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Feedback

Lake Taupo Protection Project hearing

No

Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity

Centre: Yes

No comment provided

Attached Documents

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No records to display.

Organisation:

Friends of Taupo Museum & Art Gallery Inc.

First name: Christine**Last name:** McElwee

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Yes

Taupo hearing

Additional requirements for hearing:

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Submission to TDCs 2021 2031 LTP re Museum and Art Gallery 15 April 2021

SUBMISSION FROM THE FRIENDS OF TAUPO MUSEUM & ART GALLERY INC.

TO TDC's DRAFT LTP 2021–2031 TAUPO MUSEUM & ART GALLERY 15/4/2021

A) The Friends' position on Taupo District Council's public custodial role and development responsibilities on behalf of the various District communities, for the preservation, enhancement and public display of Taupo District's rich Heritage, Arts and Cultural Assets :

- 1) Council is responsible for the 21st century-appropriate secure housing, curatorship and 21st century-standard public presentation of the District's publicly-owned or lent heritage, arts and cultural assets – in our District communities' interests and in the interests of the District's visitor industry.
- 2) Council is responsible for the well-resourced, 21st century-appropriate secure housing and professional management of the District's Archives in the public interest.
- 3) Council is responsible for creating opportunities that encourage and inspire local creative skills and talents in all age groups, through well-resourced professional management and sponsorship of the District communities' diverse interests in heritage, arts and culture.
- 4) The Friends consider the existing Taupo Museum & Art Gallery has been seriously under-resourced and under-staffed for too long eg
 - a) what local history and heritage that has been digitised, is not yet available on screen to our community and visitors on screen in the Taupo Museum & Art Gallery.
 - b) there is no space for valued arts, culture and heritage assets to be displayed so they are permanently archived out of public view, or held in secure facilities outside the Taupo District.

However regardless, in our collective view, the museum & art gallery management and staff have performed their very financially-constrained public services admirably. Maintaining and resourcing the current museum & art gallery at current levels for the next 10 years is a backward step and unacceptable to the Friends.
- 5) The Friends are disappointed and dismayed, from the current LTP options provided re the 10 year future of the Taupo Museum & Art Gallery, that Council's thinking is extraordinarily limited to "A very expensive Warren & Mahoney architected new museum & art gallery COMBINED STILL WITH A NEW COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

ON THE TONGARIRO DOMAIN” – or nothing. We have come to this conclusion because the attached LTP costings for the museum & art gallery include that combination. Stand alone museum & art gallery construction costs would be quite different.

- 6) The Friends are strongly in favour of a future independent, stand alone, very attractively designed “TAUPO DISTRICT HERITAGE ARTS & CULTURE HUB/CENTRE”, located approximately south of the current museum, where the former Women’s Bowling Club was once located. TDC’s contracted John Leuthart research with Ngati Tuwharetoa in approximately 2000 (re the siting of any future extensions to the museum & art gallery etc.), determined that site was favourable to Ngati Tuwharetoa then, because it was in direct sight of the lake and the mountains, which they required for their taonga then.
- 7) The Friends strongly support the future financially STAGED development over time, of enhanced community facilities to achieve A 1) above eg :
 What we consider to be a heritage building in its own right with an interesting local history (ie the existing museum & art gallery building), in Stage 1 could potentially remain on its site for some time to come, fulfilling a specific new role within a new more realistically-costed and designed staged development plan for a future “Taupo District Heritage Arts and Cultural Hub/Centre” – designed also to be very clearly characteristic of the Taupo District.

B) The Friends’ response to the Council’s 2021-2031 LTP options :

- 8) We consider both options unacceptable. Council’s preferred status quo option of doing nothing but retaining the same inadequate levels of service and funding from 2021 to 2031 is unacceptable see A1) to A7) above.
- 9) We respectfully submit that Council reconsider its public responsibilities for district heritage, arts and culture, by lifting their given very low financial priority 2021-2031, to well above ground zero.

Roger Marshall

**We wish to speak to our submission.

President, Friends of Taupo Museum & Art Gallery Inc.

Organisation:

Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust

First name: Lauren**Last name:** Fletcher

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Option 2

Leasing or owning a CAB
Option 1

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Option 1

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Water

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'preventative maintenance and rolling inspections' across the entire district networks. The natural environment is critical to the health and wellbeing of people. The spiritual significance of water and traditional use is the essence of who we are as hapu and iwi. Spills to the lake and environment are not acceptable

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Libraries & Museum

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Swimming Pools

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Financial Strategy & Infrastructure Strategy

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increases. Anything other must require consultation.

Building Consents, Resource Consents, Dogs, Noise, Liquor, Environmental Health

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Democracy, Planning & Investments

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General comment

The Ngati Turangitukua Charitable Trust supports in principle leasing a building from our lwi or hapu entities supporting our economic development. Leasing is not committed debt; provides more certainty for budgeting purposes; and amongst other things frees up capital to allow other projects to occur.

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Ngati Turangitukua Charitable Trust LTP Recommendations April 2021 FINAL



NGĀTI TŪRANGITUKUA CHARITABLE TRUST
“Ka hui tātou ki te Pukai matakirikiri o Tūrangitukua”

Recommendations to the Taupō District Council’s Long Term Plan 2021-2031 By Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust

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NGĀTI TŪRANGITUKUA CHARITABLE TRUST
 “Ka hui tātou ki te Pukai matakirikiri o Tūrangitukua”

OUR VISION

“Nā te mahi tahi tatou e auaha ai te Taurikura mo Ngāti Tūrangitukua”
 “Together, we have created prosperity for Ngāti Tūrangitukua”

This vision statement reflects a core role of the Trust which is to support the Ngāti Tūrangitukua vision:

“Tūrangitukua standing tall within the kawa and tikanga of Pihanga”

1.0 NGĀTI TŪRANGITUKUA CHARITABLE TRUST

- 1.1 The Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust is the post settlement entity that is responsible for managing the assets that Ngāti Tūrangitukua received under wai 84 the Tūrangī Township settlement.
- 1.2 On 26 September 1998, the Crown signed a Deed of Settlement with the Ngāti Tūrangitukua hapu of Ngāti Tūwharetoa. The Ngāti Tūrangitukua Claims Settlement Act 1999 gives effect to this settlement. The settlement covers claims made by Ngāti Tūrangitukua arising from the creation of the Tūrangī township, in the central North Island, in the 1960s and the development of the Tōngariro power scheme. It aims to restore the Mana of Ngāti Tūrangitukua and the honour of the Crown by settling this historic, but recent, grievance.
- 1.3 The settlement includes an apology by the Crown for its wrongdoings and a redress package of cash, land and administrative arrangements. Most of the settlement affects the Tūrangī township. The apology from the Crown is a very significant element of the settlement and clears the way for Ngāti Tūrangitukua and the Crown to form an honourable relationship. The value of the settlement does not directly compensate for the losses suffered by Ngāti Tūrangitukua but provides a platform for the hapū to build on.

2.0 NGĀTI TŪRANGITUKUA – TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL PARTNERSHIP

- 2.1 The priority for the Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust is to finalise the Mana Whakahono A Rohe partnership agreement with Taupō District Council to allow for mana whenua collaboration for all Tūrangī based decisions.
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CONCLUSION

The Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust thanks council for the opportunity to make these recommendations.

Nāku iti nei, nā

Lauren Fletcher

Chairperson

DATED 13 April 2021

Organisation:

Tauhara Middle 14 Trust

First name: Takiora**Last name:** Wall

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1.0 Introduction

We, Tauhara Middle 14 Trust, write this submission consistent with our rights and privileges as guaranteed under article II of 'Te Tiriti o Waitangi 1840'. Our submission expresses our concerns over the future of our lands and waterways and emphasises our rights to provide for our hapū and future generations.

Tauhara Middle 14 Trust is an Ahu Whenua Trust in Waitahanui comprising of approximately 33 hectares and 2578 owners. Over the years the Trust has worked to develop a papakainga for our whānau who continue to uphold the tikanga and kawa of our Marae and hapu to ensure that whanau are able to settle on their whenua in Waitahanui.



The original plans for the papakainga were designed to meet the needs of our whānau approximately 30 years ago. Now, our whānau have increased in size considerably, however, whānau household income does not match the increase in house prices in the Taupō region. To ensure adequate supply of affordable, quality, low-emissions housing for our whānau now and into the future, we require the Taupō District Council to ensure their Long-Term Plan accommodates the needs of tangata whenua in Waitahanui, to enable the hapū to exercise their rangatiratanga as guaranteed under the Treaty.

2.0 Matters for consideration within this submission

1. Uphold the Treaty Partnership, demonstrated through active genuine partnership with the collective hapu of Tauhara.

2. Council to stop all disingenuous actions that undermine Te Tiriti o Waitangi, our mana whenua and rangatiratanga, examples include:

- changing that status of Treaty settlement assets to enable public access before they are returned, thereby directly preventing tangata whenua to give full expression to their whakapapa and mana me te mauri o te whenua,
- negotiating and securing leasing arrangements with third parties on our whenua before returning the titles back to mana whenua, the rightful owners,
- Extending the use of whenua historically acquired under legislation for uses other than what it was originally confiscated/taken for. Especially when there is no consultation with the rightful owners.

3. Make provisions for high density residential and mixed used areas in Waitahanui, specifically for Tauhara Middle 14 Trust, in support of our papakainga expansion and development.

4. Change zoning from farming to residential for the Eastern boundaries of Taupo to support the growth of our whānau.

5. Removal of rates from Maori collectively-owned land

6. Infrastructure to support affordable housing in Waitahanui

3.0 Conclusion

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the Taupō District Council Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

We would like to speak to and present our submission during the LTP submissions hearing period.

Dated: 13th April 2021

Authorised signatory on behalf of Tauhara Middle 14 Trust

Takiora Wall

Chairperson

First name: Brian

Last name: Nicholl

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General comment

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Brian Nicholl part one
Brian Nicholl part two
Brian Nicholl part three

28 January 2021

Dear David and other councilers

RE: Various issues as enclosed photocopies and notes etc.

- 1) Enclosed please find photocopies which pretty much explain a number of issues and suggestions which I'd like to bring to you all as a Fell??? Council at your next meeting thanks.
Enclosed-
 - a) NZ Herald Friday 13/10/2020 – Cats banned from new subdivision etc.
 - b) NZ Herald Friday 15/01/2021 – Boaties pets a risk to native wildlife
 - c) Waikato Times – Saturday 23/01/2021 – Letters to the editor – Water woes Solution by Richard Cair.
 - d) As above “ “ Government to est water on Fluoridation
- 2) Starting with (a) Self explanatory – On the one hand you have many dedicated people, District Councils, Regional Councils, various other groups through out NZ. Planting and replanting native trees to try and add to help with what was our original ecosystems and all the wildlife – including our treasured native birds – rare – in general – which is a very ????? ????

“Conservation” – is wise land use.

On the other had you have domestic cats, dogs and of course wild cats and dogs adding to the array of ????? pests etc chewing through our native birds at a great rate. What nonsensical, absurd lunacy is this.

It basically shows we are indeed a 3rd world country and the clean green image portrayed and advertised regularly is as many NZ'ers know is simply not true, over all!!

This is T D Councils opportunity to look at the Hamilton DC decision seriously look at this national issue also.

You have to register dogs but with domestic cates they have free range over all NZ!!

b) Self explanatory but once again shows a total disregards for our native birds and wildlife including rare species. This whole couldn't care less mind set needs to change and I challenge TDC and environment councils throughout NZ to show they care and get something done to change this!!

c)Water ??? Solution – I intend putting water tanks here to help with summer watering but haven't been able to to date he states my views on etc.

d) The Govt is hell bent on poisoning (the fewer people who know better) our water supply – so much for human rights in NZ – so much for our rights to choice in NZ.

If the majority want to drink poison and try live with is effects, diseases/ailments fine but continue to leave us who want to retain our own bores alone. We ??? the Mayor and TDC for to date.

We who maintain our own systems are of course absolutely no drain on council resources at all and when you have water restrictions we are also helping there etc.

This is T.D.C's chance to make a stand and this was also one of the reasons people like myself came to Waitahanui.

22 March 2021

Photocopies to be done from NZ Geographic Jan/Feb 2021

The Thing About Cats

a) Cover page

b) Pages 2,4,6,28 & 29 & 38 – thanks (all 2x of each)

Also – Waikato News 12/03/2021 Page 2

1) Garden watering system turned off as water restraints step up?

2) Surely a case for all over NZ

Surely a case for in all District Councils over NZ

Surely a case for – as in all the many years (most of anyway) Councils cant supply their residents and ratepayers with their al round water requirements. Which as I understand they are legislated to do/provide.

This very totally unsatisfactory absurd state of affairs imposed on its residents over decades plus – needs to be rectified and put right asap etc!!!

