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**Submission No: 3201** Grant McLean

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option C: Fully debt fund long life assets.

#### **Comments**

We need to make up for inaction of previous councils. So bite the bullet and get it fixed.

## Saving water and water meters

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

#### **Comments**

New Plymouth is a place like no other so dont compare our water consumption to anywhere else. We dont have a water shortage problem we have a storage problem. Build more storage assets and keep building them. Find an alternative back up supply if necessary. Put the water meter money towards more storage. If you dont increase capacity now you are just doing what previous councils have done. Leave the problem for someone else to fix in the future at a greater cost. You expect New Plymouth to continue to grow and thrive and to make the same amount of infrastructure keep up with this expansion. That is flawed thinking. If water meters go ahead it will lead to a backlash and you will all be voted out at the next election.

### **Improving stormwater management in Waitara**

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

#### **Comments**

Extending the walkway and the mountain to sea track are nice to have but that money needs to be spent on increasing water storage capacity. Come back to the nice to have things in a few years when the hard stuff has been completed and there is spare money.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

#### **Comments**

Dont waste our money buying electric cars that is airy fairy stuff that wont make a scrap of difference as we will probably have to import dirty Chinese coal to generate the electricity to charge them.

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

#### **Comments**

Get on with this project as it is something that will benefit the whole community Kick Taranaki Racing out. This should be funded through debt.

#### What else?

Stop wasting money on a recycling hub. Zero waste by 2050 is just a load of bull.

Office Use Only: 7510

Submission No: 3202 Charles Banks

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 4. High. Clear out the backlog and make significant improvements. \$229 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

## Saving water and water meters

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

## Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 2: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building in year 6, contributing \$40 million. NPDC's preferred option.

Office Use Only: 7511

Submission No: 3203 Ryan McKay

Organisation: A-Frame Services Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 4. High. Clear out the backlog and make significant improvements. \$229 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### Saving water and water meters

Option 4: High. A significant water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$56 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$120 million over the long term.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 3: Option 2, plus give our tracks and trails network a boost over the next 10 years at a total cost of \$60 million.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

Office Use Only: 7512

**Submission No: 3204 Jed Dawkins** 

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

## Saving water and water meters

Option 2: Low. Introduce a water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$45 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$62 million over the long term.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

Office Use Only: 7513

**Submission No: 3205 Jamie Stones** 

Organisation: NPBHS

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option C: Fully debt fund long life assets.

### **Saving water and water meters**

Option 2: Low. Introduce a water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$45 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$62 million over the long term.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 1: Do nothing. No additional investment in Waitara stormwater.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

# Developing a multi-sport hub

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

Office Use Only: 7516

**Submission No: 3206** Louise Friesen

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

## Fixing our plumbing

How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

### **Saving water and water meters**

## Improving stormwater management in Waitara

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

Why spend that much money on another area for sports activities when the need to house the homeless is greater.

#### What else?

There is a great need for community facilities for our tangata whenua who are homeless in there own backyards. That is another great area where the need to find solutions has to be sought after and bought to light. Id like a chance to discuss my ideas for the opportunity to provide a solution to this.

Office Use Only: 7517

Submission No: 3207 G Webster

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

## Saving water and water meters

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

no water meters

**Improving stormwater management in Waitara** 

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 3: As per option 2, plus make the additional funding of \$150,000 per year permanent.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

Office Use Only: 7518

Submission No: 3208 Robyn McGregor

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

It should have been maintained by this and previous councils rather than left to get into the state it is in. Perhaps putting the \$11 million you are about to spend on tarting up the council building towards this instead would see more ratepayers approving.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

#### **Comments**

Fix the leaking infrastructure and reported leaks more promptly not 3 weeks later would do more to save water than installing water meters at huge cost to ratepayers who do not want them. It will make no difference to the way I use water eg, have turned the tap off while brushing teeth for the last 30 years but will impact on cost through rates. We the public that voted you onto the council don't want water meters.

# Improving stormwater management in Waitara

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

#### **Comments**

We can't afford it, be sensible.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

#### Comments

Electric vehicles are just as damaging to the planet, supply Council pushbikes if you are that concerned.

# Developing a multi-sport hub

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

## What else?

I have given my opinion but am realistically cynical, the Council will ignore us and do want they want at our expense.

Office Use Only: 7521

Submission No: 3209 Donna Gush

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

## Saving water and water meters

Option 2: Low. Introduce a water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$45 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$62 million over the long term.

#### **Comments**

a rates reduction could be made for those who include grey-water and/or rain water (tank) usage to supplement water use. Possibly a council contribution to offset the cost of adding this system for individual property owners

# Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

#### **Comments**

Invest in maintenance and improvement of existing tracks and trails

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

Office Use Only: 7524

Submission No: 3210 Wendy Riordan

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option A: Pay for it from rates

## **Saving water and water meters**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

#### **Comments**

Demolish barret street hospital and build it there.

#### What else?

Pretty up our city, demolish barret street hospital and build multi sports hub there, build development at motorua ngamotu beach, do something with the prison. Our city is sooo ugly.

Office Use Only: 7525

**Submission No: 3211** Sharlene Velvin

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

## Saving water and water meters

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

#### **Comments**

People can't afford more costs, it's already hard for people to live, this would mean more poverty

# Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

Office Use Only: 7528

**Submission No: 3212** Nathalia Harold

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

## Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### Saving water and water meters

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 3: Option 2, plus give our tracks and trails network a boost over the next 10 years at a total cost of \$60 million.

#### **Comments**

Please allow dogs on the lead in more trails and tracks around New Plymouth. Although we have many walkaways, many of them are not dog friendly which greatly restricts the areas in which dog walkers are allowed to go.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

#### What else?

We live at 755 Hurford Road and the rubbish collection (which is included within our rates) stops at the top near 680. The rubbish truck has to drive up the top of the road to turn around, so we would like to be included in the collection as: 1) we are paying for it in our rates and 2) the \$300 extra cost of having to pay for a separate collection is expensive and unjustified. I have spoken to some of my neighbours and all the parties have agreed that this needs to change.

Office Use Only: 7529

Submission No: 3213 Lachlan

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

# Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

#### **Comments**

Electric vehicles are not the way to go.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

#### Comments

Our sports are bursting at the seems. The facilities we have can not keep up with demand.

Office Use Only: 7530

**Submission No: 3214 Jen Harries** 

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

## Saving water and water meters

Option 4: High. A significant water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$56 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$120 million over the long term.

#### **Comments**

climate change is affecting our weather patterns - best to future proof for future generations.

## Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 1: Do nothing. No additional investment in Waitara stormwater.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 3: Option 2, plus give our tracks and trails network a boost over the next 10 years at a total cost of \$60 million.

#### **Comments**

also please consider coastal paths for utilising alternative transport for commuting - eg oakura/okato

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 3: As per option 2, plus make the additional funding of \$150,000 per year permanent.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 2: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building in year 6, contributing \$40 million. NPDC's preferred option.

Office Use Only: 7534

Submission No: 3215 Simon

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option C: Fully debt fund long life assets.

## **Saving water and water meters**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 1: Do nothing. No additional investment in Waitara stormwater.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 3: Option 2, plus give our tracks and trails network a boost over the next 10 years at a total cost of \$60 million.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

Not a viable idea at all

Office Use Only: 7538

**Submission No: 3216** Roseanne Watchorn

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 4. High. Clear out the backlog and make significant improvements. \$229 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

This is an essential service so necessary to fix by spending time and money fixing the plumbing rahter than spending time on sports and recreation etc

## **Saving water and water meters**

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

If water meters are introduced the savings needs to go back into providing better more effective water service rather than going to general council funds. Also I've heard of dairy farmers on ?town water that use thousands of litres per day - surely this adds to our overuse of water!

# Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

What about Urenui, it has low lying areas? And also has issues with water contamination affecting marine life.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

#### **Comments**

Nice thought but wait a few years until essential services have been fixed.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

### What else?

Keep all the libary's. Prevent pollution into the rivers in Urenui. Introduce recyling out at Uruti and places that don't have them.

Office Use Only: 7540

Submission No: 3217 Ben Pollard

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option C: Fully debt fund long life assets.

#### **Comments**

I support the investment in these long term assets. I think the funding of this should be considered very carefully, and I do not feel that the options provided adequately address this. I support the use of debt predominantly to fund these assets. This is because they are long-term and will benefit the community for many years to come. I think a debt funding option that falls between option B and option C should be investigated.

### **Saving water and water meters**

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

It would have been good to have seen some examples of what charging for water meters might look like. It should be compared with the existing approach to charging for water (via rates).

# Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

#### Comments

This problem simply needs addressing and adequate funds should be provided for this.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### Comments

The coastal walkway is a huge success for our province. We need to continue to invest in extending this. The Maunga to Moana network is an awesome opportunity to showcase our regions assets, and will only improve our appeal to visitors. This will also provide another fun and healthy activity for our local community.

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## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 3: As per option 2, plus make the additional funding of \$150,000 per year permanent.

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

#### **Comments**

Our region has been lacking a facility like this for a long time. This project will benefit a significant number of the community, with the additional benefit of assisting our kids to keep active and fit. Being involved in sports organisations my entire life, in both a playing and administrative capacity, I have witnessed first hand the shortfall our region has in this area. Fields with good lighting are very hard to access, especially for minority sports, as the mainstream sports groups seem to have all the existing fields booked. Investment in quality lighting for the fields is essential as part of this project. The design of the Hub should ensure ease of access for users with significant thought/investment put into pathways/accessways/viewing or seating areas. The sooner this project can be initiated the better.

#### What else?

Overall this is a very commendable 10-year plan, and I generally support all of the initiatives. Funding of these initiatives then becomes a key question. I would suggest that the Council needs to:

- 1) Look at existing expenditure, and assess what savings can be made. I was surprised to see how much of the existing Operating Expenditure is invested in Transportation. Is this level of investment still justified? How can this be delivered more efficiently? Is the balance right between Council funded and user-pays?
- 2) These projects are all long-term initiatives, and justify being funded predominantly by debt. The Council has debt headroom currently and is in a good position to raise additional debt for these initiatives. Finding the right balance between debt funding/rates funding/savings/efficiencies will be critical in delivering these projects in a manner that positions the Council to meet its future obligations.

Kind Regards Ben Pollard

Office Use Only: 7543

**Submission No: 3218 James Cunningham** 

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 4. High. Clear out the backlog and make significant improvements. \$229 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option A: Pay for it from rates

### **Saving water and water meters**

Option 2: Low. Introduce a water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$45 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$62 million over the long term.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 1: Do nothing. No additional investment in Waitara stormwater.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

Office Use Only: 7544

Submission No: 3219 Anne-Maree McKay

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

I strongly support the establishment of a reticulated sewerage system for the Urenui/Onaero townships and the Urenui/Onaero campgrounds. The illegal discharge of sewage into the Urenui estuary has forced our iwi to place rāhui over the awa to protect our people, the community and our manuhiri. The inability of our people to practice mahinga kai and manaakitanga is deeply saddening and has a significant effect on our mana, and our physical and spiritual wellbeing. I appreciate all the mahi that has been put into addressing this issue so far and look forward to continuing to support this mahi in the immediate future.

I also strongly support the installation of water meters to encourage water conservation, water is more than just a commodity and I believe it can sometimes be taken for granted. My only concern here is that larger families on lower incomes may become disadvantaged by this, maybe we can come up with a low household income water allowance in the form of a small credit on their water bill to alleviate financial pressure whilst still encouraging water conservation. I don't know the answer, just raising a concern.

Storm and wastewater needs to be better controlled in large rainfall events or powercuts. Every pumping station should be connected to back-up generators in case of power interruptions, even just small ones that run for 1-2hours to enable time to source a larger one to run for the duration of the fault. It is absolute madness that sewage runs into our waterways in the even of an unexpected powercut. Discharging waste into waterways when pumping stations become overwhelmed is an extremely poor contingency plan, surely there's a better way to manage this, pumping stations are regularly overwhelmed so it would make sense to have a better back-up than to pollute the waterways, endanger human health and compromise the ecology.

## **Saving water and water meters**

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

See comments in previous section

## Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

I agree that this problem needs to be addressed quickly and efficiently.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

I support the extension of the coastal walkway if the budget allows. It must not come before addressing the issues around our basic infrastructure i.e. sewage issues at Urenui and Onaero, Waste water at Waitara, installation of water meters, and better contingency plans around our pumping stations and waste water treatment to ensure emergency discharges become a thing of the past.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

This is a good opportunity for the NP community to work together to secure funding and build relationships.

#### What else?

Urenui swing bridge - I support the construction of a new pedestrian bridge in Urenui linking the village to the campground and golf course, it has always been very well utilised, it has significant economic benefit for the village retailers and supplies convenient access for local retirees and golfers without having extra traffic on the road.

I strongly support the creation of a well run local organic recycling facility in the New Plymouth District (or In wider Taranaki if run with other Council's) I strongly support composting as one of the ways we can work towards Zero Waste for our district. We think that if this facility is:

- Sited in a suitable place ie taking into consideration suitable soil type, rainfall patterns and closeness to water ways
- Uses current best practice methods that minimize leachate runoff and use best practice composting methods ie pile size and shape, turning times, materials used
- Has limits placed on volume and types of materials entering the site
- The site has a robust stormwater plan
- The environmental effects of the site are monitored using both western science and matauranga Maori, and Consent conditions ensure that the negative impacts on the environment are well known and avoided.

Office Use Only: 7548

Submission No: 3220 Jo Lord

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Strongly encourage all new builds to utilise roof collection of water, for garden use or as laundry/toilet flushing use.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 2: Low. Introduce a water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$45 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$62 million over the long term.

#### **Comments**

see comment prior re water collection on new builds and encouraging addition to current houses.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### Comments

What about connecting the Huatoki with the Te Henui, great for recreation but also safer cycling paths for transport to and from work should be a priority. There are too many cars on the roads.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

# Developing a multi-sport hub

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

#### **Comments**

Recreation and exercise is very important for public health, and in view of the obesity/diabetes epidemic we need all community members to be exercising. Keeping kids in sport should be a priority, too many drop out when getting to high school. Make sport fun.

Office Use Only: 7549

Submission No: 3221 Katie Allen

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option A: Pay for it from rates

### **Saving water and water meters**

Option 2: Low. Introduce a water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$45 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$62 million over the long term.

## Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

- 1. Green space in central New Plymouth needs to be preserved. Once developed it will not be able to be returned to green space.
- 2. Currently the land of the race course has the ability to accommodate a wide number of both sporting (racing, equestrian, ruby, cricket) and cultural (music festivals, circuses, markets) events- this would be ruined by further development and there are not good alternative spaces within central New Plymouth to accommodate such activities/events.
- 3. Traffic on Coronation Ave is already an issue due to it being the main route South paired with having schools (Highlands, Welbourn and NPBHS) near by already in the mornings and afternoons the intersections along Coronation Ave are dangerous to pull out from and there have been deaths at the already existing pedestrian crossings.
- 4. Developing a multisport hub will take away from already existing sports clubs which have existing fascilities and resources. This will have a negative impact on communities. My Family has lived in the Welbourn suburb since the 1930s. While a lot has changed the racecourse and Pukekura Park remain the heart of the area, the space has been appreciated and utilised by all and to have it developed would be a step backwards for New Plymouth. An overly specialised 'sportshub' takes away a space that was once for EVERYONE and makes it only accessible to those involved in specific sports. I have spent years living in cities (Auckland, Dunedin, Wellington) where there are specialised sports hubs- these venues cause excessive traffic, children grow up not knowing where the teams they are playing from come from, suburbs and small town businesses don't see the benefits of increased thoroughfare on Saturday mornings and they become concrete jungles of courts/turfs and carparks. I would be extremely saddened and disappointed to see the proposed land developed in such a way.

#### What else?

- Roundabouts on all intersections from airport Waitara should be considered. The West-East orientation of this road paired with high traffic makes these intersections incredibly dangerous as demonstrated by the number of accidents/deaths which occur. The West-East orientation means sun strike can occur in both directions in both the mornings and evenings

Office Use Only: 7552

Submission No: 3222 Natasha Bell

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

## Saving water and water meters

Option 2: Low. Introduce a water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$45 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$62 million over the long term.

## Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

home owners affected may need to pay towards the plan as they have bought these properties- I.e. pay for their own soak holes

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

#### **Comments**

bell block to waitara is a long way and how many people will actually use it?

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

think its ok to get electric cars as old ones need replacing but not just sell and buy new ones off the bat

# Developing a multi-sport hub

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

want more information about where and which sports will be included

#### What else?

there seems to be an increase in crime. there are a lot of abandoned houses around. the council should enforce owners of these properties to demolish or move off buildings which are unsafe, unsightly and attract vagrants. e.g. south West corner of gover and leach St

Office Use Only: 7553

**Submission No: 3223** Tania Fraser

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 4. High. Clear out the backlog and make significant improvements. \$229 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

This should always be a high priority for any council and should never have been allowed to get to the situation of being "under invested" From today these types of assets should always be the first on the list to be paid for. It will save money in the long run.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

#### **Comments**

This could hurt low income households. How confident can you be regarding your estimates for savings from water meters? Technological advancement in household appliances and education could save more water than meters and be better for the environment. What is the council going to do about saving water in the network of pipes etc? Should this not be prioritised over meters?

## Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

#### **Comments**

Electrifying a vehicle fleet is surely going to be the chosen path regardless of any plan. So why is it an option here? Planting, while never the wrong thing to do, will not make as much difference as looking after the sea. In terms of CO2 emmisions, stop the run off from streams and rivers so that the sea ecosystem can be the best it can be, and thus absorb as much carbon as is possible.

# Developing a multi-sport hub

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

If this option impacts the previous two, then I would have to say no. We have sports grounds all over the city. Make better use of those and the school grounds.

Office Use Only: 7580

**Submission No: 3224 Sandra-Marie Elizabeth Kirby** 

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option C: Fully debt fund long life assets.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

#### **Comments**

If you introduce Water Meters our Rates will still increase.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

#### Comments

We already have too many pohutakawas blocking prime sea views.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 2: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building in year 6, contributing \$40 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### What else?

Council must be conserve inspending rate payer dollars as it can not be sustained. It is all very well to quote rate increases of 12% but our 2020-2021 increase was 23%. Plans for Council to spend another \$11m upgrading the council 'palace' is outrageous, especially when we have a 3rd world water infrastructure which allows sewage into our sea. Focus on the critical essentials and like us rate payers, live within your means.

Office Use Only: 7582

Submission No: 3225 Brent Matuku

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

The Urenui sewage problems are an outcome of decades of bias against North Taranaki infrastructure. There are streets in Waitara and Urenui that still don't have kerbing, can you imagine that being allowed in Oakura or New Plymouth. Spending any money on walkways, sporting hubs before the Urenui sewage problems are rectified, is ongoing unconscious bias. The fact I point this out, and others do, means it's no longer unconscious, it is what it appears, racist. I am more than happy to pay my rates and comfortable that they get spent on the nice to have like walkways and sporting hubs, but not until the necessary infrastructure is in place. It is outrageous that there is still human waste (shit) flowing into the Urenui River. Add to this the Uriti worm farm, condone by both the NPDC and TRC, and you wonder does anyone in New Plymouth care about what happens outside of New Plymouth?

### Saving water and water meters

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

#### **Comments**

Get smarter with your storage and use of it. There is so much wasted water in our network, fix that before you worry about meters. I'm happy to do meters, but I'd rather the \$42 - \$56 million, whatever the option, is spent first on fixing our infrastructure, now, not in 3 or 5 or 10yrs.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Get on with it please, and make sure Urenui is done immediately also.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### Comments

I'm happy to fund these types of investments, and ok with it coming out of my rates, ie an increase if need be, but NOT if this spending is before our critical infrastructure.

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

#### **Comments**

Lets fix the achievable stuff first.

### **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

Do not do this until everyone's water both clean and waste, is sorted.

#### What else?

I have travelled and lived around the world. Taranaki is the best place in NZ, maybe the world, to live. Thank you to the councilors, and NPDC staff that make it that way. Lets do the critical stuff first please, then walkways and sporting hubs.

Office Use Only: 7586

Submission No: 3226 Dean Baldock

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Every property should have a rain water capture system. Subsidised by the council.

## Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 1: Do nothing. No additional investment in Waitara stormwater.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

## Developing a multi-sport hub

Option 2: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building in year 6, contributing \$40 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### Comments

The raceway must stay where it is, so hub must be designed in conjuction with the race course.

#### What else?

I would like NP to have a green rail solution. Bellblock to Motorua. This is what i would like to speak about.

