitive. Instead, it is proposed that Happy Jacks Road becomes a no exit road on either side of the ford.

In addition, the submitter requests more information, in particular on stage 2, of the Mahanga water supply scheme in order to make an informed decision.

**SUBMITTER: Peter Krzanich**  
**SUBMISSION: Requests that Happy Jacks Road is closed and becomes a no exit road**  
**Requests more information on the Mahanga water supply scheme**

The submission argues that any interference with the Hine Rauri Stream and the ford will have an adverse effect on the natural environment of this culturally sensitive area. It is, therefore requested that Happy Jacks Road is closed off and becomes a no exit road.

In addition, the submitter requests more information, in particular on stage 2, of the Mahanga water supply scheme in order to make an informed decision.

**SUBMITTER: D and M Fraser**  
**SUBMISSION: Opposes the upgrade of the Mahanga water supply**  
**Objects to the Mahanga village drainage outlet through Happy Jacks Road**

The submitters contend that Council has provided insufficient information about the upgrade for residents to make an informed decision and that there has not been enough consultation with residents.

In addition, the submission objects to the Mahanga village drainage outlet proposal through Happy Jacks Road. It is argued that there is no local support for this option and that the culvert will be a constant burden on ratepayers in terms of maintenance.

**SUBMITTER: Jon Knauf, Tangiwai Holdings Ltd**  
**SUBMISSION: Concerned about the level of rates increases**  
**Opposed to the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal**

The submitter is concerned about the level of rates increases as having an adverse effect on the revitalisation of Wairoa.

Opposition is expressed to the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal, with the submitter arguing there is already provision for those that want it.

**SUBMITTER: Sefton Alexander, Wairoa Federated Farmers**  
**SUBMISSION: Concerned about rates increases**  
**Opposes Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal**  
**Advocates dog registrations in rural areas**

The submission argues that an average 5.71% rates increase over the life of the LTP will have a significant impact on a farmer's bottom line. Council should focus on its core business (e.g. roading)

and try to minimise rates increases. In addition, Federated Farmers supports the maintenance of a rural differential, requests that Council changes to a capital value rating system, increases the rural forestry differential for land equal to or over 100 ha from 1.54 to 1.65 and recommends that Council increase the level of maintenance on rural roads.

In terms of the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal, Federated Farmers, is not in support. In addition, the submission recommends that working dog registration gets its own class with a reduced amount for multiple dog owners.

**SUBMITTER: Lis and Carl Battes**

**SUBMISSION: Opposes the Mahanga Beach village drainage outlet through Happy Jacks Road**

**Requests more consultation with the local community on any proposal**

The submitters are opposed to the \$40,000 budgetary provision for Mahanga Beach village drainage outlet through Happy Jacks Road and advise that the local community has not been adequately informed of the project. This is an area of great cultural and historical significance and, it is argued, the community should be fully consulted on any proposals.

**SUBMITTER: Joanne Doyle**

**SUBMISSION: Opposes Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal and the purchase of rural fire appliances  
Prefers the option of rates smoothing with no repayment**

The submission is opposed to the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal arguing that it is not a service that will be of benefit to all households and as such should not be included in rates. The submitter is opposed to the purchase of rural fire appliances and queries whether the existing ones are still viable.

The submitter is opposed to rates increases and supports the proposal to use Council reserves to smooth rates.

**SUBMITTER: Joan Ropiha**

**SUBMISSION: Requests a long-term plan for the Hine Rauiri Stream to be developed in consultation with the community**

The submission requests that any spending affecting the Hine Rauiri Stream at Mahanga Beach be directed by a long-term plan that is developed and implemented in consultation with the community as it is an area of local cultural and environmental concern.

## **DRAFT LONG-TERM PLAN 2015-25: SUMMARY OF NON-SPEAKING SUBMISSIONS**

**SUBMISSION: Physicians and Scientists for Global Responsibilities**

**SUBMISSION: Concerned with genetic engineering, scientific and medical issues**

The submission urges Council to apply strong precautionary policies on genetically engineered organisms to meet its duty of care to the community and to protect the environment. In addition, Council is encouraged to be cognisant of the risks of genetically engineered organisms in terms of human health.

**SUBMITTER: WE Shortt**

**SUBMISSION: Concerned about the anomalies in the Mahia rural roading rate**

The submitter is concerned that there are three classes of land value rating in relation to the rural roading rate at Mahia: those relating to residential, farmers and forestry. It is proposed that a fairer index in terms of user pays for the district's rural roads would be to put all Mahia rural residential on a level playing field and reduce the LV to 0.002%, whilst increasing farming to 0.075% and forestry to 1.5% or 1.7%.