To go with my letter dated 12/03/2021 (3 pages & DHB we never said to hide the truth NZ Herald 12/02/2021 pA9)

12 March 2021

RE: Various issues as enclosed photocopies and notes etc and letter of 2 pages 28/01/2021 and photocopy enclosed with it from NZ Herald Friday 13/10/2020 and this letter adding to the various topics/issues etc.

It goes without saying – councils throughout NZ do carry out some good works so its not all bad!

1) I have to hand – January-February 2021 issue of NZ Geographic magazine with special feature topic on the “The Thing About Cats” (our affection for cats runs deep but it’s a issue without limits) (Pages 38 – 55) and Title/Cover page (???) plus 2 x pages 6 & 28 & 29) An excellent article by Hayden Donnell / Photographed by Rob Suisted – pretty much says it all and backs up what Gareth Morgan, myself, SPCA and many other credible animal welfare organisations and conservation groups in the country and other is on the same page about THE NEED TO REFORM (page 42)

2) See photos (yes real photos) of 331 wandering felines caught on one of his trail cameras – Rob Suisted and bear in mind that’s only what’s seen in this very small area over a given period and would only be the “Tip of the iceberg”.

The size of the problem is not only the size of the Titanic or the icefield they encountered by the SIZE of the whole of NZ and our off shore water islands.

3) See pages 48 & 49 of a natura hunter cat with a bird (Native ?) and page 49

There is a very significant fine for killing a native animal BUT, you can do it for FREE – if you do it WITH A CAT!!!

4) As I’ve said NZ Tourism/Councils businesses promote and advertise NZ’s so called – perception of a clean, green image and target other predators on our conservation and private estates/ land yearly with 1080 and other methods – and yes may kill some wild cats –

But if you own a domestic cat or cats they can and do roam at will anywhere in NZ! – no restrictions – just go for it!!

As I said one has to register a dog/s in NZ and has to have special training to not target kiwis before you can get a permit to hunt on NZ Conservation Estate!

This again is totally nonsensical illogical warp thinking and total lunacy – showing just how insane some aspects of our culture today are in reality and have been for many years.

Takin it further farmers conservation group/regional, Environment Waikato, other councils, individuals like myself, and countless other NZ'ers (School groups – you name it) are planting out native trees NZ wide to bring back our native birds and for emission control and other conservation factors (as wise land use etc) and indeed the birds replanting also with their seed distribution etc.

YET you have on the other hand tens of thousands of wild-domestic cats fully (licenced – reality) by the NZ Govt and its agency free to roam the whole of NZ and slay at will as many as one likes.

5) For the NZ Govt to permit this very sick sad state of affairs can only lead one to conclude as Gareth Morgan has and to date nothings been done, (my words not his) is it the blind leading the blind!!! Said with respect and no malleolus intent – but please five us some!!

I am asking the receptionist to photocopy pages 38-55 to go with this letter thanks

6) with many of our waterways being left to deteriorate with long standing pollution (on purpose I might add) via Govt, Council and others, and now poisoning us with toxic/polluted water via some of our District Councils.

See enclosed cutting NZ Herald 15/02/2021 pA9 – Waikouroti – Toxic high counts of lead in their water supply and previous Hawkes Bay / Hastings episode (similar and others the list just carries on as NZ sinks further into 3rd world status.

You cant only deny the truth for so long before the current system – which is corrupt collapses!!

Further: These same councils are asking its ratepayers to pay their representatives to not only put toxic poison chemicals in their water supplies (to drink) - to make them unwell and sick (which is against a G.P's Hippocratic Oath?) But are also putting their food/veg gardens and indeed all trees also with its use!!!

This also comes under – not only has the world gone mad – but NZ especially!

We are anything but portraying a clean green image.

7) Please note: most councils in NZ put water restrictions onto its ratepayers over summers – they can't even supply enough after having years to do so and plan ahead etc.

Richard Cains water woes solution in councils should be encouraging ratepayers home bach owners etc. to put into place water storage tanks which I intend to.

8) Can you please forward a copy of both letters and photocopies to date to all District Councils in NZ as these issues are NZ wide thanks to Gareth Morgan thanks and covering letter you've done so thanks.

9 April 2021

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 - NZ Herald 15/02/2021 page A9 D.H.B we neve said to hide truth???
 - Cover page (1) 2 & 3
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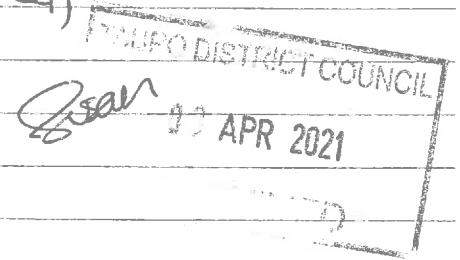
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Your silence and in-action is deferring and you are ALL responsible towards this huge destruction of our NZ Native birds who don't have a voice!! (except Gareth Morgan who is doing his best but has hit a very thick brick wall – says it all!!)

- 5) I request a reply answering all my questions and requests urgently – so much for abuse of my rights which today are worthless!
- 6) I request to be heard at 10 yr plan hearings on these matters etc

33 Mill Road R.D.2
 Waitakere Taupo 3378
 Friday 09/04/2021.

St Sara at Taupo Info Centre, Tongariro Street,
 Taupo District Councils & Mayor,
 30 Tongariro Street,
 Private Bag 2005,
 Taupo 3352



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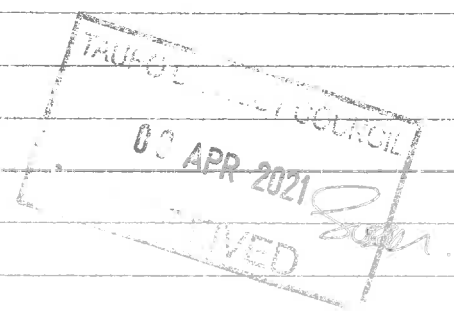
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33 Mill Road, R. D. 2,
Waitahanui, Taupo 3378
Thursday 28/01/2021

The Maeroi & Taupo District Council members,
30 Tongariro Street,
Private Bag 2005,
Taupo 3332.

Dear David & other Councilors

Re: Various issues as enclosed
photocopies & notes etc.

1) Enclosed please find photocopies which pretty much explain a number of issues & suggestions which I'd like to bring to you all as a full council at your next meeting thanks.

Enclosed -

a) NZ Herald Friday 13/01/2020 - Cats banned from new subdivision etc

b) NZ Herald Friday 15/01/2021 - Dog's pets a risk to native wildlife

c) Waikato Times Saturday 23/01/2021 - Letters to the editor

d) "as above" " " - water woes solution by Richard Cairn
Government to test waters on Fluoridation

2) Starting with (a) self explanatory. On the one hand you have many dedicated people - District Councils, Regional Councils & various other groups throughout NZ planting & replanting native trees to try & add to help with what was our original ecosystems & all the wildlife - including our treasured native birds - rare & in general - which is a very wise course.
"Conservation" - is wise land use.

On the other hand you have domestic cats & dogs & of course wild cats & dogs adding to the array of invertebrates - pests & chewing through our native birds at a great rate. What nonsensical, absurd & lunacy is this.

It basically shows we are indeed a 3rd world country & the clean green image portrayed & advertised regularly is as many NZers know is simply not true, ever!!!
This is the Council's

opportunity to look at the Hamilton DC decision - seriously look at this national issue also.

You have to register dogs but with domestic cats they have free range over all NZ!!

b) Self explanatory but once again shows ~~a~~ a total disregard for our native birds & wildlife including rare species. This whole couldn't care less mind set needs to change. I challenge T.D.C & Environment Councils throughout NZ to show they care & get something done to change this!!!

c) Water works solution - I intend putting water tanks here to help with summer watering but haven't been able to do date.
He states my views on etc.

d) The Govt is hell bent on poisoning (the fesser people who know better) our water supply - so much for Human Rights in NZ - so much for our rights to choice in NZ.

the majority want to drink poison & try & live with its ~~other~~ effects & diseases/ailments fine but continue to leave us who want to retain our own bores alone - we than the Mayor of T.D.C for to date.

We who maintain our own systems are of course absolutely no drain on Council resources at all & when you have water restrictions we are also helping there etc.

This is T.D.C's chance to make a stand & this was also one of the reasons people like myself came to Waitahariri.

yours faithfully Brian Nicholl.

attitudes of the characters and the fierce loyalty towards their stock. And for Caton, 77, it was the chance to play a different kind of character than the roles he is famous for. "It was a lovely break actually," Caton says. "I've always been the character you want to like."

His character Les is in an

makes his own rash decision to save a few sheep from being led when he can't bear to part with them.

"I was pretty scared about all the drunk acting, and I would practise my drunken walk at home," Caton says. In the movie, there are several tough scenes showing the extent of his alcohol addiction and trauma. It's

up a compromise Les wins a crucial. "It breaks Les' heart to lose his animals, it's all he really cares about." The sheep also steal the show, and made for a fun filming experience. "Whatever they say about Australia and New Zealand sheep, Australian sheep panic just as easily as New Zealand sheep," Neill says.

Ultimately, the movie holds little interest for animals. Both actors here's something special about forming a bond with animals. Neill keeps a great number on his farm in Central Otago, and often posts about them on his social media account. "What's delightful about say, taking a dog for a walk, is that every moment

human beings, we're not terribly good at that."

What the movie shows, Neill says, is that it's never too late to forgive, even if it is the hardest thing of all.

Rams is in cinemas now.

No kitten around as cats banned from new subdivision

Michael Neilson

Cats will be banned in a future Hamilton subdivision, based on a court ruling designed to protect native bats that are approaching extinction.

The measures were recommended by the Environment Court for a 105ha project called Amberfield near the Waikato River in Peacocke.

Such a ban is believed to be the first of its kind in an urban environment.

It aims to protect the nationally

critical pekapeka/long-tailed bats. The river corridor is a long-established habitat for bats, and there are roosting populations along the river.

The land proposed for development has until now been rural. However, in the coming years thousands of new homes are expected to be built in the area - over 800 in the development in question - which raised concerns for the bat population, which is declining by between 6 and 9 per cent a year and approaching

extinction. The ban, which would also apply to rats and mustelids, was first mooted by independent commissioners after a resource consent hearing for the Amberfield development, but was appealed by developer Weston Lea Ltd to the Environment Court.

The Department of Conservation also challenged the consent conditions, but argued they did not go far enough to protect bats.

The Riverlea Environment Society Incorporated and Forest & Bird reg-

istered as interested parties to the case. Evidence supplied to the Environment Court showed just one cat had killed more than 100 short-tailed bats in a week.

Judge Jeff Smith ruled the logic supporting a cat ban in the area was "almost irresistible".

Forest & Bird senior lawyer William Jennings said while the ruling was a "big win for the bats", it would also help protect many other native species predated by cats, particularly birds.



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It is a little ridiculous to suggest that an invited guest, Māori or otherwise, would deliberately insult his hosts and if that had been his intention, he would have used the language they all understood.

The fact that councillor Rapihana was asked to open and close the meeting was a clear indication, at least from those organising the event, that they thought a Māori component was appropriate.

He is one of a growing number of Māori men who have revised the

Letters to the editor

Water woes solution

Water, whether an over abundance or drought is fast becoming a mercurial resource.

Recent events suggest the supply of water in the future will become variable. Hamilton City Council must now be proactive and reward consumers who wish to install their own water tanks.

This has the potential to reduce pressure on the city's infrastructure and above all send a message that Hamilton is up with the play on climate change.

Rates rebates or subsidies on the tanks could encourage a carrot approach to an increasing problem.

Richard Cain
Hamilton East

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Paul Goldsmith will try to rise again in the education portfolio. Below: During his press conference over the \$4 billion hole in National's economic plan. Below right: Finance Minister Grant Robertson and Paul Goldsmith debate in Mood of the Boardroom last September.

Photo: Mark Mitchell, Michael Craig

Boaties' pets a risk to native wildlife

Peter de Graaf

Boaties bringing dogs and cats onto pest-free islands are putting a major nature restoration project at risk, a Northland conservationist says.

DoC and conservation groups are alarmed by reports of people bringing their pets onto the Ipihiri islands, in the eastern Bay of Islands, which have been pest-free since 2009 and are home to many rare species.

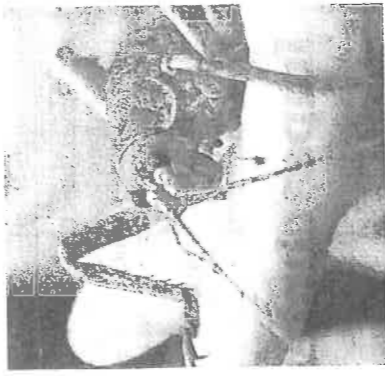
Urupukapuka and Moturua islands are particularly popular with visitors but are also teeming with native birds, reptiles and insects.