Office Use Only: 7587

**Submission No: 3227** Terry Stowers

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option A: Pay for it from rates

#### **Comments**

It needs doing for sure. A priority

### Saving water and water meters

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

#### **Comments**

A modified plan without water meters. Saving wasted water is imperative by education, not water meters. You need to encourage making better use of Taranaki's rainfall. 1 - Establish a fund based on the cost of the proposed metering - the meters plus costs involved in installing them. 2 - Use this fund to subside the compulsory installation of water tanks on all new homes. 3 - Use this fund to subside the voluntary installation of water tanks on existing homes.

## **Improving stormwater management in Waitara**

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

#### Comments

I don't have a flooding problem, but if I did I would want it fixed. Areas of Waitara have a problem, so get the job started,

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

No, apart from insisting all cyclists have bells or whistles to alert pedestrians in front of them.

### **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

An inevitable project which must be pursued.

### **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 2: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building in year 6, contributing \$40 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

The sports hub is essential, but not at the expense of the Pukekura Raceway. I have seen no thoughts on improved roading access. This is essential. Coronation Avenue is already chaotic around WOMAD and big Racedays. Good luck!

### What else?

Roundabouts, roundabouts and roundabouts!!! Some radical demolition of houses around the well known blockage points in Carrington Street and Coronation to allow multi-lanes and roundabouts for traffic to flow more efficiently. Those two will do for a start. I'm aware the Council is pushing hard for State Highway's long overdue and essential work to be designed and constructed. Good on them. Cheers Terry

Office Use Only: 7588

**Submission No: 3228** Kiko Matthews

Organisation: Chaddys Charters Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

### **Saving water and water meters**

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Education People think that because taranaki is wet, water is freely available. Maybe educate people on the issue amd they'd have a better understanding of use

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 3: As per option 2, plus make the additional funding of \$150,000 per year permanent.

#### **Comments**

I think a fleet of (electric) buses that go around the mountain, REGULARLY, would be a much better investment than just the NPDC fleet of vehicles. Buses and public transport are essential to reduce the number of solo drivers around the region

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

Do we not have one already?

### What else?

Why is \$11'million going on developing your offices? The council people should obviously have repairs to busildings but nothing more or fancy is required. Appalling

Office Use Only: 7589

**Submission No: 3229** Marion Boisen

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Seems a lot of money involved, so to keep rates as low as possible, just fix up what is broken,

### Saving water and water meters

Option 2: Low. Introduce a water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$45 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$62 million over the long term.

#### **Comments**

Why not make all new residential properties have to install a water tank to collect rainwater off their roof to use in home use. Many rural properties survive well on this method.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 1: Do nothing. No additional investment in Waitara stormwater.

### Comments

You do not say what you are going to spend the \$\$ on doing, so nothing should be spent until you decide what to actually do.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Maybe get sections of this sponsored by big business?

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

#### **Comments**

Waste of time and money.

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

Most clubs are doing fine with their facilities at present. You are spending millions on rugby, soccer is planning to go to Bell Block, hockey is fine in Stratford. Its just going to be one big traffic jam and chaos on site with so many sports involved in one place! And way too expensive with too many consultants making a fortune off these ideas.

#### What else?

Just get back to basics and provide what is actually necessary to keep the city going, rather than spending millions on big ideas that are not necessary

Office Use Only: 7590

Submission No: 3230 Mark Sewter

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Other councils are way behind (eg Wellington) but this does not mean NP should have a knee-jerk reaction when our issues are so small

### Saving water and water meters

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

#### **Comments**

Why use scarce resources (plastic, metal, labour) to 'save' a resource that NZ has an overabundance of - floods are NZ's greatest cause of natural disaster. There is no reason to to pursue this issue other than to control the people and grasp money from the population so that more bureaucrats can have another job or responsibility.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million, NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

This investment will actually bring money to the region.

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Another hype-related topic. The 'political' councillors will want to look good in the paper on this issue.

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

#### **Comments**

We need an improved hub in NP. Not in the middle of the raceway though.

Office Use Only: 7591

Submission No: 3231 Philip Sanderson

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Concentrate on vital infrastructure like water, sewerage and electricity supply. As opposed to spending money on leisure type facilities like sports hub, extending walkways, rugby park that may be "nice to have" but should not be loaded onto already stretched rate payers. Concentrate on necessary things first.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Suggest applying a non-invoiced allowance per household with metered costs only be incurred once this allowance has been used per quarter. This would mean that smaller users would not be penalized by having extra costs loaded onto their already stretched budgets. For example elderly folk on fixed incomes that are already smaller users. Target larger users in this manner.

## Improving stormwater management in Waitara

#### **Comments**

At June 2020 there had been 183 leaseholders that had taken up the option to freehold their properties. These probably had a land value of around \$110,000. There were further properties that had requested but no completed. Perhaps this money could be used now and in the future in the community that has generated it.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

#### **Comments**

Do not extend the walkways. There is adequate provision now. This is a luxury that we as rate payers can not afford in this economic climate. It would be totally inappropriate to spend further on this when our basic infrastructure is struggling.

### **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

#### **Comments**

Taranaki farmers have made great gains in riparian planting in recent years. The decline of gas and oil in the province will also have an impact on our climate action. 17 hectares of trees over 10 years when the country as a whole is continuing to harvest large amounts of pinus radiata which is shipped overseas in fuel oil powered ships seems to be a larger issue as this ties up great amounts of carbon some of which is released when land is cleared and waste burned off. Has the council looked at what vehicles can be cut from the fleet recently? The government has budgeted twenty million dollars and cutting their fleet by 20%. Has the council looked at this too?

### **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

Do not develop a hub. There are facilities throughout the province that can be utilized and this spreads income to smaller communities like Inglewood, Stratford and Hawera when events are held there. Local businesses can benefit too instead of just New Plymouth. Make best use of what we already have. As before, ratepayers are already stretched in this economic climate.

#### What else?

We expect the council to concentrate on the basic things that our community needs to function day to day. Water, waste, transport etc. These should always be first priority.

Office Use Only: 7600

Submission No: 3232 Mikayla Zandstra

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 2: Low. Introduce a water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$45 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$62 million over the long term.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 1: Do nothing. No additional investment in Waitara stormwater.

### **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

Office Use Only: 7601

Submission No: 3233 Georgia

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

#### **Comments**

I think water metres are very unfair considering we already pay so much on rates etc

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

**Boosting our Climate Action Framework** 

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

Office Use Only: 7603

Submission No: 3234 Henry Ford

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 4. High. Clear out the backlog and make significant improvements. \$229 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Get it done as soon as possible

### Saving water and water meters

Option 4: High. A significant water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$56 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$120 million over the long term.

#### **Comments**

Water meters should be used alongside other methods to reduce water use

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 3: Option 2, plus give our tracks and trails network a boost over the next 10 years at a total cost of \$60 million.

#### **Comments**

Love it. Promotes active healthy living, tourism, connected communities and reduces carbon emissions in travel

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 3: As per option 2, plus make the additional funding of \$150,000 per year permanent.

#### **Comments**

Should aim for 100ha in ten years for trees

Option 2: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building in year 6, contributing \$40 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Let sports pay more but great for active lifestyle

### What else?

Look after growing communities as well. I see nothing about dealing with traffic in Bell Block or improving services  $\,$ 

Office Use Only: 7606

Submission No: 3235 Glenn Penfold & Kylee Burgess

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option A: Pay for it from rates

#### **Comments**

As we live under Mt Taranaki, surely there must be an option for a Water Catchment System

### Saving water and water meters

Option 2: Low. Introduce a water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$45 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$62 million over the long term.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

Office Use Only: 7608

**Submission No: 3236** Awhina Mattock

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option C: Fully debt fund long life assets.

#### **Comments**

The council should have been gradually maintaining our district plumbing infrastructure and monitoring it before it got to the state it's currently in. The council employs staff to report and manage our infrastructure- someone should be accountable.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

#### **Comments**

New builds should be implementing tanks to capture rain water and use as part of the NPDC incentive to save water, discounts given by purchasing these should be an option. The same with implementing systems to capture our grey water to water gardens. Stop putting it all on the rate payers.

## Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

#### **Comments**

We need to focus on water issues as a priority until we have fixed these then move onto to leisure/green areas.

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

#### Comments

Planting is great but no electrifying cars as the batteries are not affordable and the lifespan is short. Does the 1million incorporate the battery life costs?

Option 2: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building in year 6, contributing \$40 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Only dependant on the location of the hub and we don't contribute to the yarrow stadium rebuild!

Office Use Only: 7609

Submission No: 3237 P Cursons

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Many years ago your council sold an increase on rates, to the ratepayers, that assets required to be replaced and a % amount was set aside each year to accommodate repairs and maintenance and/or replacement. Where are these funds been invested and why are they not being used for the assets they have been allocated to.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

#### **Comments**

Many years ago your council sold an increase on rates, to the ratepayers, that assets required to be replaced and a % amount was set aside each year to accommodate repairs and maintenance and/or replacement. Where are these funds been invested and why are they not being used for the assets they have been allocated to. Use the money that you have allocated to install water meters to make the repairs required.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

#### **Comments**

Many years ago your council sold an increase on rates, to the ratepayers, that assets required to be replaced and a % amount was set aside each year to accommodate repairs and maintenance and/or replacement. Where are these funds been invested and why are they not being used for the assets they have been allocated to.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

#### **Comments**

This is a want, not a need. When the district can afford this project, then let it proceed. Do not remove, but place on hold until the NPDC can find the funds that will not increase our rates.

### **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

#### **Comments**

Climate change is an interesting subject. Are we required to do anything? If the current rules actually reflected and allowed our native forest and small lots of trees/bush ( Pukekura Park) to be set aside for carbon credits we do not require to plant 17 hectares of trees at all. Vehicles. You currently have a budget for vehicle replacement. There is no requirement to have additional funding. As a vehicle requires to be replaced there is a choice - make, model and is it suitable for purpose.

### **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

The multi- sport hub has a multitude of questions and decisions to be made before you get to this stage to ask how it will be funded and even where it will go. The Racecourse has a user and until that is finalized you can not proceed. There are other areas that require to be considered that may be more suitable even if they can not all be in one place. Please carry out due process with the current users of the New Plymouth Racecourse and finalize those discussions and contracts before you commit to this proposal.

#### What else?

Where have the funds gone that you have collected with every rates take to pay for the ongoing maintenance and replacement of our assets that you sold to us many years ago to justify the increase in our rates. When you have sorted that out, now redo your 10 yearly plan and provide the correct information to the ratepayers that will allow us to make an informed decision. If we are to have a 12% plus rates increase these new rate takes should be as targeted rates eg. the same amount per rateable property such as the rubbish collection and water supply charge.

Office Use Only: 7610

**Submission No: 3238 Janice McCarthy** 

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Not really as I live on a farm and it does not affect me

### Saving water and water meters

Option 2: Low. Introduce a water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$45 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$62 million over the long term.

#### **Comments**

I think that water meters are a good idea. I am on tank water so it does not really affect me.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 2: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building in year 6, contributing \$40 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

As my late husband was a member of the Racing club for many years I know that he would have been okay with the playing fields in the middle of the race track but not the building. I think that it should be added to the current TSB Stadium and I am sure that that would be his opinion as well.

Office Use Only: 7611

Submission No: 3239 Sylvia Howieson

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

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### **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 2: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building in year 6, contributing \$40 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

I'm a bit concerned that the indoor sports area is built in the view shaft of the race track. I think it needs to be out of the central area.

Office Use Only: 7612

Submission No: 3240 Zalena Chitty

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

#### **Comments**

I do not think these should be implemented, cost of living is already at an all time high and would but further strain on the community.

## Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

#### **Comments**

While it would be great to have these facilities, the infrastructure of New Plymouth needs more attention first.

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

#### Comments

While I believe in climate change, and for New Zealand to do there part it making it better, it will not change if countries like China and India do not adapt.

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

While having a multi-sport hub would be great and ideal, but traffic is already congested when events are on at the racecourse, this location is not the right place for it, it would make Coronation Ave a nightmare, and the fact that it is a major state highway into NP would not be ideal of tourism and the like.

#### What else?

I do not believe that the council building needs to have 11m spent on it, as an accountant for a corporate organisation, I do not believe this is well spent tax payers money.

Office Use Only: 7618

Submission No: 3241 Dustin C Courage

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 4: High. A significant water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$56 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$120 million over the long term.

#### **Comments**

Get them in an use it to be more sustainable.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 1: Do nothing. No additional investment in Waitara stormwater.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 3: Option 2, plus give our tracks and trails network a boost over the next 10 years at a total cost of \$60 million.

#### **Comments**

Lifestyle capital

### **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 3: As per option 2, plus make the additional funding of \$150,000 per year permanent.

#### **Comments**

Climate change is happening NPDC need to invest more resources on all aspects of climate change and especially in mitigation across the local economy.

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

#### **Comments**

Lifestyle capital, Wellbeing benefits.

Office Use Only: 7619

**Submission No: 3242** Aaron Taylor

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 2: Low. Introduce a water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$45 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$62 million over the long term.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 3: Option 2, plus give our tracks and trails network a boost over the next 10 years at a total cost of \$60 million.

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 3: As per option 2, plus make the additional funding of \$150,000 per year permanent.

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

Office Use Only: 7622

**Submission No: 3243** Max Brough

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 1. Do nothing. Status quo. No additional funding.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option A: Pay for it from rates

#### **Comments**

Comments made at presentation

### Saving water and water meters

#### **Comments**

Comments made at presentation

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

#### Comments

Please sort this out once and for all. Been going on far too long now.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### Comments

The plan seems to have this well in hand.

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 3: As per option 2, plus make the additional funding of \$150,000 per year permanent.

#### Comments

Resistance is futile, do more.

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

Really, Now? Another divisive multi million \$ project. Is this really a good idea? Happy to discuss this at presentation.

### What else?

12% residential increase, 15% Commercial increase, and in Year 1. No reason(s) condone this approach. I will speak further at presentation.

Office Use Only: 7626

**Submission No: 3244** Athol Ferries

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

### **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 3: Option 2, plus give our tracks and trails network a boost over the next 10 years at a total cost of \$60 million.

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

Office Use Only: 7628

**Submission No: 3245** Victor

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option A: Pay for it from rates

### **Saving water and water meters**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 1: Do nothing. No additional investment in Waitara stormwater.

### **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 2: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building in year 6, contributing \$40 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### What else?

Stop cutting the funding for the Arts and culture programmes in New Plymouth. Provide the Govett Brewster Art Gallery with the support it needs and deserves. Start to place more value on the unique place the gallery holds in New Plymouth and recognise just how valuable it is for New Plymouth.

Office Use Only: 7641

**Submission No: 3246 Joanne Massey** 

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

Submission and presentation to NPDC Council concerning my OPPOSITION to the establishment of the MULTI SPORT HUB

and a suggested

<u>ALTERNATE USE FOR VACANT LAND AT THE RACECOURSE</u> & strategies for addressing the lack of Emergency Housing in New Plymouth.

Author/submitter: Joanne Massey.

Preamble to submission: Historic causes & present drivers of Housing and Accommodation shortage.

Historically, the held view has been that the desire to own a home is a close held Kiwi aspiration, and that individuals who worked toward that goal could achieve it.

Put simplistically, once de-regulation of our banking system occurred, and the Government BNZ was no longer the sole repository of New Zealander's savings, the rot set in. Those significant government held funds that were once available (for reasonable interest mortgages) to ensure New Zealanders could build their own homes. With de-regulation came overseas borrowing which changed the fiscal landscape completely — and the Reserve Bank had significantly less saving funds in the NZ coffers & lending for homes was offered by off shore companies.

Successive governments did not address the rising interest rates and wages not keeping up with the rising cost of living. Then add to that a no limits culture around the number of properties that could be amassed in an investment property portfolio, and we had the recipe for the available residential stock for families being progressively lessened and saving for the deposit for a home and home ownership becoming more difficult to achieve. A two earning parent family with a higher than mean income could still achieve the dream, but many lower income families simply could not.

This has created an increased number of citizens who could not buy a home, so only had either renting a dwelling or boarding in shared accommodation as options.

Now we have a perfect storm which leaves that second group of people who rent, in a situation where finding a rental property or board has become a challenge, and for some, simply not achievable. There are many reasons, aside from there simply not being enough housing/rooms available to meet demand. The cost of entering into a tenancy agreement/contract, a disinclination to accept individuals with mental health, social or other particular needs – (released inmates on parole are one group that comes to mind) and a lack of suitable accommodation to meet their requirements, the pressure of COVID returnees now needing accommodation or seeking to purchase, the closing of residential mental health facilities where clients could be appropriately housed – and if young people have no rental history they too are passed in the present very competitive rental market are only some of the reasons finding housing is difficult for many members of our community. That lack of past investment in public housing has left an acute shortage that will not be solved in the medium to short term. It is not realistic to think Central government is going to solve this problem without community collaboration and council involvement.

# So what do do about it ( or how do you find accommodation when there are no rooms or homes available?)

I would suggest that it is no longer appropriate or possible for our homeless people to have the problem solved by CENTRAL government alone. We need advocacy from our region's leaders to work with Central Government and other agencies, and we need that leadership advocacy NOW.

I believe LOCAL government has a moral imperative to weigh in on this issue; to fulfil their mandate to care for the welfare of it's citizens, and in the most meaningful way.

When our council considers it's investment portfolio, why shouldn't it consider investing in temporary housing facilities? My suggestion being to have council own and run Tiny Homes Villages on public land - an investment that will DIRECTLY benefit our citizens. Why shouldn't council consider an income stream from providing a very basic infrastructural amenity in the form of rentable temporary housing since we are faced with a dire, immediate need?

We talk about Council's core responsibility being that of providing and maintaining infrastructure – and secondary to that facilitating activities, entertainment and supporting fine arts.

Presently the Govett-Brewster is subsidised to the tune of about 4.3 million dollars annually and Art in Public Places is allocated \$52,000 each year for the next ten years. I would argue that accessibility to fine art and culture or the impressive sight of a new sports hub facility means very little to the person who is homeless, the child who lives in crowded or unsecured accommodation or those who anxiously await the ending of their tenancy at any time (with no surety of finding replacement accommodation) or the offender offered Home Detention who has to opt for a custodial sentence because they cannot find secure tenured accommodation.

#### And what has the above to do with the Multi Sport Hub proposal? Why I oppose it:

I would like to see a partnership with a visionary council playing a pivotal, co-ordinating role with other government and community groups to address this 'rental accommodation emergency' — not a 40 Million dollar spend on a Multi Sport Hub.

Rather than a Multi Sport Hub I would like to see the establishment of a Tiny Homes Village at the racecourse, or on other public land. At the Racecourse there is land available in the overflow parking areas and the middle of the course. Behind the events venue there is also a long suitable paddock that could be developed for this use.

An audit of available land needs to be done urgently to facilitate the Tiny Homes villages initiative. There are venues (like the old jail) that are not suitable for accommodation, but the grounds could provide a suitable space for relocatable Tiny Homes to be located.

I'd like to see council work with big project builds and the Regional Recovery and development Agencies to ensure that workers for larger projects have the establishment of temporary 'workers camps' as a requirement and this factored into their costs (thereby not taking form the regions limited accommodation stock). The Hospital upgrade is a point in fact: the hospital has lawned areas suitable for on site temporary accommodation for workers (and ablutions, though they also could be provided by the contractors).

Since the cost of accommodation in motels is so exorbitant for isolating returnees, I would like to see MIQ approached to subsidise the establishment of an Isolation Village, and in return for use of the Public Land used, also provide self contained 'Tiny Homes' to council to assist I building up a Regional stock of temporary 'Tiny Home' relocatable housing.

Unfortunately New Plymouth does not have a central Marae. Maybe Iwi could be consulted and possible partnerships could be formed whereby Tiny relocatable homes are located near or on marae, with an agreed dispensation being allocated for the hosting of the manuhiri on the whenua.

I'd like to see our Council advocating to MSD to have rules surrounding the number of rooms that can be rented by beneficiaries (without financial loss) increased.

I would like strong advocacy from council to MSD and Housing to investigate a 'buy to own' mobile home scheme, so itinerant workers and otherwise homeless MSD clients have accommodation.

I would like to see The Ministry of Justice and Probation Services approached to see if they could partnership fund relocatable Tiny home accommodation for their clients (especially built so monitoring bracelets could work in those Tiny Homes).

I'd like to see the Ministry of Health approached to see if there could be any partnership funding for establishing suitable Tiny Home Village accommodation for their clients who cannot find suitable housing.

There is not ONE public health or service I can think of that would not have an interest in ensuring assured accommodation for their clients, that is presently not readily available – we just need to find creative ways to create this needed accommodation stock.

I look at 'think big' projects like the strongly promoted Multi Sport Hub, and just cannot see how it's creation can be justified. Not when there are serviceable venues through out the province that offer those amenities, the support for the hub seems to be coming mainly from Sports Taranaki and sports participants (by no means a reflective sample of our community's diverse needs and perceived priorities).