**SUBMITTER: Anonymous 1**

**SUBMISSION: Supports option 1 for the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal**

**Supports any water treatment option that provides safe, healthy and sustainable water**

The submission is in support of option 1 for the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal arguing that it will be of benefit to Wairoa and will bring more people into the area. The submission is also supportive of any water treatment option that provides safe, healthy and sustainable water.

**SUBMITTER: Ian Redshaw**

**SUBMISSION: Prioritise the piping of Kitchener Street drain**

The piping of Kitchener Street drain is requested to be considered as a priority on the grounds of safety, health and access by residents.

**SUBMITTER: Gisborne Rail Action Group**

**SUBMISSION: Calls for Council support of the Napier-Gisborne railway line**

The submission is concerned about a lack of reference in the LTP to the Napier-Gisborne railway line. The railway has the potential to contribute to economic development, and sustainable and more environmentally friendly transport. Council is therefore, requested to actively support HBRC's proposal to lease the Napier-Gisborne railway line and Napier-Gisborne Rail Ltd's business proposal for a short-line rail freight venture.

**SUBMITTER: McGuinness Institute**

**SUBMISSION: Requests that Council considers the Institute's Project 2058 in its LTP**

The McGuinness Institute is a non-partisan think tank working towards a sustainable future and contributes strategic foresight through evidence-based research and policy analysis. Council is requested to consider reflecting the Institute's flagship project, Project 2058, on where New Zealand should be in 50 years' time, into the LTP.

**SUBMITTER: Glenys Single**

**SUBMISSION: Concerned with erosion of the riverbank (e.g. Sturdee Street and opposite the yacht club)**

The submitter is concerned about erosion of the riverbank and suggests planting flax or native plantings to counteract this. In addition, the submitter suggests that the willow and Japanese cherry planted along the tourist walk, detract from the New Zealand experience.

**SUBMITTER: Alvin and Val Hall**

**SUBMISSION: Objects to the proposal to upgrade the Mahanga non-potable supplementary supply**

The submitters are opposed to the proposal to upgrade the Mahanga non-potable supplementary supply and argue that the proposal is too expensive and that there has been insufficient consultation.

**SUBMITTER: Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB)**

**SUBMISSION: Concerned about the impact of proposed rates increases on the health and well-being of residents**

**Requests the inclusion of a process to fluoridate the reticulated water supply in Frasertown and Wairoa**

**Requests new or improved smokefree signage for all playground upgrades as well as inclusion in liquor ban areas**

**Advocates for the inclusion of a timeframe for developing the Local Alcohol Policy**

**Makes a number of recommendations in relation to recreational water quality and wastewater**

The submission expresses concern about the effect of rate increases on the health and well-being of Wairoa's residents as household income is a powerful determinant of health and well-being.

HBDHB also requests that the LTP includes a process to fluoridate the reticulated water supply in Frasertown and Wairoa to improve oral health in Wairoa, particularly for children, which is poor in the district compared to the rest of the Hawke's Bay. Subsidies in relation to set-up costs are available from the Ministry of Health.

The submission also requests new or improved smokefree signage for all playground upgrades as well as inclusion in liquor ban areas. In addition, the inclusion of a timeframe for developing the Local Alcohol Policy is advocated.

In relation to recreational water quality and wastewater, the HBDHB suggests Council advocates government for the continuation of the sanitary works subsidy scheme to partially fund any proposed future upgrades to the sewage treatment plant. Council is urged to participate in the management of shellfish gathering sites assessed as non-compliant (i.e. Te Mahia) under the NZ Water Quality Guidelines. It is also suggested that DHB compliance reports be used as the performance measure for drinking water compliance.

**SUBMITTER: Lee Simmonds**

**SUBMISSION: Opposes Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal**

**Requests that Kitchener Street be given priority in the piping of open drains**

**Proposes that fundraising or government subsidies be used to replace rural fire appliances which should be kept going as long as possible**

**Supports the use of Council reserves to smooth rates**

**Suggests lobbying government for more support to promote small business and using lower petrol taxes as a means of raising more funds**

**Promotes support for local fundraising initiatives**

**Opposes Hawke's Bay local government amalgamation**

The submitter is opposed to the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal and to Hawke's Bay local government reorganisation. It is requested that Kitchener Street be given priority in the programme to pipe open drains. The submission proposes that fundraising or the possibility of government subsidies be investigated as a means of replacing the rural fire appliances which should be kept going for as long as is possible.

Option 2 to use reserves to smooth rates is supported and Council is invited to lobby government for more support to promote small business, and using lower petrol taxes as a means of raising more funds. Council is also urged to provide greater support for local fundraising initiatives.