Pets aren't regarded as pests, but are barred from the islands because of the risks they pose to wildlife.

Project Island Song coordinator Richard Robbins put the increase in dogs and cats down to more boaties travelling to the bay because of the closed borders.

"A huge amount of work has gone into these islands. We want people to visit and enjoy them, but pet owners may not understand the consequences of bringing dogs and cats, even if they see them as being under control."

It also posed a risk to the future of the project, he said.



Giant weta on the Ipihiri islands are at risk from pets. Photo: Peter de Graaf

"If it's perceived that we have a problem with dogs and cats coming ashore there are certain species we just won't be able to reintroduce, like tuatara and takahe."

DoC ranger Helen Ough Dealy said she was increasingly receiving reports of dogs being taken ashore, and even cats being walked on beaches or taken on paddleboards.

"These islands are refuges, they arearks, for extremely rare species which have been re-introduced by community groups with a huge amount of dedication. They are trying to save these species from the brink of extinction."

Even the most domesticated pet had a propensity to chase, or kill, native wildlife. Dogs could frighten shorebirds such as dotterel away from their nests, exposing the eggs to heat or cold.

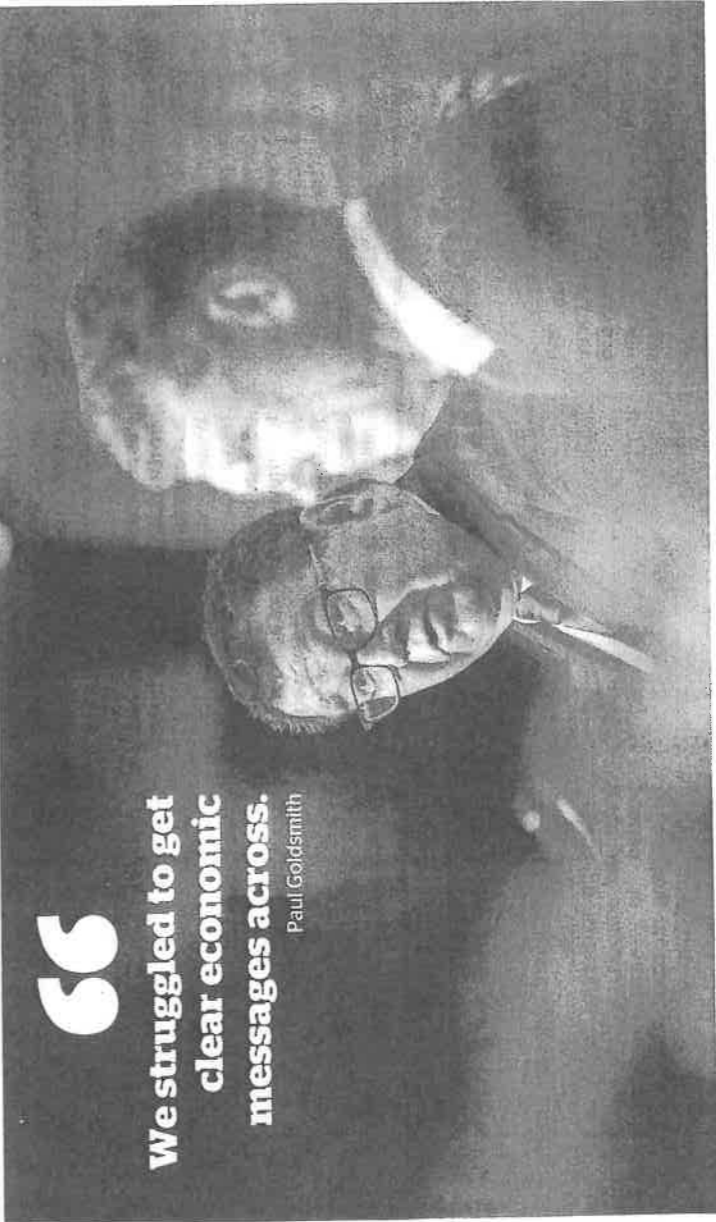
The latest species to be reintroduced, the wētāpunga or giant wētā, came down to the ground at night to feed, making it easy prey for cats. Native skinks and geckos were also easy pickings.

Signs explaining the rules had been put up on every island, wharf and boat ramp on the mainland.

In 2017, a Burmese cat vanished from a boat moored off Moturua Island and was only caught three weeks later.

In 2002, after boaties took five ferrets for a walk on Great Barrier Island, a nationwide ban was imposed on keeping ferrets as pets.

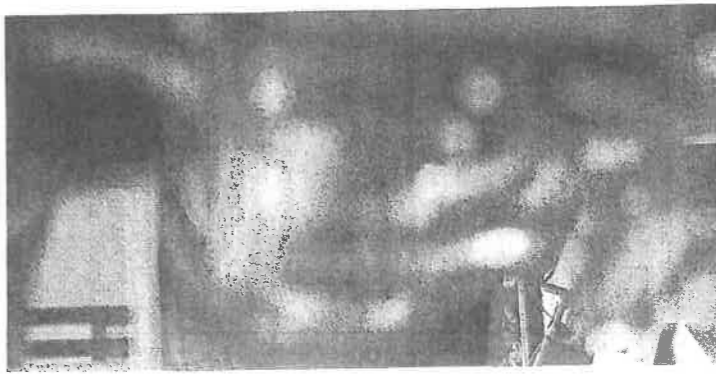
— Northern Advocate



"We struggled to get clear economic messages across."
Paul Goldsmith

the whole time. We all have strong views."
He planned to go camping at Tawharanui for the holiday.
His ambition in politics is to be in the Kitchen Cabinet—one of the inner circle around a Prime Minister.
He is now back in Opposition for a second term, and despite recent events still enjoys it.
"There's a real element of camaraderie that comes with politics, and it's something I enjoy."
Asked if his ego had suffered, he said he liked to think he was a team player.
"The way I've gone about the Epsom electorate would not be consistent with having a raging ego. I'm prepared to put the team's good first rather than my own."
Epsom delivered one of the few

bright spots in his year. Goldsmith is expected to lose Epsom to Act's David Seymour each election while trying to hold up National's party vote.
This time, Epsom was the only electorate in the country in which National won the party vote.
His vote collapsed compared to the previous election even in Epsom, so it was a negligible triumph, but Goldsmith will bank "what he can.



— a maths teacher — which has resulted in some ribbing of Goldsmith after his own mathematical lapse on the campaign.
His best mark at school was for chemistry. "I should have been a chemist, perhaps."
He and his wife also have four children in the schooling system.
"So like most New Zealanders we are touched by the education system

A6 National News

At a glance

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global cases of coronavirus2,089,455
global deathsSaliva tests for
border workers

Melanie Earley

Border workers in quarantine facilities will be offered voluntary daily Covid-19 saliva tests, Covid-19 Response Minister Chris Hipkins has announced.

The option will be introduced at the Jet Park quarantine facility in Auckland on Monday, and then at other facilities in Wellington and Christchurch.

New Zealand's low Covid-19 numbers have meant scientists could not try out the efficacy of saliva testing or other options. The new measure is in response to higher rates of infection overseas and the more contagious variants of Covid-19.

The saliva tests would not be replacing nasal swabs, Hipkins said.

"Saliva tests have a lower sensitivity than the nasopharyngeal test, so won't replace our ongoing 'gold standard' diagnostic testing methods... They will be offered as an additional screening tool for our highest-risk border workers. The tests are less invasive."

It was hoped the saliva tests would mean any positive cases among workers at quarantine facilities would be picked up faster and workers would have another layer of assurance.

"They are among the most tested people in the country and perform a critical role in keeping Covid-19 out of New Zealand communities. Their ongoing safety is a top priority," Hipkins said. The role and effectiveness of saliva testing was still evolving, he said.

The Ministry of Health will report its findings about the testing in March.

Govt warned of border strain



Pandemic
Cécile Meier

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With more people entering our borders infected with highly contagious new strains of coronavirus, epidemiologists warn a community outbreak is inevitable without more stringent restrictions.

Australia halved the number of returnees it is allowing through its borders in early January amid mounting concern over the more contagious variants of Covid-19.

Here, the Government is resisting calls to restrict further the number of returnees, citing international obligations. It has extended pre-departure testing to all passengers except those from Australia, Antarctica and most Pacific Islands, and added another test on arrival.

But experts fear this will not be enough to contain the new strain. The number of arrivals in New Zealand is more than five times higher than those arriving in Queensland, which has a similar population, University of Melbourne epidemiologist Tony Blakely says.

"Obviously both countries have done really well but more and more infected

people are coming into quarantine. It's simple maths that the more infected people entering the country, the higher the risk of an outbreak. If you halve the number of people entering the country, you halve your risk. It's the most obvious thing to do.

"It's tough, especially for people who have tickets booked, but it is a global pandemic."

Epidemiologist Michael Baker says a pre-departure test is not enough, as people could get infected in the three days after taking the test or during their travels.

Suspending or greatly reducing travel from most countries outside of Australia, the Pacific Islands and some Asian countries is an obvious fix while, in the longer-term, authorities could make vaccination a condition of travel to New Zealand, he says.

"The risk is too high. It is a massive health and economic cost to New Zealand if we get an outbreak. We have to act to reduce that risk."

An alternative to reducing arrivals would be to increase controls on people pre-departure, he says. Travellers could be made to check into an airport hotel five to seven days before their trip and get a couple of Covid-19 tests in that time.

"It's tough, especially for people who have tickets booked, but it is a global pandemic."

Tony Blakely
epidemiologist

Covid-19 Recovery Minister Chris Hipkins says authorities have to balance managing health risks with the rights of citizens to return home under international law.

"Our border is being monitored extremely closely to protect New Zealand's community, and every day we're looking to see how we can make any risk around that as small as possible."

Australia's Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, took a different approach on January 8, when he announced most states would halve their caps on international arrivals.

Until February 15, entry into New South Wales is capped at 1505 arrivals each week, Western Australia at 512 weekly arrivals and Queensland at 500.

Victoria was already operating at less than 50 per cent capacity, and there would be no change in South Australia and other smaller states where numbers were low, Morrison said as he announced the restrictions.

International lawyers have criticised Australia's coronavirus border regime.

A leading human rights lawyer based in London, Geoffrey Robertson QC, told the *Sydney Morning Herald* that caps on airport arrivals breached the human rights of tens of thousands of Australian expats stranded overseas.

The policy was in breach of a key United Nations treaty that enshrined a person's right to return home, he said.

The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights states no-one should be "arbitrarily deprived of the right to enter his own country".

The treaty contains exemptions for national security, public order or public health, but Robertson says the 14-day hotel quarantine system deals with the health challenges of returning citizens.

New Zealand may not have strict caps like Australia, but entry is effectively capped by the available space in managed isolation. When isolation hotels are full, people cannot book a flight.

Trampers urge QR codes at huts, campsites

Tess Brunton of RNZ

Slip, slop, slap and scan - that was the message given to New Zealanders as they entered their first summer without international tourists in decades.

But with many New Zealanders hitting the trails and exploring the great outdoors, trampers are questioning why Covid-19 QR codes are not available at popular Department of Conservation (DOC) huts and toilets. Nelson resident Jan is one of them.

She has visited the Heaphy Track, Elaine Bay campsite and Tauranga Bay. But she is baffled that the familiar bright yellow striped QR code signs are nowhere to be seen at DOC toilet stops or facilities.

Earlier this month, the Ministry of Health urged people not to become complacent after daily QR code scanning rates almost halved compared with November.

Jan said it made no sense to push for people to scan and then not have codes available at well-used huts and toilets.

DOC confirmed there are QR codes in DOC campsites with a ranger present and at visitor centres but they are not required at other

The Department of Conservation has confirmed QR codes are at its campsites but they are not required at other facilities, including huts and on tracks.



facilities, including huts and on tracks.

Waikato Tramping Club president Selwyn June said his members would certainly scan if there was a QR code available. "We certainly have a QR code on our hut on Mt Ruapehu.

"We would expect them to be on DOC

huts, really, because people are crammed in together in the huts and you don't always know who the other people are."

His club has 250 members and trips are planned across both islands.

Marlborough Tramping Club president

Going to the shops?
Stop! Scanner time

Scan a nearby Covid-19 QR code to stay safe

Mary Jobberns said she would scan in if there were QR codes available. "Everybody takes responsibility for themselves, number one, and you just carry on making sure someone knows where you are and by doing that you can be traced anyway."

DOC heritage and visitors director Steve Taylor said the department had good systems to keep people safe but visitors had to play their part. "It is up to individuals to play their part in keeping themselves safe, choose what activities they are comfortable with, stay home if unwell and to keep a record of where they have been.