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April Sports Taranaki posted a panui on facebook titled "Play for the future - Help the Hub, submit now!" had solicited 34 non supportive comments (four about traffic concerns, most saying it's not a wise spend while basic infrastructure is in need of maintenance and upgrading & not worth contributing to a rates increase), one in favour and three off subject comments concerning a skating rink and the pony clubs likely relocation site!). If this open forum is a reflection of public support for the Multi Sports Hub, there is very little.

I made a response on the Sports Taranaki post suggesting the Tiny homes Village would be a better use of the land and that comment solicited 11 positive supporting and no negative comments in 6 hours.

I would suggest that ensuring people are housed (especially children and our vulnerable people) should be seen as an essential need – and a sports hub is far from that – especially when there are people in our community who's basic needs are not being met.

If maintaining our community's fitness level is the aim, we have the walkway (raincoats on in winter people!), pools and other facilities. People managed to maintain fitness levels during lock down. We don't need a hub to achieve this. People can exercise in their homes – there are plenty of undercover venues that can be travelled to. If the idea behind the hub is to create a venue for competitive elite training all year round – well that's a 'want', not a community well-being tool.

There are groups and individuals working on but struggling to find solutions to the medium and long term creating of dwellings. What can we (as a community) and council (as our umbrella entity responsible for infrastructural and cultural well being) do in the short term to provide emergency accommodation? I believe the groups and individuals trying to find the solution to our 'un-homed' population need the leadership and direction that Council is ideally placed to provide.

FYI statistics on MSD waiting lists for public housing:

#### Information provided by Gloria Campbell and Craig Ashcroft of MSD:

MSD receives an average of 17 calls a day from people in NP who do not have a bed for that night. In December 2020 there were 62 people housed in motels with 80 children between them. MSD needs more support from groups, like those represented at this meeting, to house all the people requiring housing. MSD deals with socially vulnerable people and has a myriad of programmes to support them. Single people with mental health issues are the most difficult to house. Currently MSD has partnerships with a whole range of organisations, but not enough to support all the people who need houses.

Michelle Ramage from the Roderique Hope Emergency Housing Trust reports that they have 5 transitional houses - (3 in New Plymouth and 2 in Hawera). Salvation Army have 8 and Womans

Refuge have 3 and along with motels, PHIMS are also used for emergency housing in one of their 40 room blocks (an arrangement with MSD that is short term and may change). Through to December 2020 there were over 380 families on the social housing wait list in New Plymouth.

These statistics would not reflect the people sleeping on couches in friends homes, living in garages and sheds and other unsuitable places, cars and at worst case sleeping rough in public places, or those who have not approached MSD or the Rodriguehope Trust for help.

Successive central Governments have dropped the ball on this issue. Successive local and regional authorities have waited for Central Government to solve the problem and passed the buck back. It hasn't worked. The time is right and we now need to approach this problem differently – with vision and creativity and take responsibility for our own community need.

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Regarding the building of new homes in New Plymouth. ( LONG TERM HOUSING SOLUTIONS).

The Housing Accords and Special Housing Areas legislation enabled the streamlining of new housing developments, and allowed special housing areas to be designated under accords between the Government and Council. Te Accords aimed to set targets and actions to increase the immediate and longer-term supply of land, and therefore improve the affordability of housing

Why didn't NP move on this????? (now repealed/finito).

Councils that DID make Accord agreements: Auckland, Christchurch, Hamilton, Nelson, Queenstown-Lakes, Rotorua, Selwyn, Tasman, Tauranga, Wellington, Western Bay of Plenty. Repealed 16 Sept 2021 so now back to consents going through usual process.

### What else?

I am in support of Jim Scrivner's submission on affordable venues for performance arts and note the inequitable amount of funding and importance given to Sports (above culture). I also support the Creative Communities submission.

# CHANGES TO THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE & INCORPORATION OF COMMUNITY ART INTO THE CBD AND OTHE PUBLIC PLACES.

#### PREAMBLE:

I am a strong advocate for community well being, with a particular emphasis on the place visual arts has in achieving this - hence this submission.

In the interests of simplicity, this submission focuses on Regionally produced VISUAL arts, (excluding literary and performing arts) and the way in which they could be incorporated into the visual fabric of our CBD and 'Public Places', to the benefit of everyone.

The NPDC is promoting New Plymouth and Taranaki as being a unique and desirable visitor destination, offering a wide range of attractive and exciting activities.

One element of this strategy is the promotion of New Plymouth as a National and International cultural Arts Centre.

The establishment and funding of the Govette-Brewster Gallery and contribution to the Len Lye Centre can be viewed as being central to the NPDC strategy to establish and maintain our City's reputation as a "must-see Fine-Arts destination', but this does not address promoting it as a desirable destination for those who also wish to engage with forms of visual art other than 'Fine , Kinetic or Contemporary Art".

A formalized and cohesive strategy to further this growing reputation is now needed.

It should include both an infrastructure to promote and support our Creative industry and ways to exhibit these works to the regions and populations best advantage.

Many ideas to this end were identified in one of the past Arts and Cultural Heritage Policies (Established 1993 and last reviewed 1995). The policy had identified intentions and desired outcomes but lacked suggestions for establishing a practical vehicle for achieving those ends.

To widen the present focus on the use of AIPP/Council funding to that of an emphasis on locally made non-monumental visual art works, intentionally placed in positions of easy accessibility, throughout our "Public Places' (as described in the Public Domain' P99-025 Art in Public Places Policy - " parks, streets. Squares, foreshore promenades and outdoor recreational facilities that are not on private land").

If the Policy of the present AIPP Committee cannot achieve the following, then I propose that a separate "COMMUNITY ART WORKS IN PUBLIC PLACES' Sub Committee be formed , with a separate budget, Community Arts focus and comprising members who have Community Art involvement and experience.

The work of this committee or AIPP would be to initiate and action a programme of installation of:

Small & mid sized sculptures in planting areas, in parks and along the foreshore Sculpted corner-bollards.

Children's and student tiles embedded (flush) into pathways and curbing. Painted metal 'sleeves' with painted art works around power & light poles Murals (with the support of a 'Mural Trail' flyer available st the I centre)

Works attached to the side of communication and Utility boxes.

Carved benches and tables commissioned to local artisans

Poles, fence supports and other solid structural devices put out to 'tender' for artistic modification.

All of these treatments of 'Art in Public Places' can be seen in other Regional Centres (i.e. Napier, Hamilton, Christchurch, Dunedin) where locally produced art has been more actively promoted and utilised by Council. It reflects an attitude of pride and celebration of the 'local people's work' and an acknowledgment of its value, quality, diversity and the enjoyment it affords other people.

#### PRESENT NPDC SPENDING on ART in Public Places

The Art in Public Places Sub Committee funding is determined annually in District Plan by Council. Presently Art in Public Places: \$50,000 inflated every year of the LTP (\$50,450 for 2018/19).

#### The ART IN PUBLIC PLACES SUB-COMMITTEE (AIPP)

The AIPP appears to have interpreted its Strategy guidelines (P03-007) to give precedence "To focus on major public works" by concentrating on acquiring, commissioning and display of monumental and significant' works only (i.e. 'The Wind Wand' and the 'Rambler').

The Installation of the Len Lye Wind Wand on the foreshore walkway has been important in reinforcing New Plymouth's commitment to and reputation of being a destination providing exciting contemporary visual experience and it is appropriate that a small number of significant, monumental works are placed strategically in our region in the long-term.

The narrow focus on monumental works has however resulted in the neglect of the wider interpretation of the AIPP Aim and objectives (P99-025) in terms of engendering a sense of community through actual inclusion of locally produced works and involvement by region's artists. It can be argued that Len Lye was not a local artist, due to his not being born here and the limited time that he actually lived and practiced in Taranaki.

This broadening of the AIPP's work under the present Policy and terms is consistent with the AIPP Vision (P99-025):

"Endow the District with vibrant and dynamic artwork that celebrate the spirit of the community while creating a stimulating. And enjoyable place for residents and visitors""

as I can think of no better way to celebrate and reflect the spirit of any community than through promotion and display of its artistic (and other) achievements.

It is also consistent with all points in the AIPP Policy (P99-025), but in particular:

To Implement a public art programme that integrates visual art into the fabric of the District's public places and built environment.

To involve the community wherever possible in the realization of a public art programme.

To contribute significantly to the development of cultural tourism.

To foster a District that enables opportunities for artists and their role in the community to flourish. To encourage a greater contribution by artists to the design and development of the public domain

THE TARGET AUDIENCE (or who's needs should the AIPP Policy satisfy?):

Clearly, visual artists create a huge variety of works – DIVERSITY is the key word when ever discussing artistic produce and the tastes of those people who are seeking a cultural experience.

Therefore, if the NPDC is to attract and satisfy the needs of those seeking a visual-arts experience (both visitors and those who live here) it is appropriate to have available a wide scope of artwork, displayed in situations appropriate to the work.

To assume that audiences are predominantly after a 'Fine Contemporary Arts Experience' (as residents or visitors to the region) and subsequently channeling funding into these areas rather than equally amongst all visual art forms is dangerous as it discriminates against and disadvantages those people who enjoy visual arts of a different ilk.

My intention is to facilitate having the wider arts represented by our Community Art recognized as being an EQUALLY important element as "Fine Contemporary arts' and of produced elsewhere.

They should be equally accessible and acknowledged as contributing to the creation of a healthy and well serviced community.

I feel that a visually interesting and stimulating CBD and urban environment is part of this.

The re-development of the 'Dekka' site into the Huatoki Plaza afford a unique opportunity to implement the use of local work and the lack of a Community Art Representation on the Working Group for planning the project was disappointing. It's great that there are some murals done by local artists in this area and a private art gallery has been established in the precinct..

To have had local artists represented on that working committee would have been consistent with ALL of the NPDC Arts and Cultural Heritage Policy Goals and Guiding principals, and, in particular, AIPP Policy (P99-025) "To encourage a greater contribution by artists to the design and development of the public domain".

#### ART IN PUBLIC PLACES:

While 'Art in Public Places' is the title of the sub-committee, there is nothing in this title that indicates that the committees' mandate is for EXTERNALLY DISPLAYED, and MONUMENTAL works only.

The limitations on the AIPP mandate and policy made me aware that there was a void in regards to a policy and process for acquiring works for INTERNAL display, and EXTERNAL works of LESS THAN MONUMENTAL STATURE.

In 1999, when AIPP was established it's direction was appropriate to the citys' needs, and fairly narrow in what it wanted to achieve (i.e. to 'brand' New Plymouth with a small number of significant external statement-making art works). This is still a needed and valuable contribution to our arts environment and should be continued. The scope of 'Art in public places', however, needs to be broadened to reflect the community's changing needs.

10 years ago having tiles created by children in footpaths, local artist's works wrapped around power poles on metal sleeves, small sculptural pieces from our carvers and ceramic artists installed in plantations and street corners and carved bollards and other interesting artworks incorporated throughout our City had not been recognized as desirable. No policy was developed to establish a way of realizing the incorporation of these types of works into the visual fabric of New Plymouth. This kind of presentation of local people's work is becoming quite 'the usual' in other places now (Hamilton and Nelson are good examples), and New Plymouth needs to catch up with this trend. I suggest that there is an urgent need for a reassessment of the importance of community art with a view to increasing it's contribution to the visual fabric of our CBD and wider area.

This re-assessment and possible widening of the mandate and scope of what 'ART IN PUBLIC PLACES' comprises is well-over-due. It is important to address this, and urgently required in terms of creating not only a more interesting visual environment for peoples' enjoyment , but as a validation of the importance of local people expressing themselves artistically and sharing their work with the wider community.

#### PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF AIPP

The first difficulty with this committee is one of public PERCEPTION – having the word 'public' in the committee name automatically assumes that it means ALL public places – there is no provision for acquisition of works for our INTERNAL Public places at all.

This has left our Community in the position of having no process or infrastructure to aquire works for display in internal Public Places . This includes the 'gateways to Taranaki' (our new Bus Terminal and Airport), the Council Foyer, Public entertainment and sports venues, and the library) – all areas that are deserving and would benefit from exhibition of Artworks.

Puke Ariki has a modest Collections Budget (\$5,000 per year in 2013.) leaving Puke Ariki heavily dependent on bequests and donations, with very little scope for choice-driven acquisitions, and in no position to cater for the needs of art in internal public places...

Considering a name-change for the AIPP Committee, reflective of the Committees true purpose may be helpful. (i.e." Committee for Commissioning and acquisition of monumental art works for external display"). An accurate title appropriate to the groups work could be the key to both gaining support for further AIPP initiatives and lessening confusion about the committees' role within our community.

There is also a problem in terms of public perception (and consequently confidence) in regards to how members for this committee are selected and the consequent suggestions and focus of the Committee.

At present, members are selected through a process or recommendation (by the two Council representatives) to Council, plus the inclusion of the Govett-Brewster Director (as a council Officer and advisor). This has necessarily led to the committee as being viewed as 'elitist' and a bit of a 'closed shop' with little chance of representation or participation from Middle-of-the-road Community members who embody broad artistic interests and tastes.

#### SOLUTION /RECOMMENDATIONS for AIPP:

A re-naming of the Committee to more accurately reflect it's role.

the establishment of a separate "COMMUNITY ART WORKS IN PUBLIC PLACES' Sub Committee ' be formed to commission and acquire smaller community produced works for display and installation in Public places

The establishment of a sub committee to administer and acquire regionally produced works for display in 'Internal' Public Places.

#### **2021 SUBMISSION**

# for Council to secure funding for and to build a High Temperature Gassification Furnace to address landfill and toxic waste minimisation and disposal.

The recent consent hearing on Wed 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of March at the Devon Hotel conference rooms for Remediation (NZ) to get consent to continue their operations in the Uriti Valley (despite numerous breeches of environmental guidelines) brought back to me the urgent need to confront the regions inability to appropriately dispose of hazardous and toxic waste.

There is also the issue of minimisation of landfill that continues to be a challenge (especially since non compliance of recyclables continues to be an issue and generate landfill).

The ONE technology that could effectively address these issues is that of an extreme High temperature furnace.

Its a big ticket, high cost item, and I understand that a council with a limited tenure may be disinclined to take such a project on, but it represents a meaningful investment in our environmental health and a long term, practical way of addressing these two issues.

In Japan, there are over 20 of these furnaces, and their landfill deposits from industrial and domestic waste is under 5% of total refuse. The rest of what would otherwie go into landfill is converted into energy, high quality recyclable metal slag and around 2% toxic waste that cannot be disposed of with this technology.

This region, (and the country) need an extreme High temperature furnace (producing no toxic emissions), to dispose of hazardous and other non biodegradable and toxic refuse.

Disposing of these materials are problematic, and it's very expensive to send our toxic waste (and things lie polystyrene, dioxins, phenylalanine, aesbestos etc) elswhere to be dealt to.

The alternate to dealing with these wastes effectivly risks further situations like we have presently with the Remediation NZ breeches: the storage of 20,000 tonnes of hazardous drilling mud containing heavy metals and chemicals on a site claiming to be in the business of organic composting and subsequent overflows of contaminants into the Mimitangiatua River. Even burying this kind of waste in containment pits is not free of the risk of breaching, and accepting that land will need to be quarantined is not sustainable or acceptable.

I feel a facility of this nature would be advantageous. It could generate income by accepting toxic refuse from other regions for treatment and disposal.

Councils in Europe have these types of furnaces, and use the electricity produced to heat public pools and public buildings, and generate income by diverting excess power to the National grid. If Taranaki had a facility of this kind, the NPDC or TRC could generate income by accepting toxic refuse from other regions for treatment and disposal.

I feel this kind of facility would be a great legacy for any council to leave future citizens through realising a long term vision to safeguard our environmental health.

I was disappointed when I made my last submission advocating for this technology, (at the last LTCCP consultation) that one of the Councillors was so completely ignorant about this technology he responded that it would be too polluting and the emissions would be environmentally damaging. A reactive comment made with no basis in fact (I believe he was thinking of INCINERATOR technology)...I hope that any councillors that were present when I last submitted this proposal have since 'boned up' on the technology and now have a greater understanding of it's beneficial applications.

For further information on this technology:
Gasifying and melting furnace | Waste Management Plants ...
https://www.jfe-eng.co.jp/en/products/environment/urb04.html

JFE High-temperature Gasifying and Direct Melting Furnace System is the most advanced Waste to Energy technology developed by JFE. This system gasifies and melts waste at high temperature in one step. It generates high efficiency electric power and/or supplies steam to district heating systems. Slag and metal can be recovered and used as materials for construction or recycling. JFE constructed 10 plants (20 lines) since 2003.

#### **Features**

- 1. High Efficiency Power Generation
- 2. Very Low Environmental Impact
- 3. Reliability and Safety
- 4. Recycled Slag and Metal
- 5. Various Waste Treatment
- 6. Variety of Plant Capacity

Thank you for considering my submission. Jo Massey

#### Establishment of a salt water pool

I would like to propose council investigates and approves establishing a salt water pool, on the site of the old salt water baths at Kawaroa.

It is outrageous that there IS NOT ONE place where people with mobility difficulties (especially those in wheel chairs or use assistive walking frames ) can access our ocean. The Only place that is paved to the water in New Plymouth is the boat ramp at the Lee Breakwater. It is a sad inditement that this issue has not been addressed – in the interest of inclusivity, it is only fair that there be a way for mobility challenged people to get into the salt water.

A salt water pool also has the added benefits of providing a safe place for people who have chlorine sensitivity to use (that is not open sea) and provides a safe place for children and weak swimmers to enjoy sea water.

I feel the ideal location is at Kawaroa, almost exactly where the original salt water Baths were situated. There is parking and a ramped access to the walkway from the parking area.

Ideally I would suggest a koru shaped ramp ,descending clockwise to form a circular seawall/bund, Extending from the Coastal Walkway (roughly in line with the location of the original salt water baths at Kawaroa, in front of the southern car park) and having two circuits to create a calmer static body of water in the centre. There would be wave and swell baffling concrete partitions at the initial inlet of the structure, to lessen wave motion into the centre 'pool' of the structure.

The width of the ramp should be wide enough to accommodate two wheel chairs (ascending and descending traffic). The lower section of the ramp having no declination, but being a flat area with rails either side to assist in getting in and out of the water.

The wall/ramp would have slots for the sea to come and go through. Amore comprehensive design can be provided if this proposal gains any support – it includes kinetic elements (like tunnels in the seaward facing wall to add a kinetic element as swell causes 'pop up' spouts when the swell is large, and an impellar power generation option to create power for lighting).

The structure would not require council provided life guards, and the design should ensure large boulders do not find their way onto the central swimming pool. Furthermore, it will be a beautiful, unique and badly needed amenity.

Should this proposal be too costly, even a wooden and concrete structure like the Motueka salt water baths would be adequate, if it had the wheelchair accessible ramping or swing lift installed.

I would hope that sponsors could be found to contribute to construction costs, along with a Central Government funding and additional part payment only from council.

Office Use Only: 7643

Submission No: 3247 Heidi Frank

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 4. High. Clear out the backlog and make significant improvements. \$229 million additional funding.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option C: Fully debt fund long life assets.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

Please don't do this it's a wast of money we have more important things to improve like our water roads ect

Office Use Only: 7645

Submission No: 3248 Jennifer Hoskin-Leece

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

I think this should be a high priority along with supporting home owners to install water tanks and making it compulsory for new builds to have rainwater tanks in place, a further step would be to encourage the addition if grey water recycling systems in new builds. If Australia can do it we should be able to, I think we've been too relaxed with our water for too long

### Saving water and water meters

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

#### **Comments**

I'm dubious about water meters making much difference, maybe for those households on lower incomes but higher income homes could afford to use water whatever the cost

# Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

I'm in two minds about this one, who ok'd the build to start with?? Might it be cheaper to shift the home's and create a wetland area??

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

How about we spend the money on getting things right for locals first before we pour money on a highway over the mounga? I just think of what a train of trampers the Tongariro crossing has on it and think that is not what we want here. I would rather we concentrated on good cycle ways, paths, walk ways and roads with more put into parks and making safe and welcoming communities then people/ tourists will come anyway cos they love the vibe!

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

I like the trees idea but am not sure about the electrifying of the fleet...

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 2: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building in year 6, contributing \$40 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

I agree we need a better way of providing for our sporting codes and enabling national competition. At the moment we (badminton) have to make do with 4 courts and the availability is difficult. I do worry that large portion of space might be used for parking, is a parking building in the plans, are there other transport options??

### What else?

I would also like to point out the impact heavy traffic has on our water system, living on St Aubyn street I have seen many cracks/ seepages start after constant pressure from increasingly heavy trucks and greater traffic flow. Maybe get some of that freight on to trains....