**SUBMITTER: AB McKinnon**

**SUBMISSION: Opposes the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal**

**Requests that Council adopts a policy whereby no more than 50% of depreciation funds can be borrowed for other projects**

The submitter is opposed to the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal as not all ratepayers will use or benefit from the scheme. In addition, Council is requested to adopt a policy whereby no more than 50% of depreciation funds are available for borrowing against other projects.

**SUBMITTER: Neale Gordon**

**SUBMISSION: Opposes the proposal to upgrade the Mahanga water supply**

**Requests stormwater drain cleaning behind sections through to the stream**

The submission opposes the proposal to upgrade the Mahanga water supply and proposes that the scheme stays as it is. In addition, the submitter requests stormwater drain cleaning behind sections through to the stream.

**SUBMITTER: Adrian Brown**

**SUBMISSION: Opposes Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal**

**Suggests proposed rates increases are excessive and urges Council to investigate other means of raising revenue and rebuilding reserves**

**Argues that 'over rating' will fail to revitalise Wairoa and will only drive more people away**

The submitter is opposed to the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal and argues that broadband services are already available for those residents that want it and that Council has no expertise in this area.

The submission is opposed to the proposed rates increases which it says are excessive and untenable. Reserves, it is argued, should be used to support the large projects identified and Council should be encouraged to investigate other means of raising revenue and rebuilding reserves to lessen the burden on ratepayers.

**SUBMITTER: Milton and Helen Smith (two submissions)**

**SUBMISSION: Objects to the Mahanga water supply proposal**

**Opposes Happy Jack's culvert**

**Requests a review of the roading rate**

**Objects to the increase in Mahanga's water rates**

The submission objects to the Mahanga water supply proposal because of inadequate community consultation and a lack of transparency about the process. In addition, the submitters object to the increase in Mahanga's water rates when there is no extra benefit.

The submitters are unclear as to the purpose of a culvert in Happy Jacks Road and argue that it could prove to be a liability for Council in terms of ongoing cleaning.

A review of the roading rate is requested with a view to developing a fairer basis for the apportionment of costs.

**SUBMITTER: John Davey**

**SUBMISSION: Proposes the status quo in relation to rural appliances, open drains and Wi-Fi**

The submitter requests that Council takes no action in relation to rural appliances, open drains and Wi-Fi.

**SUBMITTER: Kelli Wallace**

**SUBMISSION: Opposes Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal**

The submitter is opposed to the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal because of the impact on rates for both homeowners and tenants (by way of subsequent rent increases).

**SUBMITTER:** Maria Cairns  
**SUBMISSION:** Opposes Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal  
 Against proposed rates increase  
 Not in favour of purchase of rural fire appliances  
 Opposed to local government amalgamation in Hawke's Bay

The submission outlines the submitter's opposition to Wi-Fi, rates increases, new rural fire appliances and to local government amalgamation in Hawke's Bay.

**SUBMITTER:** Rangiteaorere Hepi  
**SUBMISSION:** Opposes Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal  
 Against proposed rates increase  
 Not in favour of purchase of rural fire appliances  
 Opposed to local government amalgamation in Hawke's Bay

The submission outlines the submitter's opposition to Wi-Fi, rates increases, new rural fire appliances and to local government amalgamation in Hawke's Bay.

**SUBMITTER:** Sonny Tipuna  
**SUBMISSION:** Opposes Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal  
 Against proposed rates increase  
 Not in favour of purchase of rural fire appliances  
 Opposed to local government amalgamation in Hawke's Bay

The submission outlines the submitter's opposition to Wi-Fi, rates increases, new rural fire appliances and to local government amalgamation in Hawke's Bay.

**SUBMITTER:** Wesley Thompson  
**SUBMISSION:** Opposes rates increases for the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal  
 Opposes the replacement of fire appliances in three consecutive years,  
 suggesting having an 18-month gap between proposed replacements

The submission is opposed to ratepayer support for the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal and argues that there are insufficient reasons for Council to make a significant investment in and ongoing support for a service that is already available from telecommunications companies. In addition, if the proposal were to go ahead, there would be decreased patronage of local businesses in the existing Wi-Fi zone in the high street.

The replacement of fire appliances in three consecutive years is opposed, with the submitter instead suggesting an 18-month gap between proposed replacements.

**SUBMITTER:** William and Hilda Amaru  
**SUBMISSION:** Opposes the upgrade of the Mahanga water supply  
 The submitters are opposed to the upgrade of the Mahanga supply. They have a water tank to catch rainwater which they use for drinking water and they argue this is a sustainable, cost-efficient drinking water solution.