"Ministry of Health advice is that the risk of spreading Covid-19 is low in places in the outdoors, like huts, campsites and tracks. At huts, visitors are encouraged to use the intentions system, hut books or to book and those methods are used to contact trace."

Government to test
waters on fluoridation

Health Minister Andrew Little has a taste for adding fluoride to the nation's water supplies, confirming the Government's intention to strip councils of their fluoridation powers and hand them to district health boards. Little confirmed that a proposal in 2016 that the decision-making powers on fluoridating water supplies transfer to DHBs was still the plan. He is also prepared to argue the case. "Let's have a good public debate. Let's challenge those who want to ignore the science - let's take them on, head on, because it is time we did that," Little said yesterday. "We have to grapple with this problem because oral health is absolutely vital to overall health. Water fluoridation was "a policy we are considering right now. We are looking at it and that is one of [Associate Health Minister Dr] Ayesha Verrall's tasks to look at it, and regulating the public water supply. I can't give you a timeline but it is kind of front and centre of the public health issues that we are dealing with so there will be a decision".

Second firearm buyback
scheme starts next month

The Government will operate another gun buyback scheme next month. Police will collect firearms, conversion kits and parts that were prohibited and restricted under new legislation introduced last year. The buyback will run February 1-May 1, with an amnesty in place until the start of August for anyone wanting to hand in prohibited items after the buyback ends. "The last buyback and amnesty was unprecedented for New Zealand and collected 60,297 firearms, 299,837 prohibited parts and magazines, and modified a further 5630 firearms," Police Minister Poto Williams said yesterday. The original gun buyback scheme and amnesty came in the aftermath of the terrorist attack on two Christchurch mosques in 2019. The forthcoming buyback will be on a much smaller scale, with police managing the buyback through appointments at police stations.

Oranga Tamariki chief
executive steps down

Oranga Tamariki chief executive and Secretary for Children Grainne Moss has stepped down. Sir Wira Gardiner has been appointed as acting chief executive in her place. Moss faced criticism after a Waitangi Tribunal urgent inquiry into the agency's removal of Māori babies but had said she would stay in her role. Minister in charge of Oranga Tamariki Kelvin Davis said leading the agency was one of the toughest roles in the public service "and I respect the decision she has made". Last year, Davis publicly refused to express confidence in Moss. "And now I welcome Sir Wira Gardiner into the acting chief executive role. My focus is working with the leadership of Oranga Tamariki and fixing the system and implementing the Government's work programme." Moss has accepted a role leading the Public Service Commission's pay equity work.

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Receptionist - Mayor of Taupo District Council 22/03/2021

Photocopies to be done from NZ Geographic - Jan/Feb 2021.

The King About Cats.

a) Coverpage

b) Pages 2, 4, 6, 28, 29 & 38 to 55) thanks (all x 2 of each)

Also - Waikato News, 12/03/2021 page 2.

1) Garden watering system turned off as water restrictions step up?

2) Surely a case for all over NZ

Surely a case for ~~in~~ all District Councils over NZ.

Surely a case for -

as in all the many years (most of any year)
Councils can't supply their residents &
ratepayers with their all round water
requirements -

which as I understand
they are legislated to do

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This very totally unsatisfactory state of affairs imposed on
its residents over decades plus - needs to be rectified put
right a.s.p etc !!!

3) to go with my letter dated 12/03/2021 (3 pages - DHB - we never
said to hide the truth,
NZ Herald 15/02/2021 p A9.)

From: Mr Brian Nicholl

33 Mill Road, R.D. 9

Waikanae, Taupo 3378

07-378-3829. - Please call for appointment.

DHB: We never said to hide truth

The Southern District Health Board (SDHB) denies advising the local council not to go public when lead contamination was found in East Otago drinking water.

This month, residents in Waikouaiti, Karitane and Hawksbury Village were told not to drink or cook with tap water after lead was detected in the supply.

Within days of the no-drink notice, Dunedin City Mayor Aaron Hawkins told *Checkpoint* that council staff did not advise the public of the elevated lead level back in August after advice from Public Health South.

However, Southern DHB's medical officer of health Dr Susan Jack said that was not the case.

"For a one-off exceedance, the recommendation and guidelines are to increase the testing to work out if there's a possible reason why it was elevated and then if there are obviously more results, then action would be taken," she said.

"Our recommendation was to increase the testing, we didn't advise that they shouldn't go public.

"But the usual process is that you would not go public with that information if they're following the recommendations of increasing the testing and working out what's going on."

As for any plans to change that process, Jack said the Water Services

We will be working with people to look at their possible lead exposures whether that be in your house or from work or for hobbies.

Medical officer of health Dr Susan Jack

Bill that would support the new drinking-water regulator was out for consultation and that would likely be an area looked at closely.

More than 1000 people have had a blood test for lead contamination since the no-drink notice was issued, with a community testing clinic in Waikouaiti from Tuesday until Friday. Results have already started returning, with residents describing a mix of relief and confusion.

The World Health Organisation states on its website there is no level of lead exposure known to be without harmful effects, and lower exposure levels could still cause health problems.

Jack said the SDHB was using an internationally accepted threshold for lead blood levels.

"We're not planning to reconsider that threshold.

"We are taking a conservative approach and we're using the inter-

nationally accepted reference value of 0.24 micromoles per litre for all ages.

"This is the equivalent of five micrograms per decilitre (a tenth of a litre) that people may have seen in WHO and other guidelines.

"Anyone above that 0.24 gets a call from our public-health unit and a detailed discussion about what their possible exposures may be," she said.

Jack recommended people consider what their potential exposure points were and to try and reduce them.

"We will be working with people to look at their possible lead exposures so whether that be in your house or from work or for hobbies, so for example, if people have an old house and they're stripping back paint, making sure that our especially vulnerable populations are not being exposed to that and that's being done in a safe manner."

Jack said the SDHB would be guided by the Ministry of Health if anyone had been affected by lead.

"Our bodies do not need it for any biological use so if we do have lead in our bodies, it's not normal."

On Friday, Director General of Health Ashley Bloomfield confirmed Dr Heather Uwins-England and Dr Jill McKenzie would undertake a review into the health-system response.

- RNZ

Also past Hawkins NZ Herald 15/02/2021 page A9.
Bay of Hastings episode.

* Please ^{sign} date & stamp these documents with T.D. Gerald ~~stamp~~ thanks - other - 28/01/2021 not done = unprofessional!

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Friday 12/03/2021

The Mayor & Teupo District Councillors, Council, Receptionist Gareth Morgan
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Please forward a copy of all documents submitted to Gareth Morgan thanks as I don't have his contact details thanks - reception.

Dear David & other councillors.

It goes without saying, Councils throughout NZ do carry out some good works - so its not all bad!

Re: Various issues, as enclosed photocopies
• notes etc letter of 2 pages 28/01/2021
• photocopy enclosed with it from NZ Herald Friday 13/10/2020 & this letter adding to the various topics/issues etc

1) I have to hand - January-February 2021 issue of NZ Geographic magazine with special feature ~~topic~~ on "The thing About Cats" [our affection for cats runs deep but its a love without limits] [pages 38 to 55] + little cover page (PSP) plus 2 x page 6 & 28 & 29 An excellent article by Hayden Donnell Photographed by Rob Suisted - pretty much says it all & backs up what Gareth Morgan, myself, SPCA & many other credible animal welfare organisations & conservation groups in the country stress is on the same page about **THE NEED TO REFORM** (page 42).

2) see photos (yes real photos) of 331 wandering felines caught on one of his trail cameras - Rob Suisted - bear in mind that's only what's seen in this very small area over a given period & would only be "The tip of the iceberg" The size of the problem is not only the size of the Titanic or the icefield they encountered by the SIZE of the whole of NZ - our off-shore-water islands.

3) see pages 48 & 49. - 48 of a national hunter cat with a bird (native?) & page 49. There is a very significant fine for killing a native animal BUT, you can do it for FREE - if you do it WITH A CAT!!!! P.T.O

4) As we said NZ Tourism/Councils, businesses promote & advertise NZ's so called - perception of a Clean Green Image, and target other predators on our conservation & private estates/land yearly with 1000+ other methods, - < you may kill some wildcats, - but if you own a domestic cat or cats they can do room & will engage in NZ! - no restrictions - just go for it!!

As I said one has to register a dog/s in NZ & has to have special training to not target kiwis & before you can get a permit to hunt on NZ Conservation Estate!!

This again is totally, nonsensical, illogical & warped thinking - total lunacy - showing just how insane some aspects of our culture truly are & really have been for many years!

Taking it further farmers conservation group/Regional-environmental workers other councils, individuals like myself & countless other NZers (school groups - you name it),

are planting out Native trees NZ wide to bring back our native birds & for emission & other conservation factors (as wise land use etc) indeed

the birds replanting also with their seed distribution etc, **YET** you have on the other hand tens of thousands of wild-domestic cats - fully licensed - regulated by the NZ Govt - its agencies free to roam the whole of NZ - stay at will as many as one likes,

of our Native Birds, 5) For the NZ Govt to permit this very sick sad state of affairs can only lead one to conclude as Gerrik Morgan has & to date nothing been done, (my words not his) is, it's the blind leading the blind!!! said with regret & no malice intent - but please give us some!!

I am asking the Receptionist to photocopy pages 38-55 to go with this letter thanks.

6) With many of our waterways being left to deteriorate with long standing pollution (on purpose I might add) via Govt's Councils actions,

now poisoning us with toxic/polluted water via some of our District Councils,

See enclosed cutting NZHerald 15/02/2021 p A9. - Waikareoti - toxic high counts of lead in their water supply & previous Hawkes Bay/Hastings episode (similar & others - the list just carries on as NZ sinks further into 3rd world status.

You can't only down the truth for so long before the current system, - which is corrupt collapses !!!

Further: These same councils are asking its ratepayers to pay their representatives to not only put toxic poison - chemicals in their water supplies (to drink) -

to make them unwell & sick (which is against a G.P.'s Hippocratic oath?)

NB. More to follow shortly ~~Richard~~ but are also putting their food/veg gardens - indeed all trees also with its use !!!

* This also comes under - Not only has the world gone mad, -

but NZ especially!

* We are anything but portraying a clean green image.

7) Please note: most councils in NZ put water restrictions onto its ratepayers over summers - they can't even supply enough after having years to do so & plan ahead etc.

Richard Cairns water works solution

in Councils should be encouraging ratepayers home batch owners etc to put into place water storage tanks which I intend to

8) Can you please forward a copy of both letters & photocopies to date to all District Councils in NZ - as these issues are NZ wide thanks & to Gareth Morgan thanks & covering letter you've done so thanks, Regards Brian Nicholl,

Garden watering system turned off as water restrictions step up

Danielle Zollbrofer



Matamata-Piako District Council says it has taken down Morrinsville hanging baskets as an approach to save water.

Following the recent warm and dry period, the council has moved up the water alert level scale to alert level 3, putting a sprinkler ban in force for all water supply consumers in Te Aroha, Matamata, Morrinsville, Te Pot, Tahuna, Waikato and Himuera. This means residents and visitors of the district have to say bye-bye to the colourful hanging baskets in Morrinsville while Matamata-Piako has the sprinkler ban in place, as also all of the district's garden watering systems have been turned off.

The water restrictions apply to all residential and commercial customers on town water supply. At level

The district council says the hanging baskets in Morrinsville are being taken down as garden watering systems are turned off to save water.

Photo / File

3, these also apply to businesses and commercial customers, including schools and childcare centres, where water is being used for non-core business purposes.

Council's water and wastewater manager Karl Pavlovich says: "It will take a fair amount of rain to replenish our water supplies. We need everyone to conserve as much water as possible so we can get through the coming months."

Pavlovich says the decision to change levels was made based on factors like dam levels, weather forecasts and soil moisture levels. The problem is the changing weather pattern, where the traditional four seasons no longer apply. "This is another dry summer, after a dry winter and a previously record dry summer in 2019/20."

As rain is predicted, but not guaranteed, council has decided to take

precaution by moving up the alert level scale.

"If water use continues at the current level without getting steady rainfall in the water catchment areas we'll need to move to level 4 restrictions in about 20 days," says Pavlovich.

During water alert level 3, outdoor watering can only be done using a hand-held hose on alternate days, meaning addresses with even street numbers should water on days with even dates in the month, and odd letterbox numbers can water on days with odd dates.

Sprinklers, garden irrigation systems, unattended hoses, unnecessary water blasting and other water use is banned.

