



All submissions must be received by **5pm Friday 19 April 2024**

Your details

* Your submission must include your name and contact details (preferably email and phone)

First name: Last name

Organisation (if applicable):

Postal address:

Phone: Email address:*

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission? (please tick one) Yes No

If you don't select an option, we will assume you don't want to be heard.

If you do wish to speak, how long would you want to speak for and what is your preferred time**? (please tick one)

Hearings will be held 1-2 and 6-7 May.

- 5 mins 10 mins 15 mins
 morning afternoon evening

** Those wanting to speak will be contacted soon after submissions close. If we get a large number of requests and to fit everyone in, we may need to restrict speaking time.

Your views

Give us your views below or fill out this form online. Refer to the page reference in the consultation document on each issue. There is also a range of supporting documents available on our website npdc.govt.nz/10-year-plan

Big Call 1: Future proofing our district

Investing more in looking after our existing infrastructure

Many of our key infrastructure assets are rundown. We have been focusing on our three water assets in recent years but now we also want to increase the amount we spend on fixing up our transportation assets (roads, footpaths, bridges etc).

1. **How should we address the increasing costs of looking after our transportation assets over the next 10 years? (pg. 13)** (please tick one)

- Option 1: Don't spend any more. This will save rates in the short term, but the state of our transportation assets will continue to decline, resulting in greater long-term cost implication.
- Option 2: Double the amount we spend to \$315m over 10 years, which will maintain our transportation assets at existing levels of service. **(This is the Council's preferred option)**

Comments:
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Privacy statement

All submissions (including your name, address and contact details) are provided to Council officers and elected members for the purpose of analysing feedback. Your personal information will also be used for the administration of the engagement and decision-making process. Submissions (with individuals names only) will be available online. If requested, submitter details may be released under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. If there are good reasons why your details and/or submission should be kept confidential please contact our Privacy Officer on 06-759 5688 or through enquiries@npdc.govt.nz



Boosting the Disaster Recovery Reserve

Our Disaster Recovery Reserve enables us to smooth the cost of replacing damaged assets. Because of the frequency of severe weather events, we think we should increase the amount we put aside in this reserve.

2. **How should we approach the costs of unexpected storm related damage? (pg. 14)** (please tick one)

- Option 1: Don't put any additional amount aside.
- Option 2: Boost the amount we put aside each year to \$500,000 (from \$200,000).
- Option 3: Boost the amount we put aside each year to \$500,000 with an additional top up increase from funds released from our Perpetual Investment Fund (which would otherwise reduce your rates) of \$100,000 each year to a maximum of \$1m in year 10. **(This is the Council's preferred option)**

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Big Call 2: Sustainability

Climate Action Framework

As a Council we do many things to help improve our natural environment but in recent years we have also embarked on a programme to tackle climate change. We are making progress but could do more.

3. **What should be our approach to sustainability, including climate? (pg. 16)** (please tick one)

- Option 1: Do not continue the existing programme.
- Option 2: Continue the existing programme with a budget of \$240,000 in year 1, \$640,000 per annum in year 2 onwards and continue Planting our Place at \$200,000 each year.
- Option 3: Increase option 2 by \$300,000 each year for other initiatives and \$100,000 for a three year high frequency bus service trial. **(This is the Council's preferred option)**
- Option 4: Accelerate the programme even further with an additional \$300,000 each year.

Comments:

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Big Call 3: Paying it forward

Establishing a Sustainable Lifestyle Capital Reserve

Income from our Perpetual Investment Fund is used to offset rates. We are proposing to use some of that income to establish a reserve which can be used for future projects. This would reduce the amount of subsidy to rates.

4. **Should we establish a Lifestyle Capital Reserve to help fund future projects? (pg. 19)** (please tick one)

- Option 1: Do not establish the reserve.
- Option 2: Put increasing amounts of \$250,000 each year in to the reserve of the release from our Perpetual Investment Fund (used to subsidise rates) until year 10, when \$2.5m would be added. **(This is the Council's preferred option)**
- Option 3: Put increasing amounts of \$500,000 each year in to the reserve of the release from our Perpetual Investment Fund (used to subsidise rates) until year 10, when \$5m would be added.

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Tūparikino Active Community Hub

In our last Long-Term Plan we set aside a budget for a Multi-Sport Hub. We are now proposing to refocus that funding to deliver a multi-use, minimum four-court indoor stadium building to complement the TSB Stadium.

5. Which option do you support for The Hub? (pg. 20) (please tick one)

- Option 1: Delay the project beyond this Long-Term Plan.
- Option 2: Proceed with the project using funding already budgeted (\$35m) in the last Long-Term Plan. **(This is the Council's preferred option)**
- Option 3: Increase the budget to \$50m over the 10 years to add more facilities.

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Brooklands Zoo

Some of the animal enclosures at the zoo are ageing and no longer meet the Ministry of Primary Industry (MPI) minimum standards.

6. Which option do you support for the Brooklands Zoo? (pg. 22) (please tick one)

- Option 1: Do not upgrade the zoo and gradually close it down.
- Option 2: Undertake necessary upgrades to meet compliance with MPI standards at a cost of \$5.7m over 10 years.
- Option 3: Implement the first three phases of the vision for the zoo over 10 years at a cost of \$9m. **(This is the Council's preferred option)**
- Option 4: Implement the full vision for the zoo over 10 years at a cost of \$14.4m.

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Bellringer Pavilion

The current pavilion building is structurally compromised and can no longer be used for top level domestic cricket. The Pukekura Park Management Plan identifies a new, more appropriate location for a pavilion.

7. Which option do you support for the Bellringer Pavilion? (pg. 24) (please tick one)

- Option 1: – Replace the pavilion in a new and improved location at a cost of \$16.3m. **(This is the Council's preferred option)**
- Option 2: Repair the existing pavilion at a cost of \$1m to cater for local community use but would not be suitable for top level domestic cricket.
- Option 3: Demolish the existing pavilion and do not replace (estimated cost \$420,000).
- Option 4: Delay the required work and accept the risks of non compliance and building closure.

Comments:
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Council Controlled Organisations

We propose to look at different ways to deliver some Council services to provide greater efficiencies. We are considering setting up three new Council Controlled Organisations, or similar models, and would like some preliminary feedback from the community whether or not we should initiate investigations, before we do any further work on the proposal.

8. **Should we investigate alternative delivery options related to the following services? (pg. 27)** (please tick one)

- Water services Yes No
- Housing for the elderly Yes No
- Traffic management Yes No

What else?

Please give us any other feedback you may have.

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Optional demographic information (please tick one)

This is kept confidential for analysis only.

- Your age: under 15 15-29 30-49 50-64 65 and over
- Gender: female male other
- Ethnicity: NZ European/Pākehā Māori Pasifika Asian Other
- Location: New Plymouth Clifton Inglewood Kaitake
- Puketapu-Bell Block Waitara Other
- Are you a ratepayer of the New Plymouth District? Yes No
- Are you a resident of the New Plymouth District? Yes No