**SUBMITTER:** David and Linda Trubridge  
**SUBMISSION:** Opposed to Mahanga water supply proposal  
 Objects to the culvert at Mahanga ford

The submission is opposed to the Mahanga water supply upgrade on the basis that there is insufficient information on which to make an informed decision. In addition, the submitter objects to the installation of a culvert instead of a ford over the Mahanga stream as an unnecessary expense benefitting only a few people. The waterway needs to be kept open as it is an important route for wildlife.

**SUBMITTER:** Stuart Baker  
**SUBMISSION:** Objects to Mahanga water supply upgrade

The submission objects to the proposal to upgrade the Mahanga water supply as, it argues, residents currently collect drinking water in rainwater tanks and have no need for an upgrade. Furthermore, building consents require the installation of rainwater tanks and so future households will also have their own supply of drinking water.

**SUBMITTER: Seton Clare**

**SUBMISSION: Objects to the Mahanga water upgrade  
Concerned about ongoing maintenance of Mahanga Beach drainage outlet**

The submitter objects to the Mahanga water upgrade arguing that it is unnecessary and that the status quo will be adequate if building consents are enforced.

The submitter is also concerned that the proposed culvert at Happy Jacks Road will require ongoing maintenance and removal of debris.

**SUBMITTER: Roland Matley (four submissions)**

**SUBMISSION: Suggests that proposed rates increases are unsustainable and requests that they are revised**

**Requests Council budget for a zero rate increase, postpones projects and considers local government amalgamation**

**Appeals to Council to distinguish dream from reality in respect of rates**

**Opposes the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal**

**Proposes that Council restrict itself to the provision of such services as are required by law and desists from interfering in ratepayers' choice of communication**

This submitter has made several submissions relating to a number of issues. The first is that the proposed rates increases are unsustainable and Council is requested to revise them. Council is also requested to budget for a zero rate increase, postpone projects and consider local government amalgamation.

The submitter appeals to Council to distinguish dream from reality in respect of rates and opposes the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal.

Council should, it is argued, restrict itself to the provision of such services as are required by law and desist from interfering in ratepayers' choice of communication.

**SUBMITTER: Elaine Westwood**

**SUBMISSION: Requests a fairer formula for rural roading charges on property owners**

The submitter requests that Council develop a fairer formula in relation to rural roading charges on property owners.

**SUBMITTER: Puna Aranui Whanau Trust**

**SUBMISSION: Requests a playground at Raupunga**

The submission requests a playground at Raupunga and reports that the community has already raised a significant amount of money and support.

**SUBMITTER: Mark Rodgers**

**SUBMISSION: Argues that proposed rates increases will be debilitating and urges Council to trim expenditure**

**Wairoa Wi-Fi – suggests Council works with Chorus to find other ways to improve the existing network**

The submitter urges Council to actively reduce expenditure as the proposed rates increases will be debilitating.

Council is also encouraged to work with Chorus to discover other ways to improve the existing internet network as to do otherwise would be wasteful. In addition, the submitter is opposed to ratepayers funding the Wi-Fi project as it is neither a necessity nor a social service.

**SUBMITTER: Peter and Vicky Manson**

**SUBMISSION: Requests Kitchener Street drain be prioritised in the piping of open drains  
Fire appliances should be replaced using reserves  
Suggests rates increases are unaffordable**

The submission requests that Kitchener Street be given priority in the piping of open drains. The replacement of fire appliances, it is argued, should be funded from reserves and the projected rates increases are unaffordable.

**SUBMITTER: Bruce McCulloch**

**SUBMISSION: Proposes that rates rises be limited to inflation**

The submitter proposes that Council limit rates increases to the rate of inflation and encourages Council to manage within its budget.

**SUBMITTER: Moana Cooper-Rongo**

**SUBMISSION: Opposes the Manhanga Beach village drainage outlet through Happy Jacks Road**

This submission is opposed to the Manhanga Beach village drainage outlet through Happy Jacks Road arguing that there is insufficient information on which to make an informed decision. The submitter proposes a bridge to allow vehicular access across the ford as a way of protecting the natural character of the stream and the fish life. Happy Jacks Road, it is proposed, would be closed at either end.

**SUBMITTER: Murray Ross Deakin**

**SUBMISSION: Supports SH38 improvement and sealing  
Requests clarification as to rights and obligations regarding the esplanade strip along the Waikaretaheke stream**

The submitter is supportive of the plan for Council to take over management and maintenance of SH38 and any initiatives to seal the road.

In addition, clarification as to rights and obligations regarding the esplanade strip along the Waikaretaheke stream is requested.

**SUBMITTER: Wairoa Agricultural and Pastoral Society**

**SUBMISSION: Supports the Ruataniwha Road walkway  
Supports the filling in of open drains  
Requests extra street lights on Ruataniwha Road**

Wairoa A&P Society is supportive of the Ruataniwha Road walkway initiative and the proposal to fill in the open drains around the district. The submission requests extra street lighting along the Ruataniwha Road walkway at the Awairoa show grounds end to improve the safety of pedestrians.