There is no restriction on when hand-held hoses can be used. Otorohanga District and Thames-Coromandel District have no restric-

tions in place apart from the permanent watering ban in Thames Valley, Hamilton city, Waipa (only Te Awamutu, Pirongia, Kaipaki and Ohauipo) and Waikato District (Tauwhare, Gordonito, Matangi, Tamahere, Newstead/Eureka, Wallace Rd and Stonebridge estate) are all at alert level 2: sprinklers and irrigation systems on alternate days between 6am and 8am and 6pm and 8pm, hand-held hoses anytime.

Cambridge and Kihikahi are on alert level 1, meaning sprinklers between 6am and 8am and 6pm and 8pm, hand-held hoses any time.

Hauraki District and South Waikato District are at alert level 1, conserve water with the exception of Atarupum which is in level 2, sprinklers on alternative days between 6am-8am and 6pm-8pm. Hand-held hoses at any time.

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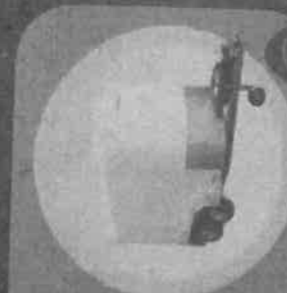
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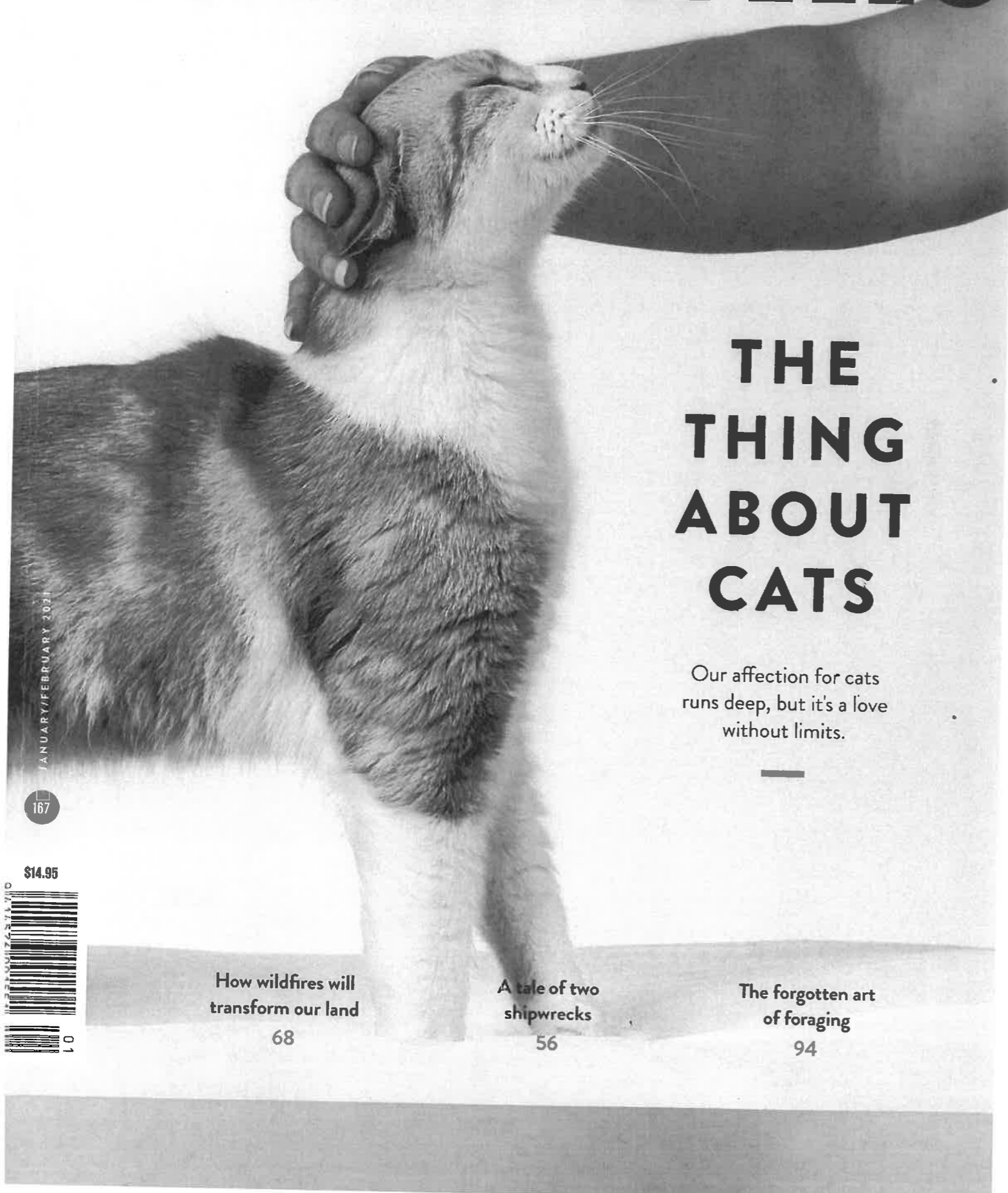
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We can love our cats and give them rules, too.

MY FAMILY HAS always had cats, but never on purpose. Our first cat was left behind by our neighbours when they moved. We made the mistake of naming him, and after that, he was one of us. When he died, there was a respectful pause of a few months, as if the local feline community knew how much we'd loved him.

Then another cat started hanging around. She moved in, and after a while, we accepted the fact. She was terribly afraid of fires, and that made us wonder what her past held. When she started wobbling as she walked, and then had a stroke, it took even less time for another cat to turn up on our doorstep. This one was smaller, with patches of grey and white fur. It looked up at us imploringly, as if to say: "I'm here to apply for the cat vacancy."

We don't know where these cats came from. Our new cat doesn't have other owners, we're sure of it. It sleeps 23 hours a day in the basket of clean laundry, and runs pointlessly back and forth across the lawn. Somewhere in Auckland's suburbs, it seems, there's an inexhaustible supply of unloved cats.

A house is different with a cat in it. You're never alone. Slowly, you learn each other's idiosyncrasies. If you live alongside one another for long enough, you may even convince yourself the cat has a sixth sense for human emotion. From its muteness you will infer that it understands either everything or nothing.

Animals, and cats in particular, are a small piece of the wild embedded in our homes: inscrutable, unfathomable, nonsensical.

Most importantly, they don't judge humans

in the same way that humans judge each other. Being required by an animal is a meaningful experience, more important to us than it sounds.

It's hard to reconcile wanting a house with a cat in it with wanting a forest resplendent with birds, but as Hayden Donnell points out on page 38, those things aren't mutually exclusive. We can love our cats and give them rules, too.

New Zealand's most famous feline embodies the difficulty of cat management. Every day, an enormous ginger cat called Mittens wanders central Wellington. He slopes into offices, rides elevators, leaps into cars, inspects

shops. He is fearless and indiscriminate with his affection, and as a result he is much loved by the internet. His roaming is the very thing that cat-control advocates are trying to prevent.

But I think Mittens' popularity also speaks to the desire for something wild in the middle of a city,

something untameable. This issue investigates a few other aspects of the urban wild.

Christchurch has a massive park-in-waiting, one so large it's hard to wrap your head around its scale. The Red Zone is almost twice the size of Manhattan's Central Park, its razed suburbs a space for all.

And in all our cities can be found a network of rebel plants, growing despite attempts to manage them. As I discovered this spring, many of them are delicious.

The wild is here, alongside us. We just need to know how to see it.

REBEKAH WHITE, EDITOR

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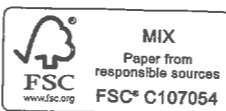
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ROB SUISTED

The cat is out of the bag

Rob Suisted figured he was in for an easy assignment. His subjects had other ideas.

"I HAVE CATS all the time, and I don't even know it," says photographer Rob Suisted, looking at what the camera at one of his farm gates has captured. Felines roaming by day and by night. They don't belong to him, or to his neighbours. Their existence was a revelation. "If it wasn't for the trail cam I would have no idea of all these cats roaming over my land," he says.

At first, cats seemed like an easy assignment. Cats are everywhere. Almost half of all households in the country have a cat. But that doesn't make them easy to photograph.

Pulling out a lens and pointing it, says Suisted, makes a feline uncomfortable.

Suisted spent an afternoon in the lounge of Auckland cat owners Mikey Brenndorfer and Romelli Graciela, waiting for any one of their four indoor cats to come out from under the bed. He visited a cat cafe and a rest home, where cats play a therapeutic role.

It was easier to photograph bats, concludes Suisted, referring to the story that used to be at the top of his list of most difficult *New Zealand Geographic* assignments. Bats—tiny, fast, nocturnal, unpredictable. Still, they're easier than cats. Bats don't play power games with the photographer.

Covering cats was also a challenging story thematically, with Suisted tasked with capturing the conflict and contradictions of cat ownership—to document the benefits of feline companionship as well as the harm they cause.

Most of the people in this story advocating for stricter cat rules are cat owners themselves. They envisage a world where a New Zealander can love cats and birds without their preferences causing a moral contradiction.

It's all very well, says Suisted, but he remains firmly a dog person. **RW**

"If it wasn't for the trail cam I would have no idea of all these cats roaming over my land."



VERONIKA MEDUNA travels the Raukūmara Rā to look at an exter iwi-led conservat project planned restore the health the ngahere.



HAYDEN DONN owns the most cat any present-day contributor to *New Zealand Geographic*. We set him off to determine whether cats are good or evil. (Or both.)



PAUL DALY photographed two places in transition this issue: the re-created burned terrain at Lake Ohau, and the evolving Red Zone in Christchurch.



Secret lives of cats

Over several years, Heidy Kikillus attached tiny GPS collars to cats and recorded their movements. Each cat wore the collar for a week, so Heidy and her colleagues could better understand feline behaviour.

Like tiny tangles of wool, the squiggles on this page show where Marmite, Zeus, Smudgy Bum and 100 other cats ventured over seven days. Some cats are homebodies, rarely venturing beyond their own backyard. Others roam suburban streets and parks, travelling over half a kilometre from home. The most mobile cat lives in a rural area, which is not shown on the map, and travelled 2.25 kilometres from home.



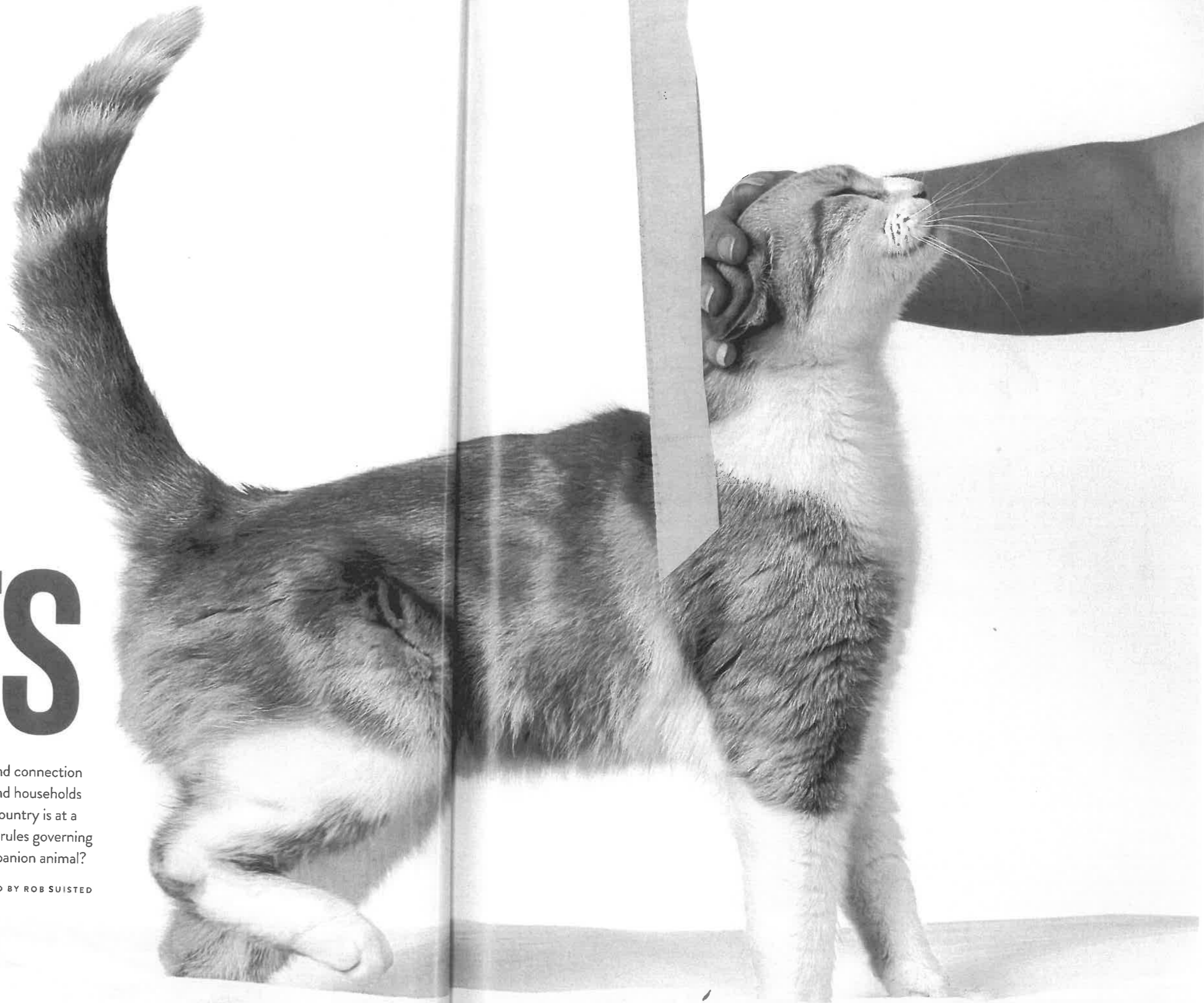
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OUR LOVE AFFAIR WITH CATS

Cats provide comfort, companionship and connection to the wild. Nearly half of all New Zealand households include a feline member. But now the country is at a crossroads—should we introduce stronger rules governing how we look after our most beloved companion animal?

