

Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe Ruapehu
Ruapehu District Council



Draft Long Term Plan

Feedback Form

2024-2034



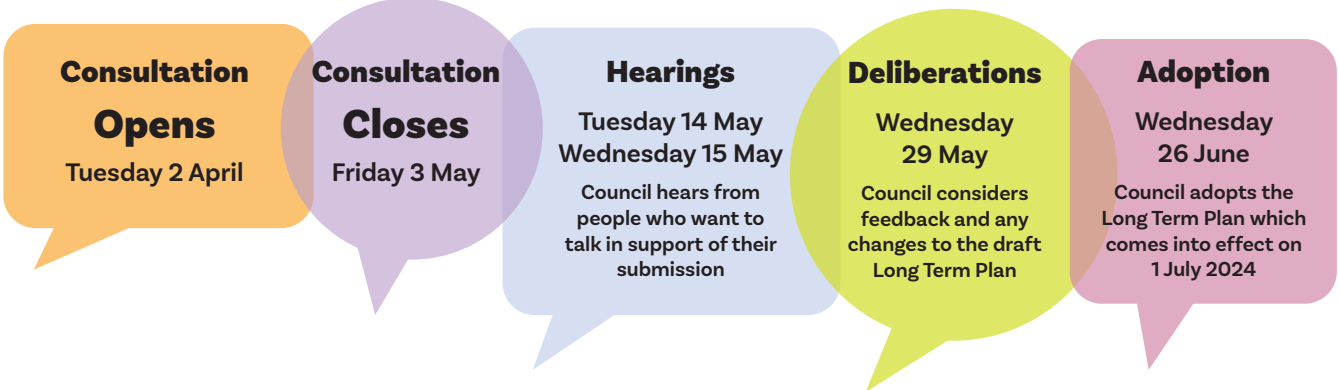
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- Thank you for taking the time to consider the issues raised in our Consultation Document and providing your feedback on our proposed work plan and budgets for the 2033/34 Long Term Plan.
- While we are seeking feedback on specific questions around financial issues you can provide feedback on any aspect of our proposed plan that you like. For example you may want to promote that we spend more on land transport, or parks and reserves, or bringing an unfunded project forward in time, or any other project or service. Likewise, you may suggest reducing or cutting services and budgets in certain areas.
- Please note that any new works or services added to the plan over and above what has been proposed will impact on rates unless it is offset somewhere else.

If you prefer provide feedback on-line at: submissions.ruapehudc.govt.nz or use the QR code over.

Name:

Organisation (if applicable):

Postal address:

Best daytime contact number:

Email:

Keep me advised of future consultations

Would you like to support your feedback by speaking to Council during the Hearings? Yes No

If you ticked 'yes' we will contact you to arrange a speaking date and time.

The Hearings are scheduled for Tue 14th May (Ohakune and Raetihi) and Wed 15th May (Taumarunui). You can choose to speak at either or online.

A maximum of two speakers and ten (10) minutes of total speaking time per submission is permitted.

1. Land Transport Forestry Targeted Rate (page 44)
Proposal to increase the existing targeted rate differential for exotic forestry

Council is proposing to incrementally increase the differential rating factor from 300% of the Land Transport Targeted Rate by 100% for the first four years of the Long Term Plan to a maximum of 700% for exotic forestry properties.

Option 1
Maintain the status-quo of a 300% differential rating factor of the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Option 2 (Our preferred option)
Incrementally increase the differential rating factor from 300% of the Land Transport Targeted Rate by 100% for the first 4 years of the Long Term Plan to a maximum of 700%

Option 3
Increase the differential rating factor from 300% of the Land Transport Targeted Rate to 700% in the first year of the Long Term Plan

Tell us why or any other option you prefer:

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2. Environmental Resilience Targeted Rate (page 45)

Proposal to apply the Environmental Resilience Targeted Rate from 2025/26.

Council is proposing to begin levying the Environmental Resilience Targeted Rate from the second year (2025/26) of the Long Term Plan to meet environmental legislative requirements. The rate will be charged as a fixed amount per rating unit on all rating units.