**SUBMITTER: Killarney Farm Awamate Ltd.**

**SUBMISSION: Requests that Aranui Road, Awamate be sealed**

This submission requests that Aranui Road, Awamate be sealed as it is a health and safety hazard with lots of potholes and corrugations and problems associated with dust.

**SUBMITTER: Wairoa Netball Association**

**SUBMISSION: Requests the resurfacing of the netball courts**

The netball courts are very slippery when wet and so the submission requests that consideration be given to resurfacing the courts with a non-slip material that has been laid to ensure good drainage.

**SUBMITTER: Joyce Lange**

**SUBMISSION: Expresses support for the following options in the LTP:**  
**Wastewater Treatment Plant option 1**  
**Drains piping option 2**  
**Fire appliances option 3**  
**Use of reserves option 1**  
**Opposes Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal**

The submitter expresses support for option 1 in relation to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, option 2 for drains piping, option 3 for fire appliances and option 1 to use reserves to smooth rates. No explanation is given in relation to the preferences. The submitter is not in favour of the Wi-Fi proposal.

**SUBMITTER: G Bradley**

**SUBMISSION: Objects to the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal**

This submission objects to compulsory broadband and suggests that this is not part of Council's core business. The submission proposes that Council seek a mandate for ratepayer funded broadband services by ratepayer postal vote when the next elections are held.

**SUBMITTER: Michael and Shona Archer**

**SUBMISSION: Opposes the Wairoa Wi-Fi project**  
**Objects to Mahia residential rate**

The submitter is opposed to the Wi-Fi proposal and argues ratepayers should not be forced to pay for a service that they do not want. In addition, the submitter objects to the Mahia residential rate and Mahia ratepayers having to pay for services that are not available locally such as street lighting, footpaths etc. as well as paying twice for waste management and high roading charges.

**SUBMITTER: Alison and Thomas Walker**

**SUBMISSION: Suggests Council is spending money unnecessarily**  
**Objects to the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal**

The submitters suggest that Council is spending money unnecessarily, making the rates unaffordable. In addition, the submission is not in favour of the Wi-Fi proposal, arguing that it is expensive and not part of Council's core business.

**SUBMITTER: Brian Sexton**

**SUBMISSION: Proposes that NZTA fund SH38 100%**  
**Opposes the Queen Street/Clyde Court revamp**  
**Council should be mindful of declining and ageing population when setting rates**  
**Opposes the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal**  
**Concerned about the number of new managerial positions**  
**Suggests that rates increases are discouraging prospective businesses and residents**

The submitter argues that as SH38 is a state highway, NZTA should be responsible for 100% of the funding requirements.

In addition, the Queen Street/Clyde Court revamp is a waste of money. Council should focus on optimising the efficient use of resources and minimising waste and should be mindful of the declining and ageing population when setting rates.

The submission is not in favour of the Wi-Fi proposal and argues that older members of the community in particular will not use the service and should not be required to pay for it. Instead it should be offered on a user pays basis.

Concern is expressed about the number of new managerial positions with the submitter suggesting that there should be more multi-tasking rather than delegation amongst senior managers.

The submission also suggests that increasing rates is discouraging prospective businesses and residents from coming to Wairoa.

**SUBMITTER: R and S Campbell**

**SUBMISSION: Supports the following options identified in the LTP:**

**Wairoa Wi-Fi option 3  
Wastewater Treatment Plant option 2  
Piping of open drains option 3  
Replacement of fire appliances option 3  
Use of reserves to smooth rates option 2**

The submission expresses support for the following options identified in the LTP: Wi-Fi option 3, Wastewater Treatment Plant option 2, piping of open drains option 3, replacement of fire appliances option 3 and the use of reserves to smooth rates option 2. Any savings made as a result should be used for the following priority areas:

- investigation into the state of in ground infrastructure
- new business/job opportunities
- apprentice training centre for the construction industry.

**SUBMITTER: K Norris and K Pickering**

**SUBMISSION: Opposes Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal**

**Supports the use of reserves for core services  
Wants to see a lower rates rise  
Suggests Council investigate new methods for dealing with rates arrears  
Advises that their copy of the consultation document was not received until after the public consultation meeting**

The submitters are opposed to the Wi-Fi proposal and therefore support option 3. They are also in support of the use of reserves for core services such as infrastructure.

In light of recent interest rate decreases, the submitters would like to see lower rates rises and also suggest that Council investigate new methods for dealing with rates arrears citing the example of Northland Regional Council.