WRITTEN BY HAYDEN DONNELL | PHOTOGRAPHED BY ROB SUISTED



Joanne Perry, a conservation policy advisor, mostly keeps her cat indoors. New Zealand is unusual among developed nations in allowing cats to freely roam outside. In countries such as Canada, pet owners are considered irresponsible if their cats leave home, and in some parts of Australia, owners can be fined if their cat leaves the property.



was at work when my wife sent me a photo of two kittens in a pet store in the Auckland suburb of Morningside. We'd been half-looking for a while, driven by some unnameable feeling that I would later learn, after the birth of my first child, was probably a nesting impulse.

One of the cats was black and white, the other tortoiseshell. The store preferred they were adopted together, because the girl, Lanai, was timid. They thought she wouldn't be happy without her more confident, protective older brother, Benny. We took them both.

I promptly devoted much of my existence to making them happy. Early in the morning I'd tiptoe into their room and sit with them curled on my knee until it was time to go to work. It was almost revelatory to experience the contentment that comes with keeping another living being in your care.

IN ADOPTING OUR kittens, we were hardly alone. Few countries have more cats per person than New Zealand. About 44 per cent of our households have adopted at least one feline companion. Some have become celebrities. The nation mourned en masse when Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern's polydactyl pet, Paddles, was run over in 2017. Mittens, a wandering Turkish angora in central Wellington, has garnered widespread acclaim for his habit of trespassing in shops, homes and managed isolation facilities across the capital. More than 60,000 people have joined a Facebook group dedicated to tracking Mittens' movements. He has been nominated for New Zealander of the Year by Kiwibank.



“I asked them why they don’t run a campaign against cats,” says Morgan. “They said, ‘No no, they’re New Zealand’s most loved animal.’ I said, ‘Well I’ll do it. I don’t care.’”

But this love is one without limits. We let our affection for our feline companions blind us to the damage they cause. Where other countries, such as Australia, have regional by-laws to control cats, New Zealand is a patchwork of lax or non-existent rules. Although conservationists and animal welfare experts have been calling for sensible cat management laws for years, there has been little real action taken to address the impact they have on our environment.

THE MOVEMENT FOR a national cat by-law started in earnest with Gareth Morgan. In 2013, the Wellington economist told every reporter who would listen that cats were “serial killers” and “nature’s only sadists”. His spiel was carried by the *Herald* under the headline “Morgan calls for cats to be wiped out”. Morgan was trying to raise the profile of his campaign, Cats to Go, which he says was inspired by conversations with Department of Conservation (DOC) workers about the destruction cats were causing on Rakiura/Stewart Island. “I asked them why they don’t run a campaign against cats,” says Morgan. “They said, ‘No no, they’re New Zealand’s most loved animal.’ I said, ‘Well I’ll do it. I don’t care.’”

Cats to Go’s aim was to ensure cats were registered and kept indoors—not to wipe them out. That didn’t stop the hate mail and death threats. Morgan chuckles as he remembers the fallout. The day after his spiel went to print, he and his wife, Joanne, boarded a plane to China. Soon after landing, they went to the Huangpu River and opened the *Shanghai Daily*. “There

it was on page one: ‘Downunder economist wants to kill all cats,’” he says. “I said to Jo, ‘How’s that for cut-through?’”

IT’S TEMPTING TO look back on Morgan’s campaign as an embarrassing defeat. He’s used as a punchline in jokes on television comedy shows. TOP—the political party he founded, fought with, then quit—ran ads in the 2020 election with the tagline “There’s no cat policy—no kitten”. But Helen Beattie, chief veterinary officer at the New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA), credits Morgan with getting people thinking about cat control. “I talked to someone recently about how change happens and they said an initiator starts a conversation. It gets the first bit of attention,” she says. “Gareth was the initiator of a pretty inflammatory conversation, but actually what he wanted was what we want as well.”

Beattie is a member of the National Cat Management Strategy Group, which formed in 2014 after a small cluster of animal experts met with Morgan about his campaign. “They were trying to shut me up,” Morgan says. His daughter Jessi Morgan, who leads the Predator Free New Zealand Trust, is more diplomatic. “I think in terms of raising the profile of the issue, Gareth was good. Now we’re in damage control. You get that publicity, and then you try to make it a reasonable conversation.”

“I have cats all the time, and I didn’t even know it,” says photographer Rob Suisted, who lives on a farm outside Wellington. He’s not a cat owner. His neighbours don’t have cats. He’s not sure where the 331 wandering felines caught on this trail camera came from. In his area, cats displace stoats, and tend to prefer hunting rabbits and rats to birds—whereas stoats focus on bird life.

Even if it started as an effort to shut Morgan up, the strategy group has become a political force. Its members include the NZVA, the Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) and Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ), with the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and DOC signing on as technical advisors. The group recently issued an updated strategy that makes 13 recommendations, including a call for a National Cat Management Act to replace our current hodgepodge collection of council by-laws. The group wants to bring the country into line with parts of Australia, where there are limits on the number of cats people can own, and penalties for allowing them to roam unhindered. In the state of Victoria, cat microchipping is compulsory and cats can be seized and impounded if found wandering off their property. Ultimately, the group envisions a future where there are no stray or feral cats, and every companion cat is either kept inside or contained on a property. If its proposals are accepted, it would mean the most significant reform to companion animal management since the Dog Control Act 1996.

The most surprising thing about the cat management debate in New Zealand isn’t the division it inspires but the consensus. Arnja Dale, chief science officer at the SPCA, says just about every credible animal welfare organisation and conservation group in the country is on the same page about the need for reform. Everyone, from Dale to the people at LGNZ, recognises cats are causing harm, whether by bird predation or their tendency to spread the toxoplasmosis parasite, which has been linked to schizophrenia and foetal death in humans, and blamed for the deaths of Māui and Hector’s dolphins.

All these organisations think our current rules are untenable. They speak of the “cat-shaped hole” in the government’s Predator



Free 2050 strategy. "It's a very emotional issue, but it's not a controversial issue," says Dale. "There is widespread agreement. It's just that people have a very emotional response around cats." These groups might not label cats as serial killers, or nature's only sadists, but to some extent they agree with Gareth Morgan.

SOON AFTER GETTING our kittens, we discovered a problem: Lanai hated using the litter box. We set up clean ones around the house, and spent our nights tipping out lightly soiled litter. Still, we'd wake up to the wafting smell of cat urine.

When I interviewed animal behaviour specialist Mark Vette for a story, I seized on the chance to ask him how to stop my house smelling like an oversized cat toilet. But he didn't

have any advice. He just said I'd have to let the cats go outside.

BANDED DOTTEREL EGGS are hard to see, moulded by evolution to blend into the rocks of their seashore nesting sites. There are three eggs in the centre of the photo Parker Jones brings up on the television screen at his Eastbourne home. Their camouflage is impressive. The only clue they're in frame is a pair of glowing eyes in the backdrop of the shot, staring at them.

The next shot shows the owner of those eyes, a cat, slinking into the picture. It's big, with a tabby coat. "That's domestic," says Jones. The cat is well fed. Its coat is shiny. Most tellingly, its ears are intact, free of the deep gouging feral cats incur in scraps over food and territory.

The cat sniffs one of the eggs, hunches over the nest, and starts chewing. It rips one shell apart, then wanders back off into the night, leaving the other two eggs intact. The chicks' mother, who Jones identifies by the code on her coloured leg tag, PCCF, soon returns to find the remains of the egg. She picks up the broken pieces of its shell, and carries them away from her remaining two eggs.

More photos show this scene repeating over the next two nights. The cat eats an egg on each visit. On the final night—October 27, 2018—the mother returns to an empty nest.

Jones has been monitoring the banded dotterel nests on the Eastbourne shoreline for the last three years, as part of his work with the Mainland Island Restoration Operation (MIRO). He's never seen a chick survive to adulthood. In 2018, 12 nests failed,

including the one destroyed by the tabby. Two sets of eggs hatched, but none of the chicks made it. A similar scenario played out the following year. Eggs only hatched at five of 17 nests. All the chicks died before they could fly.

Banded dotterel are also hunted by karoro/black-backed gulls. But only one predator has been caught on camera eating chicks in Eastbourne.

In 2019, Jones's photos show another domestic cat attacking a nest. This time, a cage has been set up around the eggs. The cat waits for the chicks' mother to flee, then uses the cage as a springboard to swipe at the adult bird.

Jones shuts down the slideshow, and his own cat, Oreo, walks over and nudges his legs. They've had Oreo for 14 years. "I love my cat," says Parker. "He gives me a lot of joy. These are beautiful companions. But I think somehow we have to learn how we can cohabitate with them without this killing."

THE FIRST BIRD Benny brought in was still alive, though injured. I pried it off him and put it in the garage. Once the cats fell asleep I crept back out to the garden and freed it.

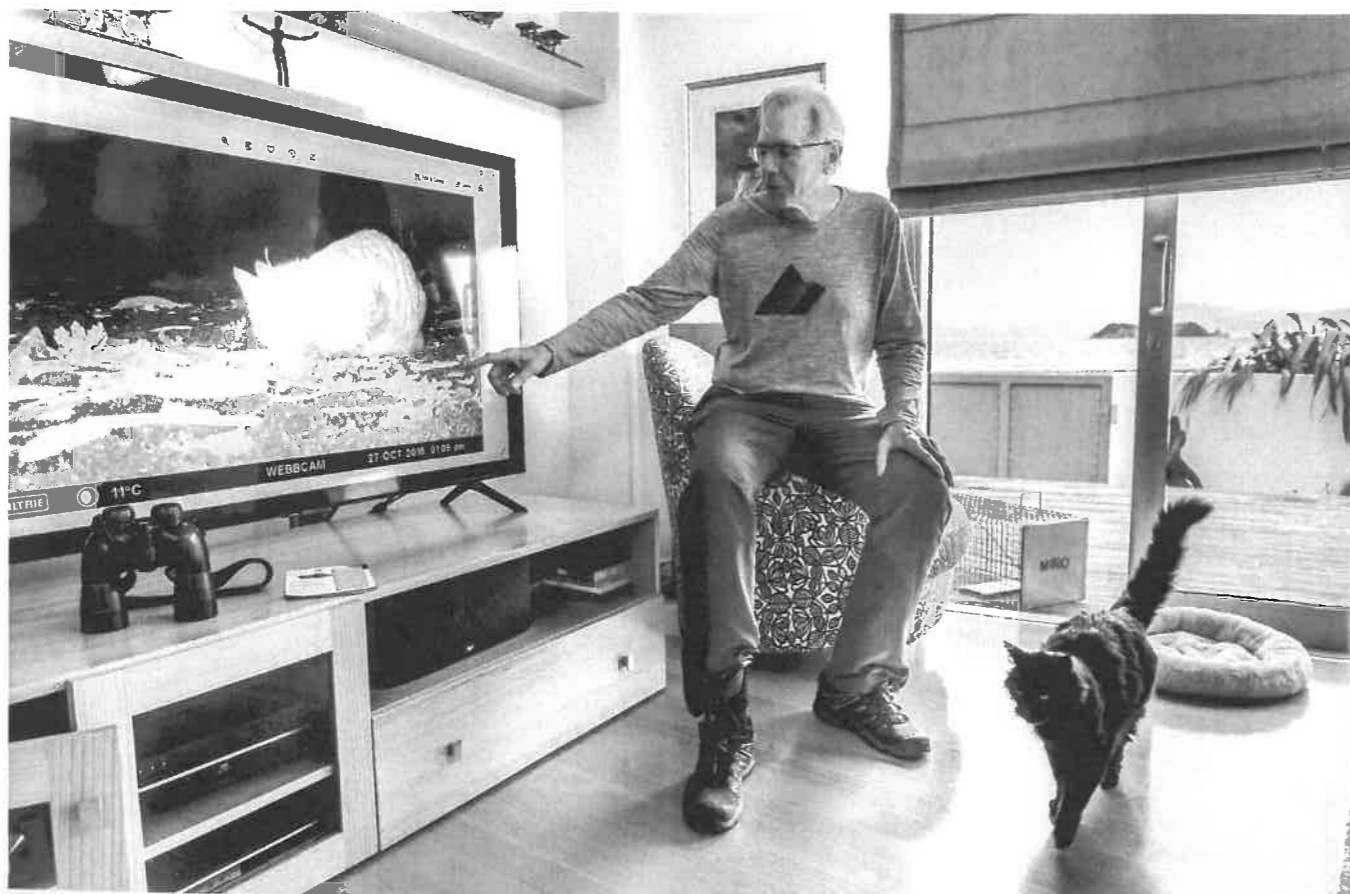
I found its dismembered remains the following morning.