Office Use Only: 7653

Submission No: 3249 Jen Brown

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

#### **Comments**

Safe cycle way of walkway from Oakura to New Plymouth to ease commute

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

#### **Comments**

Reduce waste in large companies and businesses by education

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

#### **Comments**

Excellent idea for local community. Lots benefits and likely contribution to build

Office Use Only: 7654

Submission No: 3250 Lloyd Evans

Organisation: Electrical

Wish to speak to the Council: No

# Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 4. High. Clear out the backlog and make significant improvements. \$229 million additional funding.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option C: Fully debt fund long life assets.

### **Saving water and water meters**

Option 2: Low. Introduce a water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$45 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$62 million over the long term.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

Office Use Only: 7655

**Submission No: 3251** Andrew Moffat

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Work needs to be done over time but very important that it is part of a balanced approach for our community if we are to build a sustainable lifestyle capital. "Fixing our plumbing" should not be a justification for not making improvements to other, much needed community services and infrastructure.

### **Saving water and water meters**

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

# Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

It's important to deal with this issue properly for Waitara.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 3: Option 2, plus give our tracks and trails network a boost over the next 10 years at a total cost of \$60 million.

#### **Comments**

We have an incredible opportunity here with a relatively small investment in the scheme of things. In the same way the Coastal Walkway has proved a huge success, any investment in this area will likely seem a "no brainer" with the benefit of hindsight.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

#### **Comments**

Their is a clear and identified community need for this project which will boost community wellbeing, bring vibrancy and economic benefits and be a multi-generational asset for all. The Option 3 timeframe gives plenty of time for planning and fundraising given the significant amount of work already completed.

Office Use Only: 7656

**Submission No: 3252** Duncan Brown

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

significant rain events and water born disease are predicted to increase with climate change posing a significant threat to human health in our region. It is essential that we invest and update the water network to improve resilience in this area

### **Saving water and water meters**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

#### **Comments**

Taranaki is a region of high rainfall. Rain is often viewed negatively and increasing rain events as part of climate change is predicted to have a negative impact on mental health. Improve water storage and allow people to have meter free water. Make sure that people know meter free water is a benefit of living in a region with high rainfall so that it is viewed in a more positive light. There has to be benefits to people of our climate in Taranaki. The majority of Taranaki's population are not farmers and so get very little other benefit from the rain

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

improving storm water management is essential to improving resilience in this community to the heath impacts of climate change.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

The focus of these projects must be about benefiting the local community and not further increasing tourism. Improving facilities for low carbon commuting and increased recreation should be priorities for our community. Care must be taken not to negatively impact conservation land (e.g the introduction of kiwi into the Kaitaki ranges and spread of disease via human traffic to first generation native forestry). We must take into consideration the full impact of these projects on local community - extending the walkway to Waitara could be viewed positivity for that community as it will likely lead to increased investment in the town but it may also push house prices and rents higher, forcing out low income and vulnerable members of the community. This is an obvious consequence so I would expect contingency for this to be part of any plans, otherwise this councils prioritisation of tourism over local community will widen inequity in our region.

### **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 3: As per option 2, plus make the additional funding of \$150,000 per year permanent.

#### **Comments**

Please don't fudge the words - its a 'Climate Emergency' and public policy is key to climate change mitigation. 17 hectares of pine trees will on average (much less in the first 10 years) captures 476 tonnes of CO2 capture per year which is a negligible contribution (according to the ETS). The total estimated emissions from New Plymouth city is around 550,000 tonnes so we would need around 20,000 hectares of pine trees to make a meaningful impact... Decarbonisation of public and personal transport (including promotion of active transport via better cycle links), decarbonisation of the local energy sector, better land use and agricultural legislation, an appropriate national (and if required local) carbon tax to force the private sector into decarbonisation, and significant investment in carbon capture is required if we are to follow a more favourable representative concentration pathway (RCP). Even if emissions ceased tomorrow (RCP 2.6) we expect significant climate change and human health impacts over the next 50 years due to thermal inertia. We need to ensure that we adapt and invest in strategies to improve resilience (waste water infrastructure, air conditioning, improved community healthcare, improved hospital surge capacity, improved climate and health literacy, improved employment and reduced health/economic inequity)

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

#### **Comments**

Sport is key to physical and mental health. It is also a key part of our local identity. This hub will have significant and long lasting positive impacts on our community and particularly our children. I view this as an essential project particularly for children sports which is seeing a marked decline in popularity in recent years. I would favour work starting immediately

Office Use Only: 7658

Submission No: 3253 Bronwyn

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

# Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

Office Use Only: 7659

Submission No: 3254 Nicole Attrill

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Seems like the more important issue to focus on for the community

### Saving water and water meters

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

### **Comments**

I love our walls and would like nothing better than to have the extra walls added as per option 2 above but raising rates by greater than 10 percent is too much. Cut back amd try for the future. Fundraise. Taranaki health can do it why can't we do it for this sort of thing.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### Comments

Again would love for this to happen. But again it's about priorities, surely water is more urgent. Fundraising can help with this and we may have to wait for some things

Office Use Only: 7660

**Submission No: 3255** Hannah Mumby

Organisation: Favour the Brave Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 2: Low. Introduce a water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$45 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$62 million over the long term.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

#### **Comments**

I like the tree aspect but don't necessarily feel the fleet is a priority. I would like to see a more community focused and wide-reaching initiative adopted.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

Office Use Only: 7662

**Submission No: 3256** Angela James

Organisation: EasyBuild

Wish to speak to the Council: No

# Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 4. High. Clear out the backlog and make significant improvements. \$229 million additional funding.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Sell Land to fund the plumbing upgrade. Sell Yarrows Stadium for residential high density development. Use existing TET facilities in Inglewood for rugby.

# Saving water and water meters

Option 4: High. A significant water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$56 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$120 million over the long term.

### **Comments**

Our regional towns are growing and in need for better water facililies also, (not just New Plymouth). If this solution is pursued, why not implement the meters in the smaller regions first as part of their water upgrade. New Plymouth should implement water meters at the earliest stage of any infrastructure upgrade if it can.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

This will keep making New Plymouth great place to visit and live.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Electrifying the NPDC fleet, although great. I think is a bit narrow minded. Lets introduce an incentive to get everyone into electric vehicles. This may need to be Government led. The problem with this being just about our local council is it does not help with buy in from other residents, our infrastructure in New Plymouth and round the regions is limited, and I think this is where the funds should be allocated. Team up with Charge net to add more charging stations. Depending on what vehicles the Council intends to purchase, this may cause charging problems using our limited charging station in NP for residents travelling from the regions in more cost effective EV car options (eg 24kWh Nissan leaf). This initiative should not be about expensive EV car purchasing, but more about supporting our residents into Electric Vehicles.

Spend money getting infrastructure installed North of NP so that it opens everyone up to the option on buying an EV no matter what the range. No councilor will ever understand this problem and the need for infrastructure if they are given an EV with a range of 200km +.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

Although this is a fantastic idea, I think this should be revisted in the next 10 year plan considering this is not planned for 6 years time. This will be great for our children and families but under the correct circumstances. All children need equal access to part of outdoor activities.

I have many questions about this Sports hub -

How will it be funded?

Who has access to the Sports hub?

Will the cost to families to have access to the Sports hub be per sport or membership based to access the entire facility? OR will it be charged to each School and part of sports fees?

Could this hub mean that our smaller local clubs are impacted by losing members and membership? eg. Athletics, tennis, football. Maybe an assumption - but will the use of the hub facilities be out of reach for some families based on its cost? Only our great athletic children get to use the facilities?

Having our quality coaches use these facilities also?

I worry it will limit some childrens ability to access quality sports for the same affordable cost to families.

For the next 10 years I think we should maintain and support our existing facilities, Netball courts, Tennis clubs, Athletics clubs, TET stadium and others I have failed to mention.

### What else?

New Plymouth is a growing population, and is aging. I have elderly parents and children that worry they will not be able to afford to live in New Plymouth with us. I am under 40, I have daycare aged, senior school and children left school and working, I drive an EV and care about sustainability for the future.

NP has a chance to get ahead based on our population, our tourism appeal and our employment opportunities for our children.

We have a great tourist spot - We should encourage Air Bnb, and support Freedom campers with rules and infrastructure that the council can benefit from instead of discouraging it.

Keep our mountain, roads and walks safe and enjoyable. We have limited available land to build residential houses.

We need to repurpose the old derelict unused Commercial buildings in town to develop into high rise rental apartments. (if they are council owned, great council income)

We need to implement a better bus service to help people get around (week and weekdays) more frequently and for longer hours. I know older ladies that do not like driving on roads now from the coast so they catch the early bus with school kids at 8am. Better service needed. One in at 8am, one in at 10 am, one out at midday, another out at 2pm. Train travel (20 year plan) New Plymouth to Whanganui. or to Waitara. That is really getting ahead. :)

Large upgrade to plumbing, water, and roads. Invest in our tourism,

Invest in our suburbs Inglewood, Oakura, Okato and Waitara, add more residential development, increase housing supply so that our residents can afford to live here.

Some of this may cross with the TRC and Government but as long as we are working with them to think and plan ahead well for our region we will achieve great things for the all the people that live and work here. Cant please everyone but keep up the good work Council.

Office Use Only: 7663

Submission No: 3257 Penelope Moffat

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 3: Option 2, plus give our tracks and trails network a boost over the next 10 years at a total cost of \$60 million.

#### **Comments**

A very worthwhile investment for our district.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

#### **Comments**

This will be a brilliant project for our whole community and be a boost for community wellbeing. It will unlock this massive space for the whole community to use.

Office Use Only: 7669

**Submission No: 3258** Carla Freeman

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

I don't disagree that money needs to be spent to fix the water infrastructure. My concern is that there aren't the resources available to undertake the work in the year that the Council would rate - i.e. the Council rates increase significantly in year one and then the Council holds those funds for however long until the work can be done. Capital carry-forwards have been about 20% for the past few years as the work isn't able to get done. Capital expenditure for the past couple of years has been under \$50m. I would like to know more about HOW the Council plans to achieve the proposed spending being rated in year 1. Debt is currently cheap and the Council has the headroom, so why not use more instead and smooth the increases in years 1-3.

### **Saving water and water meters**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

### Comments

Push this one out a few years - if basic water infrastructure is an issue, use resources to source this first.

# Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 2: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building in year 6, contributing \$40 million. NPDC's preferred option.

### What else?

Rural rubbish collection - I don't currently fall into the collection area so have to use a private provider or rural transfer stations. This wouldn't be an issue except for the fact that the Council contracted rubbish trucks have to drive past my house in order to turn around. A review of the delivery routes - especially those just outside the current boundaries - would be appreciated.

Brooklands Zoo is one of the few safe places (i.e. fully fenced) to take small children. I would fully support any upgrade.

Office Use Only: 7670

**Submission No: 3259** Alana Bridger

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option A: Pay for it from rates

### Saving water and water meters

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 3: Option 2, plus give our tracks and trails network a boost over the next 10 years at a total cost of \$60 million.

#### Comments

Consider extending to Oakura too

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

### What else?

The space is not utilised to its full advantage at present , this would be a marvellous central location for our schools.

Office Use Only: 7671

Submission No: 3260 Jill Burge

Wish to speak to the Council: No

# Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option A: Pay for it from rates

### Saving water and water meters

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 3: Option 2, plus give our tracks and trails network a boost over the next 10 years at a total cost of \$60 million.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

Office Use Only: 7672

**Submission No: 3261** Zoe Hollander

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

# Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 3: As per option 2, plus make the additional funding of \$150,000 per year permanent.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

### What else?

Strongly oppose closing len lye gallery one day a week, extend free entry to Taranaki residents and school/tertiary students concession rates

Office Use Only: 7673

Submission No: 3262 Jo Wyatt

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 4. High. Clear out the backlog and make significant improvements. \$229 million additional funding.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

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# Saving water and water meters

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

# **Improving stormwater management in Waitara**

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 3: Option 2, plus give our tracks and trails network a boost over the next 10 years at a total cost of \$60 million.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

#### **Comments**

Do it now. Will be amazing

Office Use Only: 7674

Submission No: 3263 Jared Nell

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

Office Use Only: 7676

**Submission No: 3264** Denise Johnston

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Installing water meters will make the whole community aware of their own wasting water practices as the the individual household would have to pay more for the extra water they waste. Educating the public on how they waste water - ask them to experiment on their own water wasting practices by putting a bucket in the shower while they either wait for the hot water or they go and do other things quickly while the tap is running. Probably between 2 to 3 litres goes down the drain.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

#### **Comments**

The tracks and trails are sufficient at this point in time when we consider the fact that many people in our community have lost their jobs and many renters have become homeless as their landlords cash in on the housing boom. Not all renters wreck their landlords houses. I do not see the extra investment in further development of new tracks as a necessity but rather 'it would be nice to have.' It is a want not a need at this point in time.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

#### **Comments**

My choice here would be between Option 1 and Option 2. I would be happy to see the money invested on planting the trees (it provides work as well) but not happy to spend the money on electrifying the NPDC vehicle fleet - at this point in time. I don't believe the vehicle issue is a necessity.

### **Developing a multi-sport hub**

#### **Comments**

I don't know enough about the proposed site as per your diagram Pg 31 - think the impact of traffic so close to Pukekura Park would be a disaster. I have therefore not selected an option.

### What else?

I would be interested to know: The cost of the coloured brochure and how many people actually took a copy? What was the total number of people who attended the Council Consultation meetings? Re the cost of burying Ashes (\$500). If a family had the Ashes of three family members and they wanted to burying them together, what would the cost be? Thank you for your efforts to engage and educate the community on these issues.

Office Use Only: 7677

Submission No: 3265 Jocelyn Leek

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 4. High. Clear out the backlog and make significant improvements. \$229 million additional funding.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

# Saving water and water meters

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

# Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 1: Do nothing. No additional investment in Waitara stormwater.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

### What else?

If I was completing this survey 18 months ago my response would quite possibly have been different HOWEVER in the current environment (Covid 19; loss of employment opportunities; small businesses closing; lack of housing; families and elders struggling financially to make ends meet and fund their basic needs) I believe this is the time for the Council and its staff, whether or not they be elected or employed to show restraint and responsibility with regard to our (ratepayers) finances.

I firmly believe that the council should only undertake what is NECESSARY and not what is DESIRABLE. It is necessary to ensure that clean, clear, pollution free, pottable water is available AT ALL TIMES to all residents. In my opinion it is not nessary to undertake the majority of the other "it would be nice to have" options in the current 10 year plan.

I also have concerns as to what is NOT IN THE 10 year plan - many of these subjects that have been brought to the residents attention but seem to have "died a natural death" and should be addressed before starting new projects.

These include but are not limited to:- the upgrade of the CBD; opening up the Huatoki stream and greening the Huatoki Plaza; addressing the lack of parking in the CBD, for workers, visitors and users of the businesses in the city. (What is happening to the downtown carpark? Why were parks removed on the flat for a recreational/seating area that is very rarely used - who wants ham sandwiches and fumes for lunch?; the proposed removal of the carparks in Powerham Street to be used as leased car parks!!? etc); the removal of the trees in Devon Street to ensure a safe and slip free footpath for shoppers? Where are the "projects"/ideas to ensure the city (CBD) of New Plymouth becomes a vibrant area and provides an environment that attracts people back to the city centre.

I feel the Council should ensure that the assets they currently have are maintained however am concerned to recently read about the \$11 million that is to be spent on the Council buildings (including the work required to the roof that was only "fixed" within the past two years) Why? Is it in an unsafe condition? Is this another "nice" and not "necessary" project?

I also note that prior to this "page" I was not give the opportunity to comment on the "other matters of interest" contained in the consultation document. With regard to these I have concerns at the greed that is being shown by way of the increase in fees and charges. I believe these will lead to illegal activities taking place e.g. fly tipping; trees and other greenery not being maintained and growing through powerlines, the spread of noxious plants etc; ashes of loved ones being spread illegally in public areas; children unable to enjoy the Aquatic centre and other swimming pools and therefore not becoming confident in the water.

With regard to the Brooklands Zoo upgrade however, I believe this should be undertaken as it is maintenance of an already funded asset that the people of New Plymouth own.

Now is not the time spend money to "make a name for yourself" or "leave a lasting legacy" by way of starting projects that would be nice if we lived in an environment where money was "not an option". Families, individuals and businesses are already struggling to find the money to pay their rates (that have increased not only because of previous project costs but also because of the large increase in the "Value" of their properties) and I believe that many will be put under undue and unnecessary stress, both psychological and financial by the large increase in rates as indicated in your consultation document if projects were to go ahead and the funding carried out by the Council's "preferred options".

Now is the time for the "Council" to lead by example by exhibiting fiscal RESTRAINT and RESPONSIBILITY by not putting their funders (the people of New Plymouth whether owners, renters, leasees etc) under more financial pressure.

Office Use Only: 7678

**Submission No: 3266** Darrell Paterson

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

#### **Comments**

Ive lived 20 years of my life in Whakatane with water meters, didnt change the usage rate. If theye are fitted, the user pays for the exceeded amount

# Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

Office Use Only: 7679

**Submission No: 3267** Tony Wythe

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 4. High. Clear out the backlog and make significant improvements. \$229 million additional funding.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option C: Fully debt fund long life assets.

#### **Comments**

Should have been ongoing, instead of building Len Lye. The powerco sale should have covered infrastructure and rates.

### **Saving water and water meters**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

#### **Comments**

12 mtrs of rain a year, and you say we need water meters, so why not build storage, and sell excess.

# Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 1: Do nothing. No additional investment in Waitara stormwater.

### **Comments**

Apparently sea levels are rising, so the point of protection is what for future years, a dyke like Holland?

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

#### **Comments**

The coastal "walkway" is a race track with powered vehicles outnumbering walkers, why would i like to increase dangerous cyclists that should be on the cycle lane network?

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

#### **Comments**

I don't think NZ will make the slightess difference being electric.

# Developing a multi-sport hub

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

# What else?

Stop wasting rate payers money, and use it for infastructure.

Office Use Only: 7680

Submission No: 3268 Tanya Keough

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

## Saving water and water meters

Option 2: Low. Introduce a water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$45 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$62 million over the long term.

# Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 3: Option 2, plus give our tracks and trails network a boost over the next 10 years at a total cost of \$60 million.

#### **Comments**

Mountain tracks really need some upkeep as they are becoming quite hard to run on amd navigate when over grown / this is especially evident on the holly hut track at the moment. We have requested it to be maintained since December!

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 2: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building in year 6, contributing \$40 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### What else?

The gallery is a pivotal drawing feature of NP and draws many tourists, along with locals. Keeping it free for Taranaki residents and 7 days a week encourages local tourism.

Office Use Only: 7683

Submission No: 3269 Tracey

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option C: Fully debt fund long life assets.

## Saving water and water meters

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 1: Do nothing. No additional investment in Waitara stormwater.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 3: Option 2, plus give our tracks and trails network a boost over the next 10 years at a total cost of \$60 million.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

#### What else?

Please do more to support our local sports. Our current facilities are embarrassing. It would be a great idea to have more than 3 female toilets available at the aquatic centre as well.

Office Use Only: 7686

**Submission No: 3270** Charlotte Lock

Wish to speak to the Council: No

# **Fixing our plumbing**

How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

### **Saving water and water meters**

# **Improving stormwater management in Waitara**

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

#### **Comments**

It's a must!

Office Use Only: 7687

Submission No: 3271 Nicola Green

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

## Saving water and water meters

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 1: Do nothing. No additional investment in Waitara stormwater.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

Office Use Only: 7692

**Submission No: 3272 Joe and Shirley Connor** 

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

## Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

The three waters need to take precedence over non-essential 'nice to have' projects such as the multi-sports hub.

### **Saving water and water meters**

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

### **Comments**

Again, the three waters need to take precedence over non-essential projects.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 1: Do nothing. No additional investment in Waitara stormwater.

### **Comments**

Why have permits been issued to allow houses to be built in low-lying areas? Surely this is a reactive measure to now upgrade storm-water infrastructure. Perhaps the houses should be relocated.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

#### **Comments**

These projects are 'nice to have', not essential to NPDC's core infrastructure. No funds should be committed to them until the three waters situation is up to date.

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

This is a non-essential project which should not be committed to until NPDC's core infrastructure is up to date. There is currently the TSB Stadium, Yarrows Stadium, the athletic turf at Inglewood, a dedicated hockey turf in Stratford, and the TSB Hub in Hawera. These existing facilities would then become less used if a new multi-sport hub was built in NP, and would have to compete for events. It would seem that there hasn't been any long term planning in the past, however the current facilities should be utilised and not made obsolete by a grand new project.