The submitters point out that their copy of the consultation document was not received until after the public consultation meeting.

**SUBMITTERS: Robert and Judy Nielsen**

**SUBMISSION: Suggests that Council should position Wairoa as a retirement and family friendly area**

**Supports option 1 for piping of drains  
Requests priority is given to addressing Wairoa's reservoirs and access to potable water in Mahanga  
Not in favour of any of the options for rural fire appliances  
Opposes Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal  
Proposes that Council find cost savings and that funding for community centre and library should include a user pays element**

This submission suggests that as Wairoa is within commuting distance of Gisborne and Napier, Council should look to position the district as being a retirement and family friendly area with lifestyle choices that are unavailable to city dwellers.

Option 1 in relation to the piping of open drains is the preferred option for the submitters who also suggest that priority is given to addressing Wairoa's reservoirs and access to potable water in Mahanga.

None of the options presented in relation to the replacement of fire appliances is supported by the submitters. They suggest that the working life of the infrequently used rural fire appliances should be capable of being extended without compromising fire service delivery.

The submitters are opposed to the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal suggesting that Council should not get involved in the duplication of services where commercial providers are already meeting consumer needs. Therefore option 3 is supported.

Furthermore, the submitters propose that Council investigate cost savings and the possibility that funding for the community centre and library should include a user pays element.

**SUBMITTER: J Lex Dean**

**SUBMISSION: Requests a tender process for the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal**

The submitter requests that Council instigate a tender process for the provision of the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal as a way of ensuring commercial competitiveness and value for money for ratepayers.

**SUBMITTER: R and M Prebble**

**SUBMISSION: Concerned about the affordability of proposed rates increases  
Opposed to Wi-Fi proposal**

The submitters are concerned about the affordability of the proposed rates increases, particularly for landlords who will be unable to pass the extra costs onto tenants. In addition, the submission is not in favour of the Wi-Fi proposal and suggests that this should be provided on a user pays basis.

**SUBMITTER: Jamera Goes**

**SUBMISSION: Requests residents be given first call on contracting work  
Calls for the installation of footpaths in Mahanga, Opoutama and Whangawehi  
Requests recycling pickup in Mahanga**

The submitter requests that locals be given priority consideration for any Council contracting work e.g. street cleaning, mowing, toilet cleaning, as a way of encouraging local employment.

Footpaths are also requested for the beach fronts in Mahanga, Opoutama and Whangawehi as well as pickups for recycling.

**SUBMITTER: Kahur Rangī Pohe**

**SUBMISSION: Concerned about the affordability of rates increases  
Opposes Wairoa Wi-Fi project**

The submitter is concerned about the affordability of rates and suggests that increases will drive people away from the district. The submitter is also opposed to the Wi-Fi proposal and suggests that it should be on a user pays basis.

**SUBMITTER: Bev Macharper**

**SUBMISSION: Objects to the proposed rates increases  
Opposes rates increases for Wi-Fi  
Supportive of progress made with dog control but more should be done on  
stray cats**

This submission argues against the proposed rates increase as being excessive especially in relation to retired residents. The submitter is also opposed to rates increases to fund the Wi-Fi proposal.

Some progress has been made in relation to dog control but the submitter suggests that more attention needs to be focussed on stray cats.

**SUBMITTER: Gary and Linda Mayo**

**SUBMISSION: Objects to Wi-Fi proposal**

**Suggests expenditure in relation to Rangihoua, Whakamahia and rural fire appliances is unjustified**  
**Advocates prudent spending and examination of discretionary spending to reduce rates increases**

The submitters are opposed to the Wi-Fi proposal and argue that it is not a core activity for Council, is of dubious benefit and is unaffordable and unwanted by the majority.

Expenditure in relation to Rangihoua, Whakamahia and rural fire appliances is unjustified according to the submission. In addition, the submitters contend that the plan depletes cash and reserves and increases borrowing to a level that is unacceptable. Council is urged to spend prudently and to look at ways of reducing discretionary spending so rates increases are contained.

**SUBMITTER: CR Whyte**

**SUBMISSION: Opposes Wi-Fi proposal**

**Objects to additional funding for the Gaiety Theatre**

**Requests an independent review of usage and sustainability of rural fire appliances**

**Suggests that application of any limits to debt be applied to the whole period of the plan**

**Queries the higher percentage rate increase for Frasertown residents**

**Questions the amount of rates being spent on leadership, governance and corporate functions**

**Points out that consultation document received only days before the closing date for submissions**

This submission expresses opposition to the Wi-Fi proposal and additional funding for the Gaiety Theatre as neither are core activities for Council. Moreover, a Wi-Fi service is already on offer from a number of internet service providers on a user pays basis.