YES - apply

NO

(Our preferred option)

Tell us why or any other option you prefer:

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3. Rates Remission Policy (page 47)

Proposal to introduce a remission for a second SUIP to reduce UAC rating charges.

Council is proposing changes to our Rates Remission Policy to allow the remission for a second SUIP (separately used or inhabitable part) on a property to reduce the level of fixed rating charges (Uniform Annual Charge - UAC) that properties may need to pay if they meet the criteria.

Option 1

Maintain the status quo and do not provide a remission for a second SUIP to reduce the level of fixed (UAC) rating charges that qualifying properties may need to pay.

Option 2 (Our preferred option)

Introduce a remission for a second SUIP to reduce the level of fixed (UAC) rating charges that qualifying properties may need to pay.

Tell us why or any other option you prefer:

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4. Rates Remission Policy (page 48)

Proposal to extend our ability to provide rates remissions in certain circumstances.

Council is proposing to modify our Rates Remission Policy to make it more flexible and allow us to offer rate relief more easily to those ratepayers facing severe financial difficulties and who meet the policy's requirements.

YES - modify the Policy

NO

(Our preferred option)

Tell us why or any other option you prefer:

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5. Removal of 3% early rate payment discount (page 49)

Proposal for the dissolution of the policy on discounts for early payment of rates

We are proposing to remove the 3% early rate payment discount via the dissolution of the policy on discounts for early payment of rates as it is resulting in lost net revenue of around \$90,000 per annum to Council.

Option 1

Maintain the 3% early rate payment discount

Option 2 (Our preferred option)

Remove the 3% early rate payment discount

Tell us why or any other option you prefer:

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6. Changes to our Māori Freehold Land Remission Policy

Proposal to offer increased rates remission support to the owners of Māori land (pages 50-52)

The proposed changes to the policy will ensure it is up to date and compliant with the legislation for rating of Māori Freehold Land and the principles of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 and offer wider support to owners of Māori land to look after their whenua for current and future generations.

Option 1

Do not offer increased rates remission support to owners of Māori land. Only make the required legislative changes to the current policy.

Option 2 (Our preferred option)

Change the Māori Freehold Land Remission Policy to enable increased rates remission support for owners of Māori land. If you support this option please tell us the level of increased rates remission support you would like Council to provide.

You can support as many of the proposed extensions as you like:

1. Do you support the proposed inclusion of "Māori freehold land converted to general title under the Māori Affairs Amendment Act 1967" as eligible land under the policy?
2. Do you support the proposed inclusion of "Treaty settlement land" as eligible land under the policy?
3. Do you support the proposed inclusion of "Land in general title collectively owner by Māori" as eligible land under the policy?

Tell us why or any other option you prefer:

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7. Changes to our Financial Strategy (page 53)

Proposal to change rate increase limit to LGCI + 3%

We are proposing to increase our self-imposed rates revenue increase limit from the Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% to LGCI + 3%.

The additional revenue from lifting our income threshold by 1% will allow us to maintain levels of service, remain within our self-imposed debt affordability benchmark of 2x rates income for all but the first year of the Long term Plan (2024/25), as well as starting the gradual repayment of debt later in the Long Term Plan.

Option 1

Maintain our current self-imposed rates revenue increase limit of LGCI + 2%



Option 2 (Our preferred option)

Increase our self-imposed rates revenue increase limit to LGCI + 3%.



Tell us why or any other option you prefer:

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8. Changes to fees and charges (page 54)

Proposal to increase fees and charges to recover increased cost of services.

For this Long Term Plan we are proposing to introduce some new fees and charges along with increases to existing fees and charges.

Do you have any feedback on the proposed changes to fees and charges?

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*Additional comment - if you need more space please attach a separate piece of paper.

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- Having your say in this consultation is one of the best ways to influence Council’s planned work programme.
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You can bring your feedback form into any Council office or submit your via:



Mail:

Freepost 492
Ruapehu District Council
Private Bag 1001
Taumarunui 3946



On-line:

Use our on-line submission form on our consultation website: **submissions.ruapehudc.govt.nz** or use your phone and **the QR code**



Email:

consultation@ruapehudc.govt.nz



In person:

Don’t forget you can support your feedback by talking to Council during the Hearings. This can be in-person or on-line.