### What else?

The previous 10 year plan 2018-2028 set a limit on rate increases of no more than 5% in any one year, with an average of 3.5% to 4.5%. It also states that the current rate of growth in the district should result in a 1% decrease in rates, as more and more rateable properties come on stream. The rate of growth has probably increased since 2018. How is it then possible that three years later you are proposing a 12% increase, followed by 9 years of 6% increases? These increases compounding year on year actually increase rates by 89.2%-which is unsustainable for many people.

Office Use Only: 7697

Submission No: 3273 Gill Haenga

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

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### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option C: Fully debt fund long life assets.

## **Saving water and water meters**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

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# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

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# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

Office Use Only: 7698

Submission No: 3274 Madeline Wells

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

## Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

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# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

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# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

### **Comments**

It is a much needed venue with many growing sports struggling to accommodate numbers. It would be a central pivotal point of difference in New Plymouth with thousands of people involved and actively utilising it.

Office Use Only: 7699

**Submission No: 3275 Jody Grigg** 

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

## **Saving water and water meters**

**Improving stormwater management in Waitara** 

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 3: Option 2, plus give our tracks and trails network a boost over the next 10 years at a total cost of \$60 million.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

Office Use Only: 7700

**Submission No: 3276** Tracey Soffe

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

### **Saving water and water meters**

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

#### **Comments**

A hub like this serves desperately a need in the community of all ages but it also provides a venue where we can cost revenue generating events for the community - surely in light of covid we must be seeking out other ways of attracting crowds to the region.

Office Use Only: 7705

**Submission No: 3277** Austin Peter Benn

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

## Saving water and water meters

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

## Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

#### **Comments**

Lepperton is part of Waitara District and has major stromwater issues in new development area, this was signed off by council planning as part of new development and needs to be fixed as soon as possible.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Please include Lepperton in Maunga to Moana. Utilise old railway line. In addition focus also on ensuring that existing Maunga tracks are being maintained!

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Planting is vital, please include Lepperton Waiongana River and include local volunteer groups eg. Lepperton Residents Association in planning and implementation. In addition put electric cars into year 8 of district plan with condition that investigation on research of electric car viability be undertaken prior to any NPDC funding commitment. In particular; lithium waste.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

Look at fundraising, private sponsorship as done for Waitara Sport Hub.

### What else?

Lepperton desperately needs a public toilet, playground, undercover area in reserve open space centrally. Planning already underway with NPDC, community anticipate being ready for Public Toilet within three years. Community looking to fundraise and volunteer also to develop reserve in partnership with NPDC. Reserve is part of Lepperton Strategic 5 year plan as submitted in previous LTP. In addition we request additional funding allocation for roading improvements to ensure safety of pedestrians.

Office Use Only: 7713

**Submission No: 3278** Anneke Thornton

Organisation: TDHB

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option C: Fully debt fund long life assets.

### **Saving water and water meters**

Option 2: Low. Introduce a water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$45 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$62 million over the long term.

## Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 1: Do nothing. No additional investment in Waitara stormwater.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 3: Option 2, plus give our tracks and trails network a boost over the next 10 years at a total cost of \$60 million.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 3: As per option 2, plus make the additional funding of \$150,000 per year permanent.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 2: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building in year 6, contributing \$40 million. NPDC's preferred option.

### What else?

Please support the gallery to remain open. Not everybody is sporty the gallery and our arts also needs support. Free entry to pools for children and no increase in pool fees for adults we want our society to be able to keep healthy without barriers

Office Use Only: 7714

Submission No: 3279 David Russell

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option A: Pay for it from rates

#### **Comments**

It was your job to stop it getting in this state, you should have been better managers,

### Saving water and water meters

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

#### **Comments**

No water meters should be optional

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 3: Option 2, plus give our tracks and trails network a boost over the next 10 years at a total cost of \$60 million.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

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# Developing a multi-sport hub

Option 2: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building in year 6, contributing \$40 million. NPDC's preferred option.

### **Comments**

No big building in the middle of the race course just fields, put the building by the tsb arena

### What else?

Just fields in the race course, no big building, it wont be good for the race track

Office Use Only: 7715

Submission No: 3280 Brian H

Organisation: Ratepayer
Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 4. High. Clear out the backlog and make significant improvements. \$229 million additional funding.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Be careful about debt funding too much. If interest rates increase then what will happen?

## Saving water and water meters

Option 4: High. A significant water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$56 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$120 million over the long term.

#### **Comments**

Option 4 saves \$1m less than option 3 but that is an extra investment in the environment

# Improving stormwater management in Waitara

### **Comments**

\$100m+ to fix but only \$9m or \$20m options? Where's the option to do it ASAP?!?

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 3: Option 2, plus give our tracks and trails network a boost over the next 10 years at a total cost of \$60 million.

#### **Comments**

Work with other Councils to create a massive pan-Taranaki network.

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 3: As per option 2, plus make the additional funding of \$150,000 per year permanent.

#### **Comments**

Strong support for this but it is only a starting point. You declared climate change as an "urgent matter" (to scared of oil and gas industry to say "emergency"?) So where is the urgency in developing a proper plan?!? Urgent means just that - NPDC should commit to being carbon zero by 2035 and to be a net carbon sequestrator by 2040. I understand you still have some climate change deniers in your staff - sack em since they are clearly undermining action here

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 2: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building in year 6, contributing \$40 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Meh, it's a better use than the racecourse but not my cup of tea

### What else?

Great to see your support for the rainbow community, look forward to the Civic Centre being a safe place soon. Keep working to make this the top small city of Aotearoa. Change the city name to Ngamotu. Use more te reo in your documents. Don't worry about naysayers

Office Use Only: 7718

**Submission No: 3281** Peter Hewett

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 4. High. Clear out the backlog and make significant improvements. \$229 million additional funding.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

NPDC should invest in our infrastructure now, so that the district is an attractive and viable region for new industries after the oil & gas industries have gone.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

## Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 3: Option 2, plus give our tracks and trails network a boost over the next 10 years at a total cost of \$60 million.

#### **Comments**

Install safe and practical cycleways so that cycling is a practical transport alternative. (The narrow painted lanes between parked cars and moving traffic are not safe for cyclists.) Restore the missing section of the Huatoki walkway, and provide a pedestrian/ cycleway connection to the coastal walkway.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 3: As per option 2, plus make the additional funding of \$150,000 per year permanent.

### Comments

Set up a EV share scheme, such as that run by Mevo. This would be used for council vehicles and for DHB and other government agencies in the district. The aim here is to establish a community electric vehicle share scheme, so that people have an alternative to fossil fueled vehicles. Seek funding from the EECA LEV scheme for EVs (purchase or share scheme).

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 2: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building in year 6, contributing \$40 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

There is a lot of valuable space currently reserved (but rarely used) for horse racing and gambling. This should be converted to more useful purposes (sports, parks, recreation areas).

### What else?

The 10 year long term plan has lots of good work, but appears to lack consideration of future challenges and opportunities, in particular climate change. We face major changes as Aotearoa transitions to a carbon neutral economy. (For more information on this, refer to the Climate Change Commission draft advice.) The age of fossil fuels is passing, so we must plan for the future. It is important that this is considered in the long term plan, because these changes will likely affect New Plymouth more than other areas. The council needs to plan and invest now to prepare for the future, after the oil & gas industry has gone. And perhaps with the dairy industry significantly scaled back, as well.

The 10 year plan should include steps to ensure our district is well placed to prosper in a carbon neutral economy. This means making the district attractive to high value industries. Identify and recognise the strategic advantages that our district has, and build on these now for the long term. New Plymouth can't wait until after the oil & gas industries have gone, before we starting thinking about these things. Build the district infrastructure and facilities so that it is an attractive place to set up new businesses. This means ensuring that it has good sporting and cultural venues, great recreation facilities, excellent public transport and good quality infrastructure (waters, power, communications, etc). The central government has committed to supporting a just transition to a carbon neutral economy.

The 10 year plan should include information on specifically how this is going to be applied in our district. Avoid urban sprawl, as this relies on cheap individual transport, which is probably not feasible without fossil fuels. Support higher density residential areas, and promote village clusters where work and homes are within walking distance. Council should ensure that bylaws and consent conditions ensure complete clean-up as oil & gas facilities are decommissioned and abandoned. This includes associated services industries and sites. Avoid the situation where NPDC ratepayers have the fund the clean-up after those industries have gone.

Office Use Only: 7719

Submission No: 3282 Abby

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 1. Do nothing. Status quo. No additional funding.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option A: Pay for it from rates

#### **Comments**

Please increase the infrastructure and filtration, and capture more water... you are wasting what falls from the sky with abundance!!! You approve sub-division after sub-division which puts further strain on resources.. and yet for years have let the infrastructure suffer. Water metres may be good to bring mindfulness to water use.. but why would we pay for something falling freely from the sky, that we could have been making use of for years already....

## **Saving water and water meters**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

### Comments

While I think meters have merit to a degree... it is the infrastructure that needs work. Increase the capacity, as you have allowed more house builds in this city and have not increased the resource capacity to accommodate that! I only agree with metering water if we start capturing the resource and processing it efficiently, and if there is a threshold before households are charged. It should not be from the first ml of water... we pay for the maintenance of the infrastructure in our rates... we don't need to pay for the (free, falling from sky) water as well..

## **Improving stormwater management in Waitara**

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

### **Comments**

this has always been a great investment in our region and promotes positive living and healthy lifestyle that many wouldn't participate in, if it weren't for the walkway.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

I do not believe another sporting venue is what this region needs... I believe this money would be far better spent in the high number of venues that are already here.. and largely under-utilised.. ie: Inglewood hub, Stratford TET, Existing netball courts, hockey turf in New Plymouth and Stratford etc.. This is very short sighted in my opinion as you will pull thevery few events out of the regions... why would masters games go into Stratford hockey turf once there is a hub in New Plymouth... Stratfords turf will suffer.. it would be a shame to not spend money improving what people have already invested in, and make those existing facilities worth using and going to!! Think REGIONALLY.. not just North Taranaki... but every region should be considered in this regard.

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Submission No: 3283 Martha B. Desimone

Wish to speak to the Council: No

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 4. High. Clear out the backlog and make significant improvements. \$229 million additional funding.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

### Saving water and water meters

Option 2: Low. Introduce a water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$45 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$62 million over the long term.

## Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Option 2 & 3 should include the improvement of street cycle paths. The extension from Waitara to Bell Block shouldn't feel completed if the street cycle paths are not well design and safe. As a cyclist commuter and a mother I urge NPDC to llok into the improvement of street cycle paths many of them disappear on us making cycling unsafe. Eg.:Devon St (Fitzroy -Strandon -going south NPBH and Highlands students use this route) or north Clemow rd; Tukapa st roundabout (high number of FDMC student bike along there),Magorei rd. going up hill, Coronation st. NPDC should work side by side with Traffic NZ to improve this.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

#### **Comments**

Climante change will only improve by educating people. Make NP Distric unique by banning single use of plastic. Provide batteries and soft plastic booths in neighborhoods or a monthly collection.

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

Developing a Multisport Hub in NP will only centralize business and will cause an extensive traffic mess. Improve the facilities of the venues in Taranaki region will benefit the wide regional economy. There is enough venues in Taranaki to host different sports. Waitara Hub and soccer fields, Inglewood track and trail ,TSB Stadium, Stratford Hockey fields, etc.

### What else?

Keep the Festival of lights going but maybe start encouraging a gold coin donation will help to support the event.

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Submission No: 3284 Ross Dravitski

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

### Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

I agree first priority is fixing our basic infrastructure that has been ignored for years, its top of the list, especially all our sewage overflows into the rivers and sea every time we have a bit of rain or it seems to be. I am worried though that you say its top priority and you won't get stuck into it straight away, But I am assuming that you and your engineers have all done the homework have costed the projects and you can start as soon as a decision has been made, as I know there was a pipe at Waiwaka terrrace ( I think that needed urgent fixing like now) So I think budget was approved and the fix is in progress if not already complete or close to it. With the pipes I realise that you will find out of the blue fixes that need doing but as long as the projects start straight away, and not Oh we can't start as we don't have the bits or the people to do it? and all we have is an approved plan and no major action. But I know that I shouldn't be negative as you have all been working and discussing the long term plan and would have been getting all the advice from your engineering team and all the supply issues and people to do the repairs would have been looked at and confirmed for availability and hopefully its local. The other Option for paying for this is maybe coming out of the investment fund from the sale of Powerco and the Tasmanian Farms if that is finished with if no more court issues to go through., seeming back all those years ago we were told when it was sold that in 20 years NP rates would be zero, so they could get it sold

### **Saving water and water meters**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

#### **Comments**

I looked at your options and picked one as the choices you give are really 1 option no meters and 3 options for water meters, I know this is what will be pushed through ,but this scares me (Now note I am not speaking privatisation here and never have)I can see once water meters are in it will be the thin or maybe the thick end of the wedge that will have water boards (Like Auckland which are a complete mess), Then we will have to pay for an empire, and after reading David Langfords aticle in the Daily News 13th March 2021 states if we start charging each home like with power or gas we might start bothering about overfilling the jug or kettle which I can't work out how that wastes water, I normally get a few cups out of it and don't tip it out and refill it just top it up when needed. The worrying bit is charging each house like power and gas, this says to me this is the way the infrastructure manager wants it so he wants publicly owned water boards then NPDC won't have any control over this at all if this happens.

Once water boards are thrust upon us they will be very happy as the meters are already installed job done then lets milk the cow and we can spend the money on more important places other than our place.

So if the Government is going to go with water boards or the council allows this to happen later in the year, I say why would we bother about paying for the water meters, and just let the government pay for them and install them if they are going to bring in teir water boards and take it over any way, So lets wait until those decisions are made or enforced on New Plymouth, If water stays in NPDC hand then do the water meters after all those decisions are made, so you can see the path forward, other wise why spend the rates money putting in metersfor the government or water boards to take over. So I know the infrastructure manager wants the boards as he has stated it in his article, personally I don't and I hope I am not the only one.

# Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Just fix it really , but please do a proper quote I don't like seeing 20 million over 10 years then all of a sudden its 30 or 40 million, we had that with Oakura sewage coming to New Plymouth first costing 8 million then out to 24~ million that wasn't a small over run thats 200% out thats bad planning or incompetence or both most probably, this cost blow out happen all the time, its about time someone is held responsible.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

#### **Comments**

Picked option 1 again as your options are all driven to what you or someone wants, I can;t remember what the cost of finishing the traverse mountain to sea cost, I didn't think it was that large, so finish that if nearly complete, but I am a bit in the dark over that. I would like maintenance of existing tracks and trails to be maintained as we don't want tracks and trails to go like our neglected 3 waters, sewage , storm water etc, and I know that in first option I read it as council just stopdoing anything on existing tracks and trails. Extending the Coastal Walkway to Waitara from Bell Block, I do not want to see this go ahead as below

- 1: It won't run along our coast as the shore line dictates it won't with crumbley cliffs
- 2: We have an airport in the road on the way and I would think there will be security and safety issues about putting a walkway along side the runway, we are talking coastal here aren't we.
- 3 There are a couple of rivers I assume that will need bridges.
- 4: Don't know about this , but is there any land that will have lease issues the walkway will pass through. I know there were lease issues with the land down from the windwand, some one wanted to wave the big stick so it took over a year to sort, someone needs to be held to account for this or they should be, if genuine conversations were held in good faith I think this would have been resolved easily.
- 5: The biggest issue though is the first cost I heard of to extend the coastal walkway to Waitara was around 4 million, then it was 8 million, now its 26 million so it seems like no one knows and figures are being plucked out of the air, so I would rather this money was spent on our neglected infrastructure, hopefully this is not someones pet project that they want through instead of getting back to basics for our rates. If it goes ahead I can see lots of motor bikes and vespa type scooters using it from one end to town and visa versa, we already see a bit of this from Bell Block to New Plymouth, so more safety issues This is a nice to have maybe .its definitly not a neccessitiy, be good to see it finished with in my opinion
- 6: So if you all decide to carry on with it I think the ratepayers would appreciate the true cost of this before you start on it with a garrantee from engineers and the council that this has been properly costed and stick to it,responsibility for it. I would rather have repaired infrastructure.

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

#### **Comments**

I don't know enough about your CAF so no opinion, but as for electric cars you should wait and go with Hydrogen if it gets off the ground. then you won't have the problems with battery disposal later. the ranges of the cars are low and Tesla's are ok for range but a bit expensive, Hybrids are the best options with plug ins or not plug ins and you will have less recovery vehicles having to go out and pick up cars with flat batteries. This is just my opinion

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

Picked option one as the big theme in this plan is the repairing of our Infrastructure which has been neglected for years, so lets start repairing our infrastructure and start getting some true costs as they progress, and in four years when the next 10 year plan review is due look at the muli sport hub again, its just how things are at the moment as all I hear really as the main theme is we have to fix our water systems and sewage before they are completely stuffed and I agree so lets do this for these 4 years and then see where we stand. I have looked at the plans and see a big stadium being built in the middle of the race course, why would you do this surely you would put the stadium on the outside of the race course possible adjacent of the TSB stadium, putting the stadium in the middle is basically making the race course redundant, and I thought the multi sports Hub was about all sports.

### What else?

The main thing is and it seems all agree is to fix our long neglected water infrastructure and I agree. Lets fix that and then look at the other things we would like in four years when the next 10 year plan is due, its only 4 years then we should know what our fix the intrastructure costs might be,

Rates will increase by about 90.83% over 10 years as it is by some of the figures bandied about, so you need to look at what need to be dropped or out on hold until we have more of an idea on infrastructure repairs and upgrades, I just think this is way too much rates of inflation are not even in the equation.

One big issue for me is when NPDC does a project they start off with one figure then they end up doubling the initial costs or more and over run the budget all the time, Oakura Sewage,

The painting and roof repairs of the NPDC civic centre over run, But I have a big alert here I thought I have just read civic centre is getting more roof work done now this surprises me as the painting and roof was only just finished in 2019 was it, is it bad workman ship ???

The food recycling that was introduced with the pretext of composting it locally, now sending it to Hampton Downs right from the start which must be costing a lot of extra funding which is now a commercially sensitive, which I find strange in more than one way, It seems the people planning the recycling would have known that the composting wasn't going to be local if they had checked thing out like any good business would do, but I get the impression this was withheld from the public. So its another case of not doing the work and costing the project properly and when it blows out just spend the money any way and we will increase rates to pay for it any way, so no responsibility for the lack of planning and true costing, This is a serious issue with NPDC I would think. I do remember reading that the food recyling need a million to look at trying to find another closer composting option or is it needed to pay Hampton Downs transport costs.

I am sure lots of people have had abad year with covid last year, but seems to have no effect on NPDC spending its like it didn't happen. Time to sharpen the knife like most people had too I would hope others aren't happy with our massive rate increase and the other thing is our investment fund from Powerco sale, there must be some way to use that for the people as its the peoples money and not the councils, be good to see how much it has grown since inception that is retained without the money that has been spent by council when it wasn't earning the amount they were taking any way, Just food for thought for councillers to look out side the square for our infrastructure repairs

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**Submission No: 3285 Janica Amoore** 

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option B: Partially debt fund long life assets to bridge the gap. NPDC's preferred option.

## Saving water and water meters

Option 4: High. A significant water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$56 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$120 million over the long term.

## Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

I fully support this project . Is there additional budget allocated for maintainance of this growing asset?

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

#### Comments

Yes I fully support the Planting our Place project on the condition that a budget is allocated to maintain the plantings. Intensive maintenance is required for the first couple of years. However ongoing maintenance including supplimentary planting and the control of pest plants and animals will be required for the future sustainability of these areas. The project is not worth doing if sufficient maintenance is not allocated to support it.

# Developing a multi-sport hub

Option 2: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building in year 6, contributing \$40 million. NPDC's preferred option.

## What else?

Support development of reserve in Lepperton on the old Hall site to include public toilet and recreation space.

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**Submission No: 3286** Nicole Goodin

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

### **Saving water and water meters**

### Improving stormwater management in Waitara

# **Extending our tracks and trails network**

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## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

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**Submission No: 3287** Wayne Wootton

Organisation: Papa Rererangi i Puketapu Ltd

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

## **Saving water and water meters**

**Improving stormwater management in Waitara** 

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

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#### **Comments**

I was pleased to see that an extension to the coastal walkway is included in the 10 year LTP, however, was bemused and very disappointed as to why the first stage is to construct a small length of pathway at Waitara.