Expenditure in replacing the rural fire appliances, the submission submits, should be deferred until an independent review of the current assets including usage and suitability has been undertaken.

The submitter queries the reasons for the higher percentage rate increase for Frasertown residents at 7.26% compared to other residential areas at 1.02%. Moreover, the submitter questions whether Council is living within its means in relation to the amount of rates being spent on leadership, governance and corporate functions.

In addition, the submitter points out that the consultation document was received only days before the closing date for submissions.

**SUBMITTER: Francey Whale**

**SUBMISSION: Against local government amalgamation**

**Opposes the proposed rates increases**

**Supports a user pays arrangement for Wairoa Wi-Fi**

**Suggests that Council has too many staff and needs to lose some**

This submission is against local government amalgamation and the proposed level of rates increases.

The submitter believes that the Wi-Fi proposal should be funded on a user pays basis and not by all ratepayers.

Council, it is suggested, has too many staff and needs to lose some.

**SUBMITTER: Sharyn Staley**

**SUBMISSION: Opposes Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal**

**Supports option 1 for Wairoa Wastewater Treatment Plant**

**Proposes deferring the fire appliance issue until 2016/17**

**Agrees with the use of reserves to smooth rates**

The submitter is opposed to the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal as it is not an essential utility service in the way that sewage or water are.

Option 1 in relation to Wairoa Wastewater Treatment Plant is the submitter's preferred option.

The submitter proposes that the issue of fire appliances be deferred until 2016/17 when there may be greater certainty around funding and possible amalgamation of fire services.

The use of reserves to smooth rates is also supported by the submission.

**SUBMITTER: Pauline Tangiora**  
**SUBMISSION: Concerned about the cost of the Wi-Fi proposal for ratepayers**  
**Suggests that the Mayor carpools or claims mileage**  
**Questions the necessity of replacing the fire appliances**  
**Queries whether the plan is sustainable given the declining population base**

Concerns are raised in this submission about the cost to ratepayers of the Wi-Fi proposal. The submission also questions the necessity of replacing the fire appliances and whether the whole LTP is, in fact, sustainable given the declining population base.

The submission suggests that the Mayor considers carpooling or claiming mileage if using his own car.

**SUBMITTER: Audrey Jones**  
**SUBMISSION: Requests a more equitable rating system**  
**Supports the intention to revoke the highway status of SH38**  
**Generally, is supportive of the LTP**

The submitter argues for a more equitable rating system with all ratepayers starting from a differential factor of 1 and then the differential factor is increased in relation to the costs of the services that are provided by Council to the individual ratepayer.

Furthermore, the submission is generally in favour of the LTP and, in particular, supports the intention to revoke the highway status of SH38.

**SUBMITTER: Judy Boggard**  
**SUBMISSION: Suggests rural ratepayers are bearing the brunt of rate increases**  
**Proposes that work on covering stormwater drains be deferred**  
**Advocates the abandonment of the Wi-Fi proposal**  
**Believes that costs should be reduced all round and whilst reserves may be used to smooth rates, keep some for emergencies**

This submission suggests that rural ratepayers are bearing the brunt of rate increases as the main services in terms of expenditure (water reticulation, sewage and stormwater) are urban services.

As it is so expensive to cover stormwater drains, the submitter proposes that this work be deferred. In addition, it is proposed that the Wi-Fi proposal be abandoned because of its unpopularity.

More effort, the submitter suggests, should go into reducing costs so that Council lives within its means and whilst approving the use of reserves to smooth rates, the submitter advises that sufficient reserves be retained to cover emergencies.

**SUBMITTER: Judith Nia Nia**  
**SUBMISSION: Opposes rates increases for the Wi-Fi proposal**  
**Objects to the replacement of fire appliances**

The submitter is opposed to rates increases and to ratepayers supporting the Wi-Fi proposal. The need to replace the fire engines is queried when they are still performing a satisfactory job.

**SUBMITTER:** WJ Lewis

**SUBMISSION:** Opposes Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal  
Prefers option 2 for the Wairoa wastewater treatment plant  
Proposes piping open drains be deferred in effort to keep costs down  
Suggests deferring a decision on replacing fire appliances  
Requests the maintenance of footpaths

The submitter argues that the Wi-Fi proposal should be based on a user pays system and supports option 2 in relation to the Wairoa wastewater treatment plant. The submitter further suggests that the piping of open drains be deferred in an effort to keep costs down.

The need to replace the fire engines is queried while they are still operational. Instead more attention should be paid to maintaining footpaths and other visible infrastructure to improve the safety and appearance of Wairoa.