After that, the birds arrived in a macabre parade. There were tortured squawks at night, trails of feathers across the lounge. We fitted

We fitted Benny with a bell. He learned to stalk with it on. For a while he wore a kind of colourful Victorian ruff, which only made him look more jolly as he slaughtered.

Benny with a bell. He learned to stalk with it on. For a while he wore a kind of colourful Victorian ruff, which only made him look more jolly as he slaughtered.

Some birds were barely clinging to life. I would bang them on the head with a spade and tip the corpses into the wheelie bin.



Parker Jones hopes to protect the banded dotterels of Eastbourne from predation by cats. Tensions ran high in the community after one cat was identified after attacking the birds, and its owner slammed on social media. Like many of the people advocating for tighter rules around where cats can roam, Jones is a cat owner himself.

Through all this, I at least had one consolation: the cats had never brought in a native bird.

ON THE OUTSKIRTS of Kaikōura, Ailsa Howard is learning why a consensus among conservation groups may not be enough to drive cat management reform. A domestic cat has been preying on the banded dotterel at South Bay. It's killed five birds in the last year, and has possibly taken out penguins. She knows exactly which cat is responsible. She recognises it from the trail cameras because she has cat-sat for its owner. Despite that, she has struggled to convince the owner to keep the cat inside. "I've really worked so hard with this guy, who in a way is a friend," she says. "He just truly believes that the cat should hunt."

Howard is almost in tears over the impact that this cat and others like it are having on a banded dotterel nesting site near her home in South Bay. It's mid-October and a bird she's been tracking for years through her self-funded project, the Banded Dotterel Study, has just been killed. RLBB was nesting in an exposed area. Howard had been expecting the loss. But it still hurt to see footage of the bird in a cat's jaws. She's thinking over what she might have



done differently, whether she should have put RLBB's chicks in a sanctuary. "In the end we just had to let nature take its course," she says. Her voice cracks. "There is a very significant fine for killing a native animal. But you can do it for free if you do it with a cat."

Howard's frustration goes deeper than just the loss of RLBB. She's seen many of the birds she's studied die. In 2020, 15 of the 22 nests she tracked failed, with many of them falling victim to feral and domestic cats. She spends hours researching legal avenues to stop the attacks, days putting together fruitless presentations on the need for Kaikōura District Council to implement tougher cat by-laws. Nearly every effort she's made so far has been futile. Few people, whether politicians or Kaikōura locals, are willing to make the changes she believes will protect the dotterel at South Bay.

"This ongoing frustration, this absolute despair I have, is at being unable to manage this problem. This recognition we aren't managing this problem locally or nationally. That's the unbearable thing for me."

That legislative paralysis around cat control has many authors. One of the most influential is Sir Bob Kerridge, the former executive director of the Auckland SPCA, and Gareth Morgan's most vociferous opponent back in 2013. Kerridge still believes cats have been singled out for "persecution", and questions the studies on their kill rates. His philosophy is partly grounded in the utopian idea that all animals should live together in harmony. He opposes using poisons like 1080 to control pests, and bristles at the idea of inflicting suffering for the greater good. "Being introduced doesn't make an animal evil, doesn't make it wrong," he says. "Conservation is never a question of killing."

That stance is well intentioned but unscientific. "A lot of people say things like, 'Cats are part of the food chain. They're part of the

Cats bring home only a quarter to a third of the animals that they hunt, says DOC's Erica Wilkinson. "Some don't bring anything home," she says. "But they're natural hunters and they're incredibly good at it." The furtive nature of cat-hunting behaviour has led to one of the biggest obstacles to introducing cat laws: owners believe their cat is the exception to the rule. "It's the constant response you get: 'Not my cat. Tootles wouldn't do that.'"

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natural ecosystem," says Yolanda van Heezik, a University of Otago researcher. "It makes me want to tear my eyes out, because of course they're not. Our native animals have evolved in the absence of any predators, so they have absolutely no defences against them."

As van Heezik explains, our native birds smell delicious and live on the ground. They can't live in harmony with a predator that hunts by scent.

Kerridge has lent heft to the anti-cat-control lobby, but he isn't the only obstacle to reform. According to DOC's threatened species ambassador Erica Wilkinson, one of her biggest challenges is getting everyday cat owners to understand the harm their pets may be causing. "It's the constant response you get: 'Not my cat. Tootles wouldn't do that.' Cats only bring home up to 25 per cent of what they hunt. Some don't bring anything home. But they're natural hunters and they're incredibly good at it."

So-called kitty-cam studies, where cameras are placed on domestic cats, confirm what Wilkinson says, showing cats only bring home between 23 and 33 per cent of what they kill. They can do a huge amount of damage in a short space of time. In 2010, one feral cat killed 102 native short-tailed bats in the space of seven days. Another cat was found with 17 undigested skinks in its gut at Kaitorete Spit in Canterbury.

"They're one of the top predators in our ecosystem but we often don't realise what skilled predators they are," says Wilkinson. "We know to keep our dogs on a leash on the beach, but we have this weird out-of-sight, out-of-mind thing with cats."

Many cat owners bristle at any criticism of their beloved pets, even if it's well researched. When journalist Paul Ward made the case for cat control in *The Listener* in August 2016, he was inundated with reader feedback. One correspondent sent a photo of a kitten with a speech bubble saying, "Chill out bird brain, and get in touch with your inner kitty."

The advocacy group Feline Rights New Zealand is vitriolic over any hint of increased cat control. "What is antifelinism? It's similar to antisemitism," says a blurb on the homepage of its website. "Antifelinism is about eradicating an entire species, the most noble of species, the Cat." Our love for cats runs deep. It can also get really toxic.

That toxicity has made it hard for The National Cat Management Strategy Group to find supporters in Parliament. The group's strongest ally is the former conservation minister Eugenie Sage, who is urging the new Labour Government to look seriously at a national cat management law. "We need a better framework for cat management and that's why I commend the group's work," she says.

But Sage is an outlier, and no longer in a position of power. It's no accident that New Zealand's most popular politicians have stood in the way of meaningful change on cat control. Former prime minister John Key publicly rebuked then conservation minister Maggie Barry for demanding tougher measures to get rid of stray cats in 2015. Prime Minister >



CAT ABOUT TOWN

Mittens roams central Wellington, encapsulating the dilemma of cat ownership in the form of one floofy feline. Keeping cats inside is best for our native animals, but the delight Mittens brings to locals—whether jumping through a car window for a cuddle or strolling into a Family Planning clinic—makes the idea of restraining him a hard sell.



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Jacinda Ardern has been silent on the topic. These politicians are nervous about championing legislation with such divisive potential. “All of them know cats are a highly emotive issue,” says Dale. “So it’s difficult to touch, especially given we only have three-year terms.”

Politicians aren’t just afraid of dissenting voices like Kerridge. They’re scared of upsetting the Kaikōura cat owner, the writer who urged Ward to get in touch with his inner kitty, the thousands of people who don’t want to change.

• **ONE CLEAR WINTER** morning, I heard shuffling downstairs. By the time I got out of bed to investigate, the cats were gone, leaving behind only a mess of feathers and a few splotches of blood. I followed the trail to a corpse inside our wicker basket. It looked like a blackbird at first. But on its wings there was a familiar iridescent blue-green. The bird’s head lolled back as I scooped it out onto the carpet. Under its beak, there were the white filament feathers of a tūi.

• **THE PEOPLE WHO** bristle at the idea of increased cat control aren’t stupid. They aren’t even wrong when they insist the benefits of cats outweigh the harm they cause. In grief, a cat can be a comfort. In good times, it can be a friend. For kids, a cat can be a teacher, imparting lessons about how to care for others, and sometimes about the importance of not grabbing an animal. In old age, it can be a companion when others have gone.

It’s telling that most of the people calling for cat control have cats themselves. Jones has Oreo. Beattie posts regularly on social

Much of the cat debate centres over what to do about cats which don’t have owners. What happens to feral and stray cats? Is it morally acceptable to leave homeless cats to scarp and scavenge, or is it more humane to euthanise unowned cats?

media about her elderly cat, Mangu. Even Morgan kept cats when his family was young. None of them are suffering from antifelinism.

On the night after Benny killed that tūi, he curled up in bed as usual, hugging his sister. He may have been a killer, but I loved him in spite of that.

The dilemma of owning a cat can be seen as the dilemma of modern life, writ small and feline. It’s hard to travel without pumping carbon into our overheating atmosphere. Even if you only buy fruit and vegetables, you’re likely still contributing to habitat loss. Some damage is unavoidable if you want to get to work on time, to eat something nutritious, to live. This world can be unforgiving. A cat can make it feel a little softer. The price may be a few birds. For many of us, it seems worth the cost.

But it’s a false trade-off—the problems cats cause may be distant and invisible, but their roaming harms us and the places we live, even if we can’t see the damage they’re causing.

• **JUST OFF KARANGAHAPE** Road in central Auckland, Mikey Brenndorfer and Romelli >



The question of strays

The cat control debate has inspired hundreds of duelling op-eds and angry tweets. But the conflict springs in large part from a single fissure. Many of the differences between Bob Kerridge, on one hand, or Gareth Morgan, on the other, boil down to how they think we should handle the smallest sector of the feline population: strays.

There are an estimated 2.4 million feral cats in New Zealand, and about 200,000 strays. Though

there’s muted disagreement over the current practice of treating ferals as pests, the most heated disputes hinge on how we treat that smaller population. Take a proposed national law enforcing compulsory cat microchipping. At first glance, it seems a no-brainer, allowing local authorities to identify and return owned cats and treat any non-microchipped cats as unowned.

The concern centres on how that would impact the unowned cats that depend on human populations to

survive. Stray cat colonies are dotted across our major cities, some cats subsisting on scraps, others being fed by people. Kerridge insists those cats, which are often abandoned former pets, are not pests.

Otago University’s Yolanda van Heezik is at the other end of the spectrum. She believes “stray” shouldn’t even be a category of cat, but all non-microchipped cats should be treated as pests. “In Australia they’re just trying to get people to think more about

whether cats are owned or not owned,” she says. “So if a cat isn’t owned, then it should be euthanised.”