As you will be well aware, New Plymouth Airport has undergone a major redevelopment over the past four years to create an award winning new terminal which is steeped in cultural history and reflects the heritage of Puketapu Hapu, not only in the artwork within the terminal but also the structural form of the building itself. As part of the redevelopment, the Airport company has invested time and money to provide for cyclists and walkers both inside and outside the terminal on the understanding that the section between the end of the existing walkway at Bell Block to the Airport would be constructed first. Bike maintenance stations and bike racks have been installed outside on the terminal forecourt, Jim Hickey from Airspresso has geared up to cater for cyclists and walkers with a proposed outdoor seating area and the Airport is currently creating a secure room inside the terminal, for workers who choose to cycle to work, to store their bikes during the day.

I cannot understand why the first stage of the extension is nowhere near the existing coastal walkway as surely it makes absolute sense to extend where the majority of users will benefit and give all the opportunity to bike or walk to the new terminal to view the magnificent building. After all the end of the existing walkway is less than 1,000m from the Airport's southern boundary and, once within the Airport grounds, the construction of the walkway would be easily achieved without the need to negotiate and purchase land.

I urge you to reconsider the staging of the coastal walkway extension and prioritise the first stage to be from Bell Block to the Airport which will be of less cost, be beneficial for the majority of the current walkway users and create the ability for people to bike to the Airport in safety where they can enjoy the new terminal and have refreshments (sadly lacking on the current walkway) before heading back into New Plymouth.

# **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

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**Submission No: 3288** Tia

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

## **Saving water and water meters**

### **Improving stormwater management in Waitara**

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# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

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**Submission No: 3289** Adrienne Tatham

Organisation: Friends of Pukekura Park New Plymouth Inc.

Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

## Fixing our plumbing

How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

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# **Developing a multi-sport hub**

#### **Comments**

The proposal for the Sports Hub at the racecourse needs to be studied in relation to the effects it may have on Pukekura Park. While at this stage much of the proposal appears to be at a formative stage there are areas of discussion and suggestion that raise concerns with the committee of the Friends of Pukekura Park.

- Compromised gate entrances. Increased traffic flow and parking provisions could impact on Park access and the ability of visitors to enjoy their visit to the Park. Racecourse Walk in particular is important to keep clear as it is the emergency entrance for ambulances.
- As well as traffic movement noise may also be a detracting factor to Park enjoyment.
- There is an apparent view that the Park should be an uncontrolled transit lane for cyclists, a viewpoint that could severely impact on the safety of park visitors, especially the elderly and the very young who have no other place in New Plymouth to relax and stand and stare. It is also arguable that transiting cyclists would detract from the horticultural / botanical experience of the Park which is one of its prime purposes.
- It is our contention that in Pukekura Park cyclists and pedestrians are not compatible and if cycle access is to be contemplated dedicated provision should be made as part of the surrounding road infrastructure.
- Water management. Much of the character of the Park is derived from the natural water flow from the racecourse and the surrounding catchment. More water needs to flow into the park to maintain the health of the lakes, the tunnels in the fernery and the bush itself. Diversion or reduction of this flow could only have a detrimental effect on the wellbeing of the Park.

The overall Hub proposal has drawn mixed reaction from committee members, however all agree that the welfare of the park is vitally important and it is their role to protect the Park and keep a weather eye on developments that might affect it

### What else?

#### Lake Dredging.

We must all agree that the dredging of the lakes, so long delayed has thus far been an outstanding success story. Thank you for what has been done.

At first the retention dams which held up the movement of silt and debris into the lakes were cleaned and the dredges then worked their way down to the main lake where for some reason the depth of dredging was shortened, so overall that area has not been completed as planned and there is an area of that lake which has not been dug at all. However, the appearance and water quality are much improved, congratulations on beginning the job.

Now we need to maintain the retention dams on a regular basis – and they need to be kept clean to stop further migration of detritus to the lakes, otherwise what is the point of having them? The main lake needs to be dug to the depth recommended in the plan and finished.

The Fountain Lake which had been included in the contract is choked with weed and has become really smelly. Dredging this lake is vitally important as the functioning of the fountain literally depends on the pump being free of detritus. If the pump sucks in dirt, then maintenance and replacement of the jets will cost far more than it does at present. Failure to dredge this lake may well prove to have been a costly expenditure.

The Friends of Pukekura Park are saddened and angry that this job is only half done as there are absolutely no funds allocated to complete the job in the current version of the LTP. The whole job will have been done for nothing in the long run. The setting up and dismantling of all the equipment must be the main cost involved with the contract.

#### **Newton King Gates.**

Newton King's family gave Brooklands to the council of the day and The Friends of Pukekura Park wish to memorialise that fact in a suitable fashion.

We decided that the installation of gates at the foot of Brooklands Drive would be helpful and at the time of implementing the conversation noted that it was the only vehicular entrance to the park which was not protected in any way so that vandals could have access in their vehicles at night. There are always those people who help themselves to plants in the park and without their vehicles they would be compromised. There is always also the vandalism which occurs at night.

Also, with the gates installed it will be helpful when Brooklands needs to be closed for concerts and for WOMAD.

It was always the intention of the Friends of Pukekura Park to contribute \$50,000 towards the installation of memorial gates at the foot of Brooklands Drive. We promised to raise this amount and have already achieved that goal. We continue with efforts to raise further funds to help Council install actual gates. The Friends envisaged the gates to be designed as replicas of the original Pukekura Park gates which were moved from Fillis Street to the foot of Victoria Road.

The current working drawing excludes gates much to our disappointment, but entails the installation of remote control bollards to prevent unwanted vehicular movements out of hours. We regret the fact that gates have not been included. It should be possible to install gates <u>and</u> the bollards with the latter being outside the gates – which could be folded back when not in use. In this way the memorial gates would be something in real keeping with the park, a way to enhance the entrance and make it a true memorial. Without the gates it would be just another entrance with nothing to make it memorable.

The folk who have already contributed to this fund always comment that they thought they were helping fund actual gates and we are all bitterly disappointed that gates have not been included in the drawings. Instead of wrought iron, they could be made of aluminium which is cheaper.

We do note however that the plans have been scheduled for the third year of the Long Term Plan.

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Submission No: 3290 Allen Stancliff

Organisation: Fish & Game NZ Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

## Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 3. Medium. Clear out the backlog and start making some improvements. \$140 million additional funding. NPDC's preferred option.

## How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

#### **Comments**

See submission on next page.

## **Saving water and water meters**

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

See submission on next page.

## Improving stormwater management in Waitara

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

#### What else?

See submission on next page.

File Ref: 2.3.5 30 March 2021



Chief Executive New Plymouth District Council Private Bag 2025 New Plymouth 4342

Dear Sir

NPDC Proposed 2021-2031 Long-term Plan – Submission by the Taranaki Fish & Game Council (Fish & Game NZ)

Taranaki Fish & Game is a public body constituted pursuant to Section 26P of the Conservation Act 1987 with a duty to manage, maintain and enhance the sports fish and game bird resource in the recreational interests of anglers and hunters. This includes monitoring the condition and trend of ecosystems as habitats for sports fish and game, representing the interests and aspirations of anglers and hunters in the statutory planning process, advocating for the Council's interests in habitats and for the maintenance and enhancement of access to the fish and game resource.

Conserving water - Water Metering

Taranaki Fish & Game strongly supports the NPDC's proposal to introduce universal water metering to drive an increase in water use efficiency in the District. Our rivers, in particular the Waiwhakaiho River, are already under significant pressure from multiple stressors including water abstraction. We agree that implementing a range of water conservation measures including universal water metering, is a much better way to go both environmentally and financially than simply tapping into another surface water resource with all the adverse environmental effects that would come with it. Results from the implementation of water metering in Nelson and Tauranga have demonstrated that an average demand reduction of 25% and a peak day reduction of 30% can be achieved, thereby delaying the requirement for new sources of water and the costly investment required for new infrastructure. Fish & Game therefore supports the Council's Preferred Option 3.

Fish & Game does however support further investigation into groundwater as a source of additional supply, for when it is needed. Our understanding is that there is good scope for finding new groundwater resources suitable for public supply in north Taranaki, but we acknowledge that the geology is complex and that a systematic approach will be needed to find suitable new and extended groundwater resources. Having a significant groundwater source available would increase the resilience of the water supply to natural hazards, such as contamination of surface water from a volcanic event, and as such would be a prudent approach by the Council.

Fixing the Plumbing

Fish & Game agrees that making efficient use of our valuable water resources also means reducing the amount of water lost via leakage from the supply network and improving the efficiency of the water treatment process. Good progress has been made in detecting and reducing leakage, but still more needs to be done. Fish & Game also supports increased

Statutory managers of freshwater sports fish, game birds and their habitats

investment in sewage infrastructure renewals to among other things, reduce the risk of unauthorised discharge events to surface water and the coast. Fish & Game supports the Council's Preferred Option 3.

#### Lake Rotomanu water intake

It is noted that \$251,523 is allocated in the LTP for the construction of a replacement water outlet for Lake Rotomanu (full project list of proposed capital projects, p8, PK2300 – Rotomanu Water Outlet). However, nothing has been allocated to address reconfiguring the lake's water intake from the Waiwhakaiho River, which is needed to improve lake water quality.

Since 2009, a drop in the Waiwhakaiho riverbed level adjacent to the Lake Rotomanu intake has meant that water doesn't flow into the lake until the river flow exceeds approx. 5,000 l/s. This means that there is no water flow into the lake for long periods and this has had a major negative impact on water quality. The imminent installation (April 2021) of a non-return valve in the intake to prevent water flowing back out of the lake into the river will not solve this problem. What is needed is more water flow into the lake, most probably by reconfiguring the intake to take water from further upstream where there is more head.

In August 2019 Beca provided NPDC with a proposal for professional services for the Lake Rotomanu inlet and outlet concepts. While the Council went ahead with the work on the lake outlet, it apparently declined to proceed with that on the inlet. The fee estimate for the lake inlet work was \$16,500 at that time.

Fish & Game therefore requests that the Council allocate funding in its LTP to get this work done, based on its soon to be renewed consent to divert up to 140 l/s from the Waiwhakaiho River into the lake, so that the feasibility and cost of upgrading the intake can be better understood.

Lake Rotomanu is an important and highly valued multi-use recreational resource used for swimming, water skiing, jet skiing, kayaking, trout fishing and model boating. Water quality has worsened significantly in recent years and an upgrade of the water intake from the Waiwhakaiho River is necessary to maintain this valuable community asset.

## Lake Rotomanu Water Outlet and fish passage from the Waiwhakaiho River

As is stated above, an allocation of \$251,523 is proposed in the 2021-2031 LTP for the construction of a replacement water outlet for Lake Rotomanu. However, it is not clear from Beca's concept design for the outlet structure (ECM\_8226243\_v1\_Lake Rotomanu Rec A.) that there has been consideration of native fish passage from the river into the lake.

Currently, Lake Rotomanu has an abundant population of shortfin eel, with new recruits possibly getting into the lake via the previously leaking outlet structure. If the replacement outlet structure doesn't provide for fish passage, then the eel population may well suffer from reduced recruitment. The design and construction of a new fish-friendly outlet could even allow a greater range of native fish to access habitat in the lake (e.g. inanga). While this area is not part of Fish & Game's statutory mandate, a native fish friendly outlet culvert should be a given.

Thank you.

We DO wish to be heard in support of this submission.

Allen Stancliff

Fish & Game Officer

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Organisation: Taranaki Regional Council

Wish to speak to the Council: No

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# Submission on New Plymouth District Council ten-year plan and consultation document

#### Introduction

- 1. The Taranaki Regional Council (the Council) thanks the New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) for the opportunity to comment on its ten-year plan and the consultation document *Your Home, Your Say* (the Consultation Document).
- 2. The Council makes this submission in recognition of:
  - its functions and responsibilities under the *Local Government Act* 2002 and the *Resource Management Act* 1991 (RMA);
  - it being an asset owner and manager for Pukeiti and an asset manager for the Waiwhakaiho flood protection scheme; and
  - its regional advocacy responsibilities whereby the Council represents the Taranaki region on matters of regional significance or concern.
- 3. The Council has also been guided by its Mission Statement *To work for a thriving and prosperous Taranaki* across all of its various functions, roles and responsibilities, in making this submission.

#### **General comments**

- 4. The Council notes the challenges faced by regional and district councils to fund the maintenance and development of core public assets while keeping rates down. Fiscal management across the local government sector has been made particularly challenging in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic and the economic consequences being experienced in our local communities. Nevertheless it is pleasing to see NPDC continue to make 'big calls' for its budget and key work programmes for the next 10 years.
- 5. This submission focuses on *Big Call 2: Greening Our Place* as set out in the Consultation Document.
- 6. The Council notes that NPDC have identified a number of options in the Consultation Document (pages 25 and 26) for extending New Plymouth's tracks and trails network. The Council's preferred option is *Option 2: Prioritise projects for the Maunga to Moana network*, which includes the Kaitake Trail (plus others). Specific comments are provided

on support for NPDC completing the Kaitake Trail and for ensuring cycle and walkway proposals connecting the Valley shopping area and Lake Rotomanu reduce the risk to property and infrastructure protected by the Waiwhakaiho river and flood control scheme.

#### Support for completing the Kaitake Trail

- 7. Of particular interest to Council is the *Mounga ki Moana: The Taranaki Crossing* experience, which will link Dawson Falls, on the eastern side of Taranaki Maunga, to Oakura, on the edge of the Tasman Sea.
- 8. The Council believes Taranaki Crossing experience will provide a series of unique visitor experiences that make up the mountain to the sea concept and will be transformational to the visitor industry for the Taranaki region and will become a 'must do' tourism attraction in New Zealand. As NPDC are aware, this project was identified in the *Business Case 2018* as a number one priority for development. *Tapuae Roa Make Way for Taranaki Strategy 2017* also stated that the Taranaki Crossing is one of the largest opportunities in the region in the next three to five years for visitor growth.
- 9. The Kaitake Trail (Te Ara A Ruhihiweratini) forms a pivotal part of the Taranaki Crossing Experience and will be a significant accessible recreational asset in itself. Completing the Kaitake Trail will enable walking and grade 2 and 3 biking to and from Pukeiti through regenerating rainforest to Oakura and the coast. This will complement the recreational developments including the under construction hiking and biking trails, the completed hut accommodation with in the Pukeiti rainforest as well as the completed fitness trails and proposed adventure trail within the world class gardens The Council therefore strongly supports the funding budgeted for in the draft NPDC Long Term Plan to complete the Kaitake Trail.
- 10. The Council notes the findings of a NPDC public survey whereby in the order of 80% of respondents supported NPDC continuing its work with around two-thirds of those surveyed willing to pay more for track and trail projects. Similar findings were evident in the Taranaki Regional Gardens visitor survey results for 2020/2021, which showed strong public support for the Pukeiti Pouakai crossing. Eighty percent of respondents indicated that they would walk from Pukeiti up to the Pouakai Range in Te Papakura o Taranaki, while 75% of respondents indicated that they would walk or cycle from Pukeiti to Oakura.
- 11. The Council further notes that it has contributed \$3.5 million funding contribution to the Taranaki Crossing Experience project. This funding contribution has been in place since 2018 and was a one-off funding to contribute to the development of the Kaitake Trail only. This reflects the significant community investment into Pukeiti to make them a world class botanical garden with a predator free rainforest recreation experience for the people of Taranaki and our visitors.

#### Waiwhakaiho pipe bridge on Rifle Range Road

12. The Council strongly supports proposed works to the Waiwhakaiho pipe bridge on Rifle Range Road.

13. The Council notes that at its current level, the Waiwhakaiho pipe bridge poses a significant risk to the service level of the Waiwhakaiho flood protection scheme. Raising and utilising the bridge as a crossing connecting the Valley shopping area and the Lake Rotomanu will promote NPDC's *Greening our place* initiative while also reducing the risk to the property and infrastructure protected by the scheme.

#### Conclusion

- 14. The Council again thanks NPDC for the opportunity to comment on its ten-year plan and the consultation document *Your home, your say*.
- 15. As noted on page 7 of the Consultation Document, while New Plymouth district has an excellent network of tracks and trails. However, with appropriate funding and support there is an opportunity to build on that network of cycle and walking tracks and trails and extend the network to connect the Maunga to the Moana plus other parts of the district.
- 16. The Council does not wish to be heard.

Yours faithfully

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**Director - Operations** 

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**Submission No: 3292** David Pannett

Organisation: Creative NZ Wish to speak to the Council: No

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#### What else?

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E te Koromatua, ngā Kaikaunihera mā, tēnā koutou katoa

Submission to: New Plymouth District Council

Subject: New Plymouth District Council Ten-year Plan 2021–2031 (the Plan)

From: Creative New Zealand

- Creative New Zealand welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on New Plymouth
  District Council's ten-year plan (the Plan). Arts, culture and creativity are an important part of
  developing strong and prosperous cities, and cohesive and healthy communities. We
  encourage Council to recognise the essential role arts and culture play in the wellbeing of its
  residents in its decision-making for the future of the district.
- 2. We'd be happy to discuss this submission with you further. The key contact person for matters relating to this submission is:

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#### **Key points**

- 3. We welcome the additional investment to support the formal establishment of Creative Taranaki. The network will provide vital support to the broader arts community, including mid-career and emerging artists and practitioners, and enhance the wellbeing outcomes the arts community are delivering.
- 4. We tautoko (support) the Plan's emphasis on partnerships, and strongly encourage Council to explore opportunities to strengthen partnerships with the arts community for continued and cost-effective investment in arts and culture.
- 5. We're disappointed to see a \$400,000 cut to the Govett-Brewster Arts Gallery's operational budgets across the Plan. We encourage Council to reconsider this cut and make a commitment to restoring any operational budget cuts over the latter years of the Plan so that the gallery can remain open consistently and confidently.

- 6. **It's excellent to see an ongoing commitment to partnership with Māori**, and we encourage you to **continue strengthening partnerships with mana whenua to deliver to the Plan**.
- 7. **We welcome Council's commitment to continue funding Zeal Taranaki**. Ongoing support can ensure that rangatahi in New Plymouth continue to benefit from the important wellbeing outcomes delivered through Zeal's creative arts programmes.

#### Draft Ten-Year Plan 2021-2031

Vision and challenges

- 8. The Plan outlines five goals (community outcomes): partnerships, delivery, community, sustainability and prosperity. We encourage Council to recognise the strong contribution that investing in arts and culture makes to these outcomes, in particular:
  - Partnerships artistic and cultural activity increases social cohesion through connecting people and communities
  - Community participating in arts and cultural activities builds inclusive and resilient communities and contributes to our wellbeing
  - Prosperity artistic and cultural activity have a strong multiplier effect and attract
    economic activity to our towns and cities, support tourism, provide jobs and equip people
    will the skills needed to create a more highly-skilled workforce.
- 9. The Plan notes that 'key to achieving all parts of our plan are partnerships'. We encourage Council to continue strengthening its partnerships with the arts community. Working with organisations such as Creative Taranaki, Taranaki Arts Festival Trust, the Govett-Brewster and Zeal Taranaki can help Council collectively realise New Plymouth's vision of being a Sustainable Lifestyle Capital.
- 10. It's good to see commitment to and investment in partnerships with mana whenua. Investment in marae as key cultural and community hubs, as well as a commitment to incorporating ngā toi Māori in local and regional projects, is vital for delivering to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and making New Plymouth a vibrant and attractive place to live and visit.
- 11. The Plan notes that one of the primary challenges facing the district is a fast-growing population; one which is ageing, and increasingly diverse. We encourage you to consider how providing opportunities to engage in arts and cultural activities can deliver social and cultural wellbeing outcomes to diverse communities, as well as to older people. For example:
  - two in three New Zealanders say they learn about different cultures through the arts<sup>1</sup>
  - 71 percent of Māori agree that ngā toi Māori is an important way of connecting with their culture/identity<sup>2</sup>
  - older people who take part in creative activities experience physical health benefits including better sleep, increased physical activity, fewer health visits and less use of medication, as well as psychological benefits such as increased self-efficacy, social contact and decreased depression and loneliness<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> New Zealanders and the Arts (2020). Creative New Zealand.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> New Zealanders and the Arts (2020). Creative New Zealand.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Arts in Health (2014). Pegasus Health.

going to museums, galleries, the theatre, concerts or the opera every few months or more
often in older age has been associated with a slower rate of cognitive decline and a lower
risk of developing dementia.<sup>4</sup>

## 'Big call' priorities

- 12. It's great to see extension of New Plymouth's **tracks and trails network** feature as a part of the Plan's priorities. Council has a strong track record of incorporating arts and culture elements within infrastructure projects (eg, Te Rewa Bridge and Len Lye's Wind Wand). When extending tracks and trails, we would encourage Council to consider the following:
  - how Council could work with artists and arts organisations to incorporate arts and culture elements into the new trails
  - where Council can continue working with mana whenua to incorporate distinct cultural concepts and narratives through ngā toi Māori to make known sites of historical significance (following the success of the New Plymouth Airport project), specifically;
    - working with Puketapu, Manukorihi and Otaraua hapū on the Bell Block-Waitara Coastal Walkway extension
    - working with ngā Mahanga and Ngāti Tairi hapū on the Te Ara a Ruhihiwerapini (The trail of Ruhihiwerapini).
- 13. We support Council's proposal to contribute to the building of a **multi-sport hub**. As plans for a hub progress, we encourage you to continue seeking perspectives from the range of communities that could benefit from these facilities. We encourage Council to think about:
  - whether any of the new spaces developed could support the arts community (eg, could an indoor multi-court space function as a multipurpose space used for rehearsals or performing arts events)
  - how multipurpose facilities could provide more people with opportunities to engage with and participate in arts and culture, which has similar benefits to sport for communities' physical and mental wellbeing
  - how these facilities can be used to compliment TSB Stadium, a site the arts community currently uses, which the Plan notes is operating near capacity.