**SUBMITTER:** Cecelia Kaimoana

**SUBMISSION:** Opposes rates increases for the Wi-Fi proposal  
Questions Council's responsibility in replacing fire appliances  
Objects to rates increases

The submitter is against the Wi-Fi proposal and considers that it should not be a burden for ratepayers. In any case the rates are too high such that people and businesses can no longer afford to remain in the district.

The necessity of replacing the fire engines is queried if they are still in good working order and it is suggested that Fire Services should make a contribution to any replacements.

**SUBMITTER:** Noel Kaimoana

**SUBMISSION:** Questions why rates are increasing so much  
Opposes the Wi-Fi proposal

The submission questions why rates are increasing so much and is against the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposals.

**SUBMITTER:** EK Foote

**SUBMISSION:** Suggests proposed rates increases are excessive  
Argues that fire appliances do not need to be replaced  
Opposes Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal

Rates increases are excessive and unacceptable, suggests the submitter. The Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal is not supported by the submitter who also questions whether the fire appliances require replacing just yet, when they appear to be in good order.

**SUBMITTER:** Whakaki Lake Catchment Group

**SUBMISSION:** Thanks Council for its support in terms of officer time  
Requests Council's continued support by way of staff time

The submission acknowledges the support of Council in providing staff resources to support its work and requests that this support continues.

**SUBMITTER:** N Pasma

**SUBMISSION:** Opposes Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal  
Not in favour of new toilets on Marine Parade  
Suggests Mayor and others carpool and claim a petrol allowance  
Proposes a gradual update for the Wairoa Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Favours purchasing one fire appliance now and maintaining the others  
Objects to piping of open drains

**Suggests setting up 'koha boxes' for tourists/visitors as a means of funding walkways**

A number of issues are covered in this submission including opposition to the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal, the piping of drains and new toilets on Marine Parade as unnecessary expenditure. A gradual upgrade of the Wastewater Treatment Plant is proposed along with carpooling for the mayor. The submission also proposes setting up 'koha boxes' for tourists and visitors as a way of helping to fund the walkways.

**SUBMITTER: Maraea Christie**

**SUBMISSION: Advocates for the correct spelling of Māori words**

**Requests that the landfill opens earlier and that Council offers free rubbish bags and bins for residents**

The submission argues for the correct spelling of Māori words/names in the district e.g. 'Te Wairoa' rather than Wairoa and advises that this is a culturally sensitive area.

Furthermore, the submitter requests that the landfill opens earlier and that Council offers free rubbish bags and bins for ratepayers.

**SUBMITTER: Roslynn Farnan**

**SUBMISSION: Objects to Wi-Fi proposal**

**Suggests rates increases are too high and are contributing to population decline**

**Objects to contributing to transport costs and community facilities that they do not use**

**Suggests that there are no incentives to keep homeowners in the district**

The submission objects to the Wi-Fi proposal arguing that she already receives the service from Vodafone. In addition, the submitter objects to contributing to transport costs and paying for community facilities that she does not use.

Rates increases are too high, it is suggested, and are contributing to population decline in the district. Moreover, there are no incentives to keep homeowners in Wairoa.

**SUBMITTER: Catherine Couper**

**SUBMISSION: Opposes Wairoa Wi-Fi**

The submitter supports option 3 and argues that the 49% of residents who are not connected is more likely to be indicative of an elderly population that has no interest in being connected rather than a disadvantaged community. In addition, the library hot spot does a great job of bringing people into the town centre.

**SUBMITTER: Reuben and Sylvia Cole**

**SUBMISSION: Opposes increased rates and queries the level in terms of services actually received**

**Advises that the consultation document was received only four days before the closing date for submissions**

The submitters object to the increase in rates arguing that they are prohibitive for pensioners. In addition, the submitters question why the rates are so high when they have no footpaths, street lights, or mains sewerage and do not use the library, community centre or sports fields.

The submitters also advise that the consultation document was received only four days before the closing date for submissions.

**SUBMITTERS: Ian and Margaret McLeay**

**SUBMISSION: Objects to Wairoa Wi-Fi**

The submitters object to the Wairoa Wi-Fi proposal on the basis that it is unaffordable for many residents and in any case there are already a number of providers.

In terms of fire appliances, the submitters support the use of reserves to purchase new fire appliances.

The piping of open drains, it is argued, is a good proposal but may need to be staggered. In addition there is agreement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant to be funded by rates.

The submitters do, however, question whether more could be done in the LTP to encourage people, businesses and industry to come to the district.

**SUBMITTER: Dr Alison Kerr**

**SUBMISSION: Mahia Waste Disposal**

The submission asks for there to be more bins in Mahia around the beach, reserve and Taylors Bay.

Furthermore, the submitter asks for a more effective rubbish disposal system at Mahia. A weekly collection on Monday is expensive and doesn't meet needs of weekend visitors.