#### Capital expenditure

- 14. We welcome the additional investment to support the **formal establishment of Creative Taranaki**, via Council's Community Partnerships function. Creative Taranaki will take up a vital role as a leader, facilitator and partner in Taranaki's arts community, and its establishment signals Council's recognition of the value arts and culture create for the region. Creative Taranaki's establishment can support:
  - a more cohesive and connected arts community who can deliver greater wellbeing outcomes to Taranaki communities
  - support, training and capability building for a wider range of artists and creative practitioners: professional, mid-career and emerging

What is the evidence on the role of the arts in improving health and well-being? A scoping review (2019). World Health Organisation.

- the delivery of initiatives and projects that benefit both the arts community as well as Taranaki's diverse communities.
- 15. We're disappointed to see a \$400,000 cut to the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery's operational budgets across the Plan. The gallery delivers social and cultural wellbeing outcomes to New Plymouth residents, as well as visitors to the region, and attracts economic activity to the central city. Following COVID-19 disruptions, visitor numbers to the Govett-Brewster are increasing, customer satisfaction remains particularly high, and the gallery continues to make a strong contribution to the community. We encourage Council to reconsider this cut and make a commitment to restore any cuts to operational budgets over the latter years of the Plan, to ensure the gallery has adequate support to remain consistently and confidently open.
- 16. We encourage Council to maintain the Govett-Brewster's current opening hours. Lost revenue from ticket sales, tours, events and communicating a change in hours would offset a large proportion of any savings. Furthermore, reduced hours have caused higher levels of negative feedback from out-of town visitors in the past. Maintaining current opening hours can ensure the gallery continues to be viewed as an asset that provides visitors with a positive experience.
- 17. We note the Govett-Brewster currently provides free entry to residents from the New Plymouth District. There's an opportunity for Council to work with South Taranaki and Stratfod District Councils to explore ways in which councils could work together to extend free entry to residents from these districts. This partnership approach would support a Team Taranaki perspective and increase visitation from regional residents.

#### Council services

- 18. We encourage the Community Partnerships team to continue engaging with the arts community. A number of arts organisations in New Plymouth have strong, existing relationships with mana whenua, funders, government, non-profits, businesses and other community groups. A strong relationship between Community Partnerships and the arts community can, in turn, foster new partnerships between those with an interest in the arts.
- 19. We encourage the Central City Facilitator to work directly with the arts community to explore how artists and arts organisations can help Council to revitalise the central city and create a more vibrant downtown area. Incorporating arts and culture elements and projects in the central city can increase the use of public spaces, showcase New Plymouth's culture and identity, and increase economic activity. The budget for CBD Strategy Projects is an opportunity to work with and support local artists to deliver these outcomes.
- 20. The formal establishment of Creative Taranaki and Council's development of a strategy for the central city is a timely opportunity to engage the arts community in the central city's transformation. Artists and creative practitioners are particularly skilled at designing and delivering innovative, strategic and cost-effective solutions, and we encourage Council to consider how the arts community can contribute to the CBD revitalisation.
- 21. It's great to see Council's commitment to delivering a range of community events with diverse and inclusive content, and we welcome the allocation of funding for a winter event and a New Year's event. Much of the arts community has faced revenue loss due to the cancellation of shows and events during COVID-19 lockdowns, and these proposals are excellent opportunities for the arts community to be involved in, and support Council in, the delivery of new events.

- 22. We welcome Council's commitment to continue funding Zeal Taranaki for Years 1 to 3 of the Plan. Zeal uses creative arts to deliver wellbeing outcomes to rangatahi in New Plymouth, contributing to health and wellbeing, social cohesion, and education and skills development. Increasing support to cover the lease of Zeal's central city location would ensure rangatahi in New Plymouth can continue to access and benefit from the free events, creative programmes and mentoring that Zeal provides on a longer-term basis. We encourage Council to continue to work with Zeal to engage young people in the CBD revitalisation, given Zeal's central location.
- 23. We support the upgrade to the TSB Showplace to ensure this can remain one of New Plymouth's leading performing arts venues. As upgrades take place, we also encourage Council to work with the arts community to identify how it can ensure venue access remains affordable.
- 24. We support Council's plans to work with iwi on a bid to host the 2024 Te Matatini in the New Plymouth District. Te Matatini is one of Aotearoa's most important cultural events and brings together people of all ages and backgrounds to attend and participate in a celebration of kapa haka. Hosting Te Matatini would deliver strongly to wellbeing outcomes, particularly cultural and economic wellbeing.

#### Creative New Zealand's interest in the arts in New Plymouth

- 25. Creative New Zealand is the arts development agency of Aotearoa, responsible for delivering government support for the arts. We're an autonomous Crown entity continued under the Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa Act 2014. Our legislative purpose is to encourage, promote, and support the arts in New Zealand for the benefit of all New Zealanders.
- 26. We recognise the importance of Taranaki to the arts in New Zealand. For arts that are delivered in Taranaki, \$748,148 of direct financial support was provided in 2019/20. Our overall support includes the funding of individual arts projects as well as major Taranaki-based cultural organisations, such as the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery.
- 27. Under the Creative Communities Scheme, we also fund territorial authorities directly to support local arts activities. In 2019/20, funding provided to New Plymouth District Council under the Scheme totalled \$64,140.
- 28. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. Please feel free to us if you wish to discuss this submission further (contact details are at the start of the submission).

Ngā mihi rārau ki a koutou katoa, nā

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Stephen Wainwright

Tumu Whakarae

**Chief Executive** 

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**Submission No: 3293** Sarah Lucas

Organisation: Kohanga Moa - Inglewood Primary School Board of Trustees

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

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#### **Comments**

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## **Saving water and water meters**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

#### **Comments**

See submission on next page.

## Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

#### Comments

See submission on next page.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

#### **Comments**

See submission on next page.

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

#### Comments

See submission on next page.

## Developing a multi-sport hub

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

See submission on next page.

## What else?

See submission on next page.

#### **Submission on the Draft 10 Year Consultation Document**

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We are submitting to the NPDC's Long Term Draft Plan, as a representation of the learners and their families of Kohanga Moa. We are the largest primary school in the Inglewood district with an ever expanding roll, which represents the popularity of Inglewood as a place of residence. We are representing the 385 enrolled students and their families. Inglewood is experiencing rapid population growth and we submit with a view to encourage the council to acknowledge the important role Inglewood plays as an integral part of the rohe.

#### **BIG CALL 1 - FIXING OUR PLUMBING**

#### How much to invest:

#### We support:

Option 2 or Option 3 - 78-140m investment and chip away at the infrastructure improvements.

Water is essential - as is the infrastructure that supports water delivery to homes and businesses. Ratepayers hold the Council responsible for delivering safe water at a reasonable cost.

#### How do we pay to fix our plumbing?

#### We support:

Option A or B - fund from rates and or debt.

#### **Saving Water and Water Meters**

#### We support:

Option 1 - we do NOT support the introduction of water meters - we do not believe making water a commodity is in the best interests of our community.

Water is a human right that all should have equal and equitable access to. Metering water will create another stressor for families already under pressure from economic conditions and COVID 19. We would like to see all families use water carefully and with regard to the environment and support water conservation initiatives. We believe metering water will change behaviour in regards to some health and hygiene measures within our community as people may have to choose to cut costs by cutting water consumption and therefore skimp in

handwashing, washing, house cleaning and general hygiene. We do not support the commoditisation of water.

We support the Council in undertaking an increased level of feasibility research - including behavioural change research - there is not enough clear evidence presented currently that we will indeed see savings in water use. We encourage the council to present clear, researched, informed information on water meters and bring it back to the next LTP consultation in three years time.

We support the council spending time and money on identifying and fixing the leaks that waste 20% of the district's water. We would prefer this to the option of water meters which is expected to save 20% of water. Going forward we also strongly support the introduction of water tanks on any new builds residential and industrial.

#### **Improving Stormwater Management in Waitara**

#### We support:

Option 3 - Waitara Residents deserve decent modern infrastructure.

#### **BIG CALL 2 - GREENING OUR PLACE**

#### **Extending our track and trails network**

#### We Support:

Extension of trails and tracks **as and when** we have sorted some of the necessary infrastructural essentials - especially provision of water. We advocate strongly that essential safety improvements on existing tracks and trails take place - including on current NZTA and Council provided roading infrastructure. We believe this MUST take priority over the coastal walkway and the Taranaki Traverse. In regards to Inglewood, we would like to see some basic maintenance and development of the two small trails (PG Nobs and Joe Gibbs reserves) we have here in the town - so that they can be accessed by the disabled and by prams in addition to the able bodied people. These tracks are poorly maintained, and the council is negligent in its *duty* to control the weeds in these areas - something picked up by community groups and motivated individuals. These trails would benefit our community and tamariki and provide an escape amongst tall trees and nature.

We also strongly advocate for the focus to be put on safer road crossing in Inglewood as a priority over the Taranaki Traverse and the extension of the Coastal walkway, this would help link our fragmented and dangerous town layout into a 'liveable' network of roads for people, bikes and cars to use.

#### **Boosting Our Climate Action Framework.**

#### We support:

**Option 2** - continuing working on the climate action framework. The actions or inactions we take now will have consequences for future generations - including our current learners here at Kohanga Moa. We fully support all climate initiatives that fit within our means in a

reasonable and meaningful way. In regards to Inglewood, we would like to emphasis put in existing green areas - plantings as opposed to mowing, fruit trees established, bee hives introduced on reserves. We have two 'parks' (swamps) on Towai street that receive zero attention from council apart from the occasional mow. These would be fantastic areas to plant out and maintain. Imagine some beautiful wildlife areas!

#### **BIG CALL 3 - PAYING IT FORWARD**

#### We support:

**Option 1 -** We have many varied and excellent sports centres dotted around the rohe. We believe that we should invest and support these focused codes to develop their facilities and become centres of excellence for their code. This would generate a community buzz, take people across the district into various towns and suburbs and support grass roots community development. le - kayaking and rowing centre in Waitara, athletics excellence centre in Inglewood (TET - council should be funding the stadium as it is a jewel of an asset for us as a community), investment in rugby and soccer clubs, swimming centre at the Aquatic Centre, etc etc. *Decentralisation and community focus* are key words rather than an expensive monstrosity which will have pressure on bookings and cater mostly to the larger sporting codes. Not everyone in the district lives in NP - lets spread the resource and load around the district.

#### **Additional Comments:**

#### **Rates Increases**

We do not support the proposed rates increases. We believe it will be a heavy burden on families already under financial pressure. Rate increases are inevitable and necessary - but we believe the Council needs to review the proposed increases and pare back budget expenditure as necessary. Rates increases should be in line with the level of inflation and with extra infrastructure investment rises, but kept as low as possible. Maybe the Council could look to review the 11.7 m dollars set aside in the Full Project List for the refurbishment of the Civic Centre (!!) and use that as one savings tool to help keep rates increases as low as possible.

#### **Advocating for Inglewood**

#### Safer streets

The Council has been made aware of the desperate need for safer crossings over the State Highway in Inglewood. The community is fully behind the development of raised crossings and possibly traffic light installations to enable our town to function safely for all. As a Board, we cannot stress how strongly we feel about this matter. The urgent requirement for crossings is a major priority for us as a Board, as we seek to ensure our children arrive safely to school, and get home safely. Please consider this as an *urgent priority*. We are willing to work with the Council at any time to progress this. We have statistical and anecdotal evidence we can submit that proves there is an urgent requirement. Currently the town is 'cut in two' and there is unreasonable and extreme risk at all times of the day for moving around our town. For some, accessing areas such as a playground and skate bowl

is simply not an option as it is too dangerous to get there!. Equally there are families who live on different sides of the town whose children do not feel safe to bike or walk to school. This in turn creates excess traffic which compounds the problem. The current road network is so unsafe that motorists are forced to take left turns in order to avoid highly dangerous intersections, resulting in a large volume of traffic travelling up Kelly street, past two early childhood centres and a full primary school exposing up to 450 children a day to unnecessary risk. David Langford, Manager of Group Planning and Infrastructure is well aware of the dire state of the roading infrastructure and town layout. Mr Langford is fully supportive in analysing the needs of the Inglewood Community to in order for residents to have a 'livable, sustainable place to live'.

#### Pool charges -

We do NOT support the doubling of charges for adults and kids to enter Inglewood Pools. Frankly, we are aghast at the idea. The increases mean a family of four would pay \$18 for a dip at the Inglewood pool. \$22 for a family of five. We believe the use rates would plummet as this is simply out of the means of many families and individuals in our town. As a school, we place an enormous amount of emphasis on teaching water safety and swimming within the curriculum. We are the largest swimming tuition provider in the Inglewood area - and we believe that the council needs to dovetail with our efforts to give children access to a reasonably priced swimming facility.

We understand that pools are heavily subsidized by the ratepayer - but loading the burden on one group in our community (pool users) is not fair. Plenty of ratepayer money goes into walkways, the coast walkways, park and domains - these are not tolled. The public good for people having access to existing facilities and recreational opportunities is more important than attempting to lay the costs on users. We all benefit when kids and swimmers are swimming - kids at the pool are not kids wandering the streets. The Council could think outside the box and look at other ways to generate revenue around pools - including vending machines, selling snacks - OR halving the costs and advertising the facility appropriately in Inglewood - use rates would soar. The council currently does not advertise or promote the pool in any way locally - despite numerous attempts to get them talk to us on the Town Info Hub and through the Moa Mail.

Our children deserve access to this awesome community asset. It provides a sense of community, a place to hang, physical exercise and a time for parents and children to connect and play. Families often cannot get to the NP for a swim, due to costs or transport issues - and the current charges make this facility affordable and accessible. Please reconsider the price rises. Equal and equitable access to the pool is a key requirement to a sustainable and liveable place.

#### PK3039 - Inglewood Railway Station and Yard Land -

Due to be purchased in year 2027/28 - We believe this project should be moved forward and resolved as a priority - it will provide our town with a focus and an area for development. We believe emphasis should be placed on working with lwi to move this project forward to a three year project. Along with safety improvements to our town an area developed on this site could provide our community a place to come together for focussed community events and business revitalisation. Inglewood could become a 'destination town' similar to Cambridge and Arrowtown, which are both small towns situated outside of larger city

centres. Close your eyes and imagine the area revitalised and utilised. Linked and safe. Towns are for people to live in.

#### RD2006 - Inglewood Windsor Walkway Safety Improvements -

Very important and well overdue - consideration could be given to upgrading the walkway completely - which will require considerable more funding than the \$122,000 currently allocated. The community would love to see this happen - current feedback is that people would love to safely access this 'walkway' with its incredible Mountain views. Currently unusable for those with disabilities, prams, the young and older frail groups. We don't see the 122 K will be enough. In Comparison, the project RD3027 - SH45 Dixon St to Corbett Park Walkway (Oakura) is receiving nearly 830k, along with a further 650k for RD3033 - Surrey Hill Road, Kaitake Trail (Wairau Road to Kaitake Road). Oakura has half the population of Inglewood and we don't see this as a fair distribution of resources. Please reconsider the project in regards to the timeframe and the budget.

**RD3042 - Inglewood CBD Upgrade (Inglewood Community Board) - 108k** in our opinion will not cover the cost of a 'cbd upgrade'. This project needs a full review, in consultation with the community - and a new budget set.

In comparison to Oakura which is receiving \$8.9 million in the full projects list, we believe a refocus of resources for Inglewood needs to be undertaken to achieve equity across the board.

# Structures Renewals - Parks and Reserves Bridges Renewals - Parks and Reserves Walkways & Paths Renewal -

AS mentioned above - could we please have a little bit of money spent on our little walkways - to make safe for prams and wheelchairs etc? This would be a great community asset for our tamariki and their families.

We wish to acknowledge the mahi of the NPDC around the many varied projects and responsibilities that it has. We live in a vibrant and exciting district with many fantastic amenities and opportunities. Let's keep in that way - equal and equitable access to all resources is important to us as a Board of Trustees and would would like to see a renewed focus in Inglewood as a town that is experiencing rapid growth and an increasing sense of community - we embrace many cultures and peoples - and we are developing a special sense of place. We are an outlying small town from the main centre of NP - with many assets to contribute to the New Plymouth rohe. We have a range of new and diverse small businesses operating alongside traditional small town service businesses. We are the local central business district to many parts of Eastern Taranaki. We have a great winter playground in the form of Karo Park, interesting small shops, easy parking and some short interesting walks. We offer a great district pool, TET stadium, gyms, sports clubs and the The town is going to become more populated and demand on best skate bowl! infrastructure is going to increase. We need the council to acknowledge the valuable role we play in the district as a whole - and commit to making Inglewood LIVEABLE through safe roads, good parks and recreation and accessible amenities. As residents of our town, why should we have to go to New Plymouth to have fun?

We acknowledge the following projects: Replacing the floor, and roof in the town hall - 2022-25

New Carpet in the library. We note the commitment to Inglewood Pool plant, shading, membrane and replacement heater over the 10 years.

Thank you.

Inglewood Primary School Board of Trustees.

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**Submission No: 3294** Thomas Brouwers

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

## **Saving water and water meters**

## Improving stormwater management in Waitara

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

## Developing a multi-sport hub

#### What else?

It's great that you are encouraging people to have their say however, I don't believe that you are really allowing people to have their say but rather allowing people to answer questions based on what you want to do.

Given the current situation we all find ourselves in, (hundreds or even thousands of homeless) I am lead to believe that 8,000 people have moved back to taranaki since the beginnings of Covid-19. If you average it out to 3-4 people per house that leaves us 2,000-2,700 house's short.

I have also seen that rate's may be increasing 12% to pay for the infrastructure upgrades and recreational facilities being discussed.

In my opinion, there are nowhere near enough sections or upcoming subdivisions becoming available. Add to this, the sections due to come to market in the new subdivision on Carrington street are touted to hit the market for close to \$500,000 dollars. (I have been in contact with the developers).

This to me is ridiculous!! \$500,000 a section is preposterous but given the shortage of sections and the demand for new or more housing, this has unfortunately become our reality. (The coucil really needs to cut the red tape and make the subdivision and building process faster and easier).

In light of this. Why is the subdivision of fitzroy golf course not being discussed again?

Without being a developer myself I believe a minimum of 150 houses could be built on half of the course resulting in approximately \$40-60million dollar's in profit to the council if the section were sold at a friendly price of \$400,000. Of course on top of this, the rate's payed would exceed \$500,000 per annum.

This in turn would pay or go a long way to paying for the upgrades of infrastructure and building of new recreational facilities being discussed.

Fitzroy and east end both have great beaches, multiple reserves and recreational area's including The Ngamotu Golf Club within 10minutes drive.

Thank you for the opportunity to have my say.

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**Submission No: 3295** Kristen Price

Organisation: Toimata Foundation Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

## Fixing our plumbing

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**Saving water and water meters** 

**Improving stormwater management in Waitara** 

**Extending our tracks and trails network** 

**Boosting our Climate Action Framework** 

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

#### What else?

See submission on next page.

## Submission: New Plymouth District Council Long Term Plan 2021-2031

Name: Toimata Foundation Contact person: Kristen Price, General Manager

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**Phone:** 07 959 7321 **Email:** kristen.price@toimata.org.nz We **DO** wish to speak to this submission

Enviroschools is a holistic framework that supports the development of resilient, connected and sustainable communities. Toimata Foundation (a charitable trust) is the national support organisation for Enviroschools and Te Aho Tū Roa. <a href="www.toimata.org.nz">www.toimata.org.nz</a> NPDC has invested in Enviroschools since 2003 via its Strategic Partnerships funding. The KPI for the 2017-2020 funding (extended for another year to 2021) is:

To continue the development of an active network of Enviroschools that support the building of sustainable communities in the New Plymouth district.

This submission thanks NPDC for its long-term support enabling local communities to be part of the Enviroschools network. It also requests that NPDC explore ways to increase its investment in response the strong community demand to participate in Enviroschools. Annual funding of \$45,000 would enable the development and growth of this proven approach. Taranaki Regional Council have indicated they are open to additional investment if District Councils are equalled committed.

## Highlights and key outcomes during the 2017-2021 Strategic Partnership period

- **Stability**: As part of its 2018-28 Long Term Plan, Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) included managing delivery of Enviroschools in their education commitment.
- Increased investment from others: In additional to the significant boost provided by TRC taking a lead role in the region, Kindergarten Taranaki moved to a 100% commitment of their head office and all 24 of their Kindergartens becoming Enviroschools. Additionally, 4 years of grant funding has been secured through the TSB Community Trust to help address demand across the region (current grant ends 2022).
- Support during and after COVID: The lockdown period saw the regional Enviroschools team supporting the teachers across the region with online resources for at home learning. They also supplied whānau based activities away from screens plus teacher care packages. Since lockdown the focus has been to support, inspire and encourage our Taranaki communities to build on their food resilience. They are supplying fruit trees, seeds for kai, building garden beds, teaching about soils, playing with worms, sharing storage, preserving methods and recipes, as well as helping to build on those all-important connections to people and place.
- <u>Sustainable communities:</u> Increasingly the regional Enviroschools team are working across communities as a whole and not just in particular schools and kindergartens. All Enviroschools took part in discussions on what a low carbon emissions future looks like and many submitted to the Taranaki 2050 Roadmap.
- <u>Strategic collaboration and future thinking:</u> The regional team sit on a range boards and action groups around Taranaki helping to shape action for and in the environment. These include biodiversity matters, food resilience, local community trust boards and education matters. They are embracing conversations that are at times challenging.
- <u>Waste</u>: Zero Waste or Low Waste initiatives are a significant portion of the work of the regional team with schools, kindergartens and communities. This includes supporting waste avoidance, a circular economy projects, upskilling people in localized living and purchasing through to running numerous workshops and events.
- <u>Water</u>: Water is our precious commodity and next to waste, water is our most covered subject matter. How to make it clean, how to keep it clean, who uses it, how to catch and store it,

how to increase our water biodiversity and kaimoana are all areas that the Enviroschools network are actively involved in.

- Thinking Globally: All our schools and kindergartens have been looking at climate change, carbon emissions, human impacts on land-use and more over the last few years. We are also linking learning to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.
- **Demand:** Communities want to be part of Enviroschools. Currently a third of New Plymouth schools are signed up, with a growing waiting list. The four largest Taranaki secondary schools are on our wait list. They are witnessing the benefits of this curriculumintegrated sustainability kaupapa.

#### **Enviroschools in New Plymouth- current situation**

- There are 33 Enviroschools in the New Plymouth District:
  - o 17 schools which is 34% of all schools in the district
  - o 16 Enviroschool kindergartens supported by Kindergarten Taranaki.
- The investment from NPDC supports an Enviroschools Community Facilitator (employed by TRC) who provides support and guidance to the 17 Enviroschools and works closely with the Kindergarten Taranaki team.
- Another 13 schools are keen to start their Enviroschools journey including the four largest schools in Taranaki. Bringing these schools onboard would see us reaching 63% of the student population in NPDC's area. A significant reach to extend the sustainability message across this community.
- The participating schools are:

Ahititi School Oākura School Uruti School

Green School NZ Ratapiko School Waitara East School *Inglewood Primary School* Spotswood College Waitara High School Manukorihi Intermediate Waitoriki School Spotswood Primary School

Marfell School St Joseph's School (Waitara) West End School – Te Kura ō Mōrere

Tikorangi School Moturoa School

The participating kindergartens are:

Bell Block Pohutukawa Kahikatea Kindergarten Pukekura Kindergarten Brooklands Kindergarten Kaitake Kindergarten Puketapu Kindergarten

Devon Kindergarten Marfell Kindergarten Waitara Central Kindergarten Westown Kindergarten

Fitzroy Kindergarten Merrilands Kindergarten

Frankleigh Park Ngamotu Kindergarten

*Inglewood Kindergarten* Orapa (Waitara) Kindergarten

#### **Enviroschools in Taranaki - current situation**

Taranaki has a thriving network of 60 Enviroschools – 25 kindergartens and 35 schools. They have all made a long-term commitment to the Enviroschools kaupapa of learning and action for a sustainable future. Enviroschools operates as a multi-agency collaboration in Taranaki.

60 Enviroschools with total rolls of over 8,000. A third of all early Participants:

childhood and 40% of the region's schools.

Regional Coordination: 0.8 FTE position, employee of Taranaki Regional Council Facilitation: 3 Facilitators at 1.2 FTE employed by TRC with collaborative funding

from New Plymouth, Stratford and South Taranaki District Councils, plus grant funding from TSB Trust. Additional in-kind support from

Taranaki Kindergarten Association

Regional events & projects: Funding from TRC and Toimata Foundation

Main Collaborations: Boomerang Bags, Department of Conservation, International

Volunteer HQ, Para Kore, Rethinking Plastic Revolution, Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust, Sustainable Taranaki, Upcycle Taranaki,

Volunteering New Plymouth and Wild for Taranaki

In 2018 Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) committed to the delivery of the Enviroschools kaupapa including employing the Regional Coordinator, funding programme development costs, and providing a vehicle. TRC and are open to additionally supporting the Facilitation delivery across the region if District Councils are equalled committed.

#### Enviroschools nationally - overview

#### Enviroschools is a nationwide movement for positive change

Enviroschools is a holistic approach to the development of resilient and sustainable communities. The complex environmental, social, cultural and economic challenges facing us today call for a collaborative response. Toimata Foundation creates a hub for a cross-sector approach bringing together over 100 organisations from Local and Central Government and Community.

Enviroschools now has significant reach across our country. Nationally over 1,370 early childhood education (ECE) centres and schools are part of the Enviroschools network. This is 12% of all ECE, 412% of all primary and 32% of all secondary.

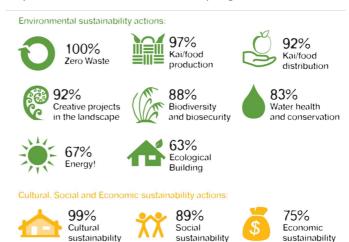
Enviroschools is inspiring and empowering people of all ages through connection, creativity and action so they are actively engaged in creating a sustainable future. Through Enviroschools tens of thousands of innovative projects and lifestyle changes are happening in schools/centres, households, neighbourhoods, on farms, in local businesses and in all types of ecosystems. Some projects are small-scale and others involve hundreds of people working across a whole catchment or community.

#### **Enviroschools is designed to meet Local Government Outcomes**

Over 80% of all councils are Enviroschools partners. Enviroschools is specifically designed to meet multiple council outcomes through authentic relationships with the community. It is a proven approach, with a 20-year track record and backed by a 5-year research and evaluation programme.

The long-term holistic approach of Enviroschools creates a wide range of outcomes across all the Four Well-beings. This graphic (left), from the most recent Enviroschools National Census, shows the percentage of participants taking action across environmental, cultural, social, and economic aspects.

Councils also benefit from the co-investment model of Enviroschools. Councils contribute 20-25% of the total annual investment in Enviroschools, with the balance funded by Central Government and Community.

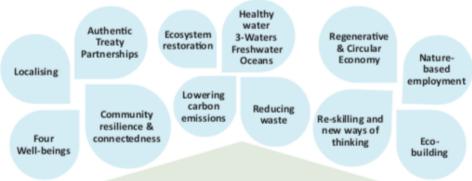


# The role of Enviroschools in creating a resilient and sustainable future

This diagram shows how Enviroschools contributes towards positive change in communities across New Zealand.



#### Aspects of a sustainable future



#### Integrating Māori perspectives, tikanga and concepts as sustainability solutions

concepts as sustainability solution unique to our country.

#### Connecting schools with communities

 building stronger connections between schools and their communities, and facilitating connections between schools.

Creating 'nature connectedness' for people as a the foundation for sustainable lifestyle choices.

Empowering through action-learning - people of all ages leading and participating in projects to design, plan, restore and construct all the different aspects of a sustainable community.

## Sharing knowledge so

localised learning and solutions can be applied nationwide.

#### Supporting teachers to

weave learning into a real-life process of creating a sustainable school and community.

Fostering creativity by people exploring and envisaging what a resilient and vibrant sustainable world could be.

Building citizenship and a strong sense of belonging through collective local action.

Addressing root causes - helping people to understand the big picture of sustainability, the relationships between issues, and exploring ways to tackle root causes.

#### Enviroschools' contribution to a sustainable future

#### Holistic kaupapa and approach that is grounded in Matauranga Maori and empowers people of all ages

A highly collaborative cross-sector model of 100+ agencies working together to support local communities

Expertise
A nationwide team with sustainability know-how and specialised skills in facilitating participatory processes

Comprehensive suite of resources and highly effective tools and processes for collective community visioning, learning and action Large
nationwide
network
with long-term
participation that
has reach into
thousands of
communities

## Foundational elements of the Enviroschools approach

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**Submission No: 3296** Colin Stone

Organisation: Sport New Zealand Wish to speak to the Council: Yes

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#### **Comments**

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## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

#### **Comments**

See submission on next page.



# 10 Year Plan Submission

**Submission to the New Plymouth District Council** March 2021

sportnz.org.nz

New Zealand Government

## **About Sport New Zealand**

Sport New Zealand (Sport NZ) is the crown agency responsible for contributing to the wellbeing of everybody in Aotearoa New Zealand by leading an enriching and inspiring play, active recreation, and sport system. Sport NZ's vision is simple - to get **Every Body Active in Aotearoa New Zealand**.

Our role as kaitiaki of the system focusses on lifting the physical activity levels of all those living within Aotearoa and having the greatest possible impact on wellbeing. We achieve our outcomes by aligning our investment through partnerships, funds and programmes to our strategic priorities set out in our four-year strategic plan.

New Plymouth District Council is critical to the work of Sport NZ in the Taranaki region.

## The importance of Council

New Plymouth District Council is the major provider of sport and recreation facilities in Taranaki Region. We appreciate this support and investment – without it much of what happens in our sector would not be possible. Council investment has provided positive outcomes for a wide range of sports codes and community members from diverse cultures, ages, and abilities. We also acknowledge the commitment of council staff in supporting the sector.

Council is also an important partner for Sport Taranaki, who Sport NZ invests in significantly and who we consider the regional champions of our strategic vision.

Play, active recreation and sport make an enormous contribution to the health and wellbeing of all the residents of New Plymouth. Physical activity, its wide-ranging benefits and its importance to our communities are fundamental to meeting the outcomes identified in several New Plymouth District Council plans and strategies.

We also acknowledge the challenges Council faces with balancing the various competing demands such as growth, transport, climate change and water quality. The impact of Covid-19 will be with us for some time to come, so too the decisions made in this 10-year Budget.

# The impact of COVID-19 on the play, active recreation and sport sector

COVID-19 has placed significant pressure on Aotearoa New Zealand's play, active recreation, and sport system.

- Through our insights, we know the COVID-19 lockdowns has exacerbated inequalities, putting some population groups at even more risk regarding their physical and mental wellbeing.
- Analysis of media commentary also identified concerns about returning to previous activities in shared public spaces due to safety.
- Sector organisations which play a key role in allowing New Zealanders to be active were also impacted by COVID-19. These impacts include lost revenue, cash flow difficulties, reduced capacity and change of membership.

All these things have hit the sector hard, and Sport NZ is working with regional sports trusts, like Sport Taranaki, councils, and other local stakeholders to find solutions to help address these.

## Target audiences and activity areas

Sport NZ remains committed to making progress towards our primary goal of ensuring more tamariki and rangatahi (aged 5 – 18) have access to quality physical activity options. We aspire to reduce the drop off in activity levels of rangatahi from ages 12 to 18 and increase the levels of activity for those tamariki and rangatahi who are less active.

A detailed Community Sport Facility Needs Assessment completed in 2019 showed that New Plymouth has a sizeable number of tamariki and rangatahi at risk of missing out, due to constraints around facilities especially in respect of hockey, basketball, and volleyball.

## New Plymouth District Council investment in Sport and Active Recreation

Sport NZ acknowledges the challenges faced by Council in providing community services through its sport and recreation assets and that many of these are ageing and require significant renewal investment.

Sport NZ, Sport Taranaki, and New Plymouth District Council officers have been working with the active recreation and sports sector to develop a co-ordinated and collaborative approach for future sport and recreation facility provision. The Strategic Approach to Sport and Recreation Facilities in the Taranaki Region provides Council with a clear strategic view of infrastructure needs for the District and the evaluation criteria to prioritise investment and ultimately make better decisions.

As such Sport NZ supports:

- Big Call 2: Greening our place extending our tracks and trails network
- Big Call 3: Paying it forward invest in the building of a new multi-sport hub.

With specific reference to the building a multi-sport hub, Sport NZ wishes to acknowledge the exemplar approach taken by Sport Taranaki, Council Officers, Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa, the Sports Collective, and the consultants in developing the master plan and how it can be incorporated into the racecourse's ongoing operations.

The process used in developing the master plan has demonstrated best practice and can give Council assurance that the delivery of the project will mean that current and future generations of New Plymouth residents will not miss out on opportunities to participate in a range of physical activities and sport.

## **New Plymouth District Council's support for Play**

Play is self-directed activity which a young person freely chooses, usually for its own sake. Play is not just about the provision of fixed assets in the form of playgrounds. Commitment to playful communities requires consideration of all the decisions and factors made by Council and its partners that create space, time, and permission for our whanau to play.

Research shows that play has many benefits for children, families, and the wider community.

- Play contributes the largest number of physically active hours for 5–18-year-olds on a weekly basis.
- Play is vitally important for a young person's resilience and wellbeing.
- Playful childhoods lead to healthy, happy, active lives.

It has been taken for granted that play will always be a part of New Zealand childhoods. However, levels of play are in decline due to shifting cultural values, increasingly sedentary behaviours, family circumstances, urbanisation, and fears about children's safety.

Through its network of parks and open spaces council can be a significant catalyst for play. We would also urge Council to give consideration through its numerous roles and services as to how the City creates opportunities for more playful communities. An integrated planning approach though a play lens would ensure there is more opportunity to activate spaces and places and create environments that encourage physical activity through play.

## Sport NZ recommendations/Submission to the Big Calls

#### 1. Capital investment in sport and recreation facilities

- Sport NZ supports Option 2 of Big Call 2: Greening our place Extending our tracks and trails network
- Sport NZ urges Council to adopt Option 3 of Big Call 3 Building a multi-sport hub. That is, to develop over 8 years and begin construction of the hub building in Year 4.

#### **Extending Tracks and Trails**

Sport NZ acknowledged the financial constraints of Council and the desire to tackle the major infrastructure challenges through this 10 Year Plan and that Council cannot tackle everything. However, with respect to extending the tracks and trails network we believe it is vital that Council maintains the momentum already achieved and prioritises projects that will contribute to the proposed Taranaki Traverse and the proposed township links as outlined.

Extending the Coastal Walking way to the townships of Waitara and Ōākura will provide a safe commuter route into New Plymouth and create further recreational opportunities for physical activity through walking, cycling or even scootering.

#### **Building a Multi-Sport Hub**

In urging Council to begin construction of the hub in Year 4 we acknowledge that a delay out to Year 6 will allow better phasing of Council's capital programme, however we believe there is a genuine cost difference between commencing in Year 4 and Year 6 that is currently not provided for.

In pushing out the commencement of construction, the project will incur continued escalation costs which on current projects are ranging from 2%-4% per year. The proposed delay will in effect diminish the investment being made by Council in real terms and require additional resources to be sought from elsewhere and or reduce the scope of the project.

Perhaps even more importantly, this delay will mean that the hub would likely not be available for use until 2028, the result of which means that a generation of New Plymouth's tamariki and rangatahi will miss out on the benefits and opportunities this facility would provide.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the New Plymouth District Council draft 10-year plan.

Ngā mihi

**Sport New Zealand** 

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**Submission No: 3297** Gael Dodunski

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 4. High. Clear out the backlog and make significant improvements. \$229 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option C: Fully debt fund long life assets.

#### **Comments**

We have been paying for 35 years what more do you want.

## Saving water and water meters

#### **Comments**

Why ask now as you have already started to do what you want. Silly question.

## **Improving stormwater management in Waitara**

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

Stop sweeping Waitara under the carpet.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

#### **Comments**

Ask TRC. They should be doing this.

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

#### Comments

Give them push bikes.

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

Where?

#### What else?

Don't have a lot of faith in NPDC. Especially when it comes to Waitara. This questionnaire is only to save your butts so you can say you gave the people a chance to have their say, but you have already decided what you intend to do. I bet Waitara will be the last on your list. Bad management of all infrastructure over the years. Its called maintenance which we all do on our own homes, so why have you not maintained our town. We are not a second grade town you are making it that way.

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Submission No: 3298 DP Dodunski

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 4. High. Clear out the backlog and make significant improvements. \$229 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option A: Pay for it from rates

#### **Comments**

We need to re-employ fitters and plumbers to do most of our infrastructure work. This would lower our cost by at least 1/2 as costs are too high.

## **Saving water and water meters**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

#### **Comments**

By employing your own team you can just pick away at the water supply option will save millions of dollars as costs are out of control.

## Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 3: Invest \$20 million over 10 years. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

As you NPDC have not done anything in 35 years cost is now huge all from poor planning form NPDC.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

#### **Comments**

All Waitara must be fixed up as you have only 1/2 finished the local ones (no access for elderly and crippled).

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

#### **Comments**

No such thing as there has been no change around our coast by sea if anything we are losing our water in river sand tides.

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

Poor planning on old stadium. No useless what a joke it was never done right from day dot.

#### What else?

Council needs to rethink its whole strategy for the future. The quicker you catch up on infrastructure the less it will cost. Like have your own team going in Waitara 30 dollars a hour is cheaper than \$130 dollars a hour. See the difference in cost straight away. Waitara has waited 49 years for curb and channeling and houses are being keep damp underneath with road water all over town. This would never happen in NP or Oakura. You are treating our Maori with contempt and you should be ashamed of treating Waitara so bad. Next stop government review.

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Submission No: 3299 Submission not fully completed

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

## **Saving water and water meters**

Option 3: Medium. A middle of the range water saving plan, including water meters. This will cost \$50 million over 10 years while reducing new water supply assets, saving \$121 million over the long term. NPDC's preferred option.

## Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 2: Extend the Coastal Walkway from Bell Block to Waitara and develop further the Taranaki Traverse Mountain to Sea, costing \$36 million. NPDC's preferred option.

#### **Comments**

and Oakura.

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 2: Continue working on the CAF, implement Planting our Place costing \$200,000 per year and electrifying our NPDC vehicle fleet costing \$1 million over 10 years. Begin additional funding of \$150,000 per year for three years. NPDC's preferred option.

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 3: Develop the hub and begin construction of the building faster, with work starting in year 4 and contributing \$40 million.

#### **Comments**

My grandchildren need this facility now so the sooner it happens the better. Needs to be bigger. Why are you building in the middle of a racecourse - no room to expand out or up. That racing club had the only small part of those grounds taken off them in late 50s cause they had not paid rates for several years (too broke). They also got rid of the Tara A&P Assn in the early 90s after taking their money to build sheds. And have several attempts to remove the Pony Club which was saved by observant council members. They have not paid rates or any ground rental for 50ys so WHY ARE THEY STILL THERE. They can go race at Stratford. They were almost broke last year but I now see they have over \$400,000 of govt wage support which they obviously have not paid to staff - in their annual accounts.

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**Submission No: 3300** Bruce Wallis

Wish to speak to the Council: No

## Fixing our plumbing

#### How much should we invest in our plumbing over the next 10 years?

Option 2. Low. Start chipping away at the backlog so that it grows more slowly. \$78 million additional funding.

#### How do we pay for fixing our plumbing?

Option A: Pay for it from rates

## **Saving water and water meters**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo costing \$42 million over 10 years for new water supply assets. No water meters.

## Improving stormwater management in Waitara

Option 2: Invest \$9 million over 10 years.

## **Extending our tracks and trails network**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. No new or additional investment in tracks and trails.

#### **Comments**

We have enough at the moment, until we can afford and pay for any extra track etc from investments.

## **Boosting our Climate Action Framework**

Option 1: Do nothing. Status quo. Continue working on the CAF but no new actions or additional funding.

#### **Comments**

Show us some scientific proof there is climate change, it is natural and nothing we do can change that. Don't waste our money on stupid theories.

## **Developing a multi-sport hub**

Option 1: Do not develop a multi-sport hub.

#### **Comments**

Fix Rugby Park, Yarrow Stadium first.