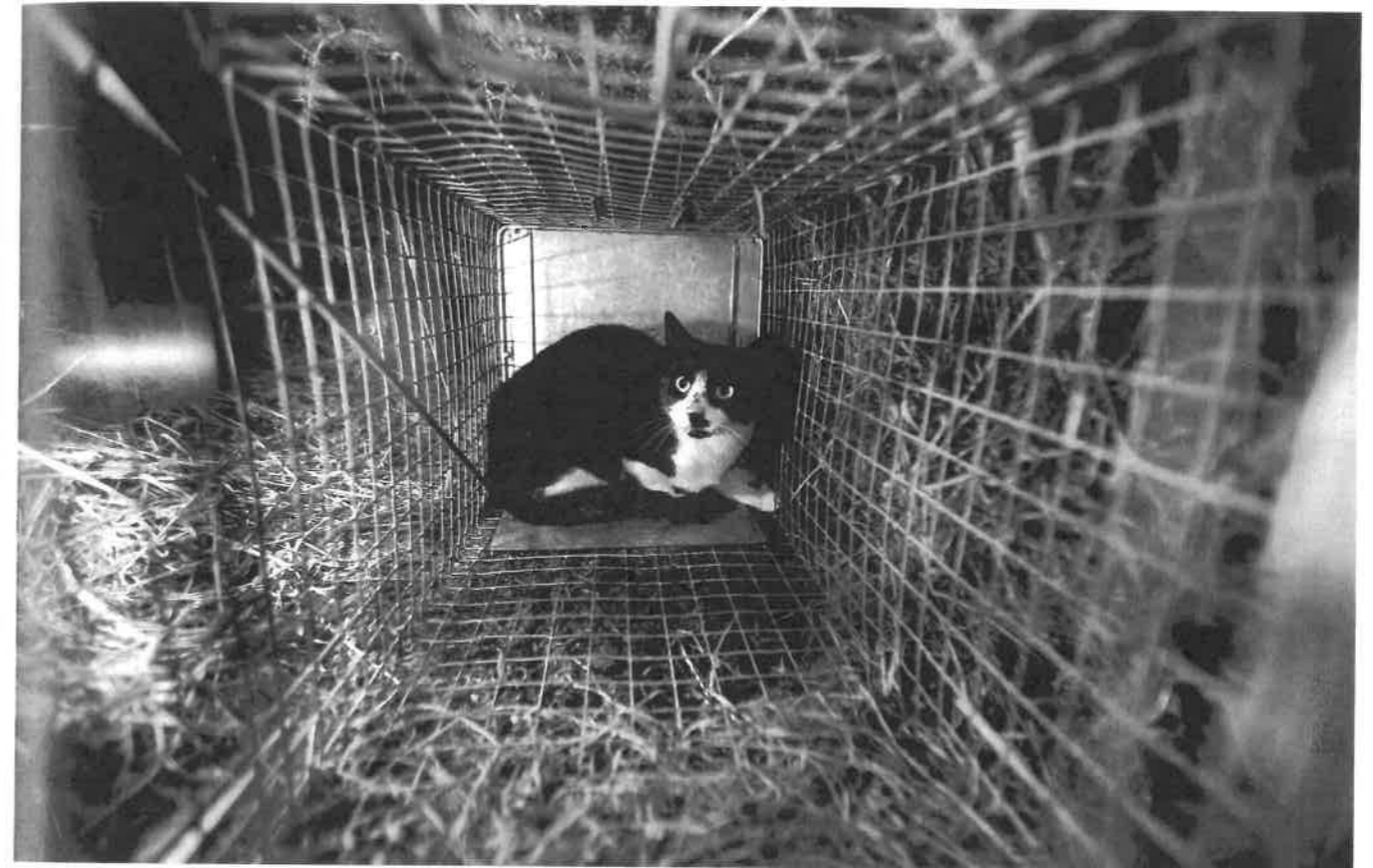
NZVA chief veterinary officer Helen Beattie and SPCA chief science officer Arnja Dale fall somewhere between those poles. They propose a compromise: managing stray cats with a practice known as trap, neuter and return (TNR), where non-microchipped cats are spayed and taken back to where they came from.

Conservationists say there’s little evidence this helps: it doesn’t reduce the impact of cats, or result in good lives for cats. Morgan is more blunt, saying the SPCA’s insistence on practising TNR turned Wellington bird sanctuary Zealandia into “New Zealand’s most expensive cat-food factory”.

Dale says there’s plenty of research showing the efficacy of managed, targeted TNR. Beattie agrees, and says the emotional cost of killing stray cats is too high. “This

is not euthanasia. It’s not for the right reasons. The impact on the cat during that process, and the people having to do the procedure, is enormous.”

Euthanising unowned cats might be more effective at reducing predation. But TNR isn’t as confronting as killing strays, and that makes it less likely to be a roadblock to needed reform. Even if it’s not a perfect strategy, the choice may be between doing TNR and doing nothing at all.





Graciela are taking care of four cats: Skatepark, Panthor, Battlekatt and Skeletor. They are unlikely cat owners. Both are vegan, but Graciela says they decided to take on four carnivores after travelling to Brennendorfer's home country, Canada, and reading a pamphlet about how cats are happier and safer indoors.

"It was really fascinating seeing the rhetoric that if you have outdoor cats you're an irresponsible cat owner," says Graciela. "It's the exact reverse to New Zealand. I had really sad moments growing up, with cats getting killed on the road. I was like, 'Oh, that makes sense to me.'"

They adopted Skatepark first, after finding her injured and abandoned in an empty Steinlager box in Tāneatua. Skeletor came

next, to keep Skatepark company. The other two arrived after Brennendorfer encountered them in a pet store. No one had adopted them, they were getting older, and Brennendorfer felt a wave of guilt and worry over their fate.

The cats have never left the couple's 55-square-metre apartment. They flinch when the door is opened. Though Kerridge and others insist cats are happiest when they're allowed outdoors, Brennendorfer says their quartet are content in their compact space. He and Graciela have decorated the walls with colourful objects and set up climbing posts in the bedrooms.

"They're comfortable. They have a really safe and secure territory. Their boundaries are really clearly defined," he says.

For Graciela, the cats are a stabilising force. "I call them my therapists. I just feel like things make more sense with them around."

For an animal welfarist like the SPCA's Arnja Dale, Graciela and Brennendorfer's house is a glimpse of the potential future of cat ownership. She outlines her vision: "All cats on laps. All responsibly owned. All microchipped. All desexed. All of them registered. All of them are happy stay-at-home cats. We set ourselves a goal that we'd like to achieve that by 2030. I'd still like to think we can achieve that but it really depends on political will."

That can seem daunting, but van Heezik points out that something similar has already happened with another type of pet. "When I was a kid in the 1970s, virtually all our pets

were killed by other people's dogs coming onto our property," she says. "It never occurred to us to complain about it, because people's dogs just wandered. Our attitudes have completely shifted now, but it took a while, and I'm just thinking that we're on the same journey with cats."

IN EASTBOURNE, THAT cultural revolution is playing out in miniature. After the disappointments of the last few years, Jones and the MIRO team decided to distribute flyers around the neighbourhood. On one side, they detailed the dangers local cats pose to banded dotterel. On the other they gave tips on how to keep cats happy and safe inside.

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Their work seems to be paying off. Jones hasn't lost any birds this season. All six nests have hatched. Every chick and adult bird has survived. Most importantly, cameras haven't picked up cats stalking the nests.

In late October, Jones sent me a photo from the shoreline in Eastbourne. It captures three fluffy dotterel chicks sheltering in a nest of rocks and driftwood. In past years, they would've been dead by now. If there's a lesson in Eastbourne, it's that change is possible, with a quick twist of the lock on the cat door and a small adjustment in our assumptions. And, if there's a lesson in Brennendorfer and Graciela's inner-city apartment, it's that change doesn't even have to come at a cost. Our cats and their owners might both be happier in the long run.

One thing we know. Change will come with a reward: those chicks, curled up on a wind-swept shoreline, with no glowing eyes in the back of the shot. ■

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Battlekatt is a member of Mikey Brennendorfer and Romelli Graciela's four-feline household, which also includes one-eyed Skatepark (far left). All four cats live inside their central Auckland apartment. Brennendorfer and Graciela were inspired to keep indoor cats after learning about cat ownership habits overseas.



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Taupo hearing

Additional requirements for hearing:

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Libraries & Museum

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General comment

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Tauhara Middle 15 Trust LTP 2021 2031 Submission to Taupo District Council



Friday 16 April 2021

Re: Tauhara Middle 15 Trust Submission on the Long Term Plan (2021 – 2031) as part of Taupō District Council public consultation

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Submission details

This is a submission on behalf of Tauhara Middle 15 Trust (TM15) and its beneficiaries to Taupō District Council (TDC) as part of public consultation on the Long-term Plan (2021 – 2031) review and adoption process.

The submission is made up of three sections:

- Section 1 – TM15 purpose, background and strategic intent
- Section 2 – Feedback on key issues outlined in the LTP (2021 – 2031)
- Section 3 – Feedback beyond key issues in LTP (2021-2031) as it relates to broader TDC strategies and plans (the Taupō District 2050 – District Growth Management Strategy and district plan provisions)
- Section 4 - Recommendations and next steps

TM15 also requests to speak to its submission in person at the upcoming public hearing meetings scheduled for April - May 2021.

Section 1 – TM15 purpose, background and strategic intent

Ko wai matou – who is TM15?

No runga o Tauhara! Ko toku maunga paepae, tenei au te tuohu nei!

Atop of Tauhara! He is my mountain backbone, to whom I bow in acknowledgement.

Tauhara Middle 15 Trust (TM15) manages 249 hectares of farm land located at the base of Tauhara Maunga on Mountain Road, Taupo.

TRUST PROFILE

- Block Name: Tauhara Middle 15
- Location: Mountain Road, Taupō



TAUHARA MIDDLE 15
TRUST

- Block ID: 38022
- Total Owners: 4773
- Total Shares: 29145.45684
- Area (ha): 248.976
- Governance: Topia Rameka (Chairperson), Heemi Biddle (Deputy Chair), John Fenwick, Peter Eden, Arapiu Seymour

TM15 beneficiaries are descendants of six tīpuna with affiliations to Ngā Hapū o Tauhara which is the name given today to represent the sub-tribal grouping (Ngāti Rauhoto, Ngāti Tutetawha, Ngāti Hinerau, Ngāti Hineure, Ngāti Urunga and Ngāti Tūtemohuta) living to the north east of Taupō around the eastern shores of the lake at the Hikuwai (northern) end of Tūwharetoa.

Map 1: TM15 land blocks of interests



Tauhara Middle 15 Corpus:

Valuation No: 0738824900

Tauhara North Block

Valuation No: 0738811100

- TM15 established a property partnership with Opepe Farm Trust to acquire the Tauhara North block, located between the TM15 block and the eastern arterial route.
- This block along with the TM15 corpus is currently leased to Opepe Farm Trust.
- This partnership is part of a wider Tauhara hapu relationship building initiative, with the goal of bringing Tauhara Maori entities together, to work collaboratively on current and future opportunities.



Table 1: TM15 areas of interest between TM15 and TDC

TM15 goals	District Growth Mgmt strategic directions (SD)
G1. Support and sustenance – collective and impactful distributions to maximise support for whanau	SD 1 – Plan for a district characterised by contained urban communities, bordered by a productive, functional rural environment
G2. Rangatiratanga – all TM15 activities directly support Tauhara uri to be self-determining, resilient, interconnected	SD 4 – Recognise tangata whenua cultural identity and build strong, collaborative relationships
G3. Business growth – continued growth and returns through existing and potential TM15 assets and investment	SD 5 – Provide the platform for a sustainable economy
G4. Business diversification – make the most of TM15 resources to enhance the wellbeing of our whenua and ensure our people able thriving and living sustainably	SD 6 – Integrate sustainable infrastructure provision, land use and funding
G5. Environmental health – the health of TM15 whenua is consistent with our kaitiakitanga responsibilities	SD 7 – Manage development to enhance and protect the natural environment

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TM15 acknowledges the LTP (2018 - 2031) scope can only address certain matters raised in this submission. However TM15 takes this opportunity to highlight several other supplementary issues that while not directly related to the LTP (2018 - 2031) are being raised as a placeholder for future discussion with TDC. These issues include:

Supplementary issue 1 – 30-year infrastructure planning and development considerations in relation to TM15 land interests

TM15 are interested in the assumptions that TLC are making around population and business growth over the next 30 years, not just the 10 year period of the LTP. The District Growth Management Strategy is acknowledged as the foundation document for planning the shape of Taupō in 2050 and note the projected need for 3,000 residential lots and 98ha of industrial land. TM15 acknowledges the plan to constrain commercial development to the current town centre.

The current District Growth Management Strategy appears to limit the residential and industrial development of Taupō township to areas within the State Highway corridor and to Kinloch, while also limiting the development of rural land.

TM15 wishes to engage with Council and the other major rural landholders around Taupō to consider the appropriateness of these assumptions, settings and plans - especially about the future provision of residential and industrial land. In particular, would like to engage and understand the potential for the development of industrial land and a potential expanded airport capability aligned with the Taupō - Napier highway.

TM15 expect that this may necessitate it's consultation forums with Māori to extend beyond iwi and hapū, and to more formally engage with the major Māori owned land blocks surrounding the currently zoned Taupō township.

TM15 are interested in understanding the bulk infrastructure and zoning requirements to consider opening up industrial land adjoining State Highways 1 and 5. Furthermore, TM15 would like to engage TLC in a discussion around the potential to create larger scale papakāinga and residential development off the Taupō - Napier highway.



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Section 1 – OFT purpose, background and strategic intent

Ko wai matou – who is Opepe?

OFT is an Ahuwhenua trust, which aims to protect and enhance the whenua it manages for the benefit of current and future shareholders (5960 approx. beneficiaries). We achieve this through working towards our:

Opepe Vision

Kia whāngaihia ngā uri, ā tinana, ā hinegraro, ā wairua (to sustain beneficial owners and their descendants – body, mind and soul)

Opepe Mission

To support and sustain the mana and wellbeing of lands, marae and people of Opepe. We will achieve this by managing, growing sustainable entities that will in turn, build Opepe assets, and provide sustenance to ngā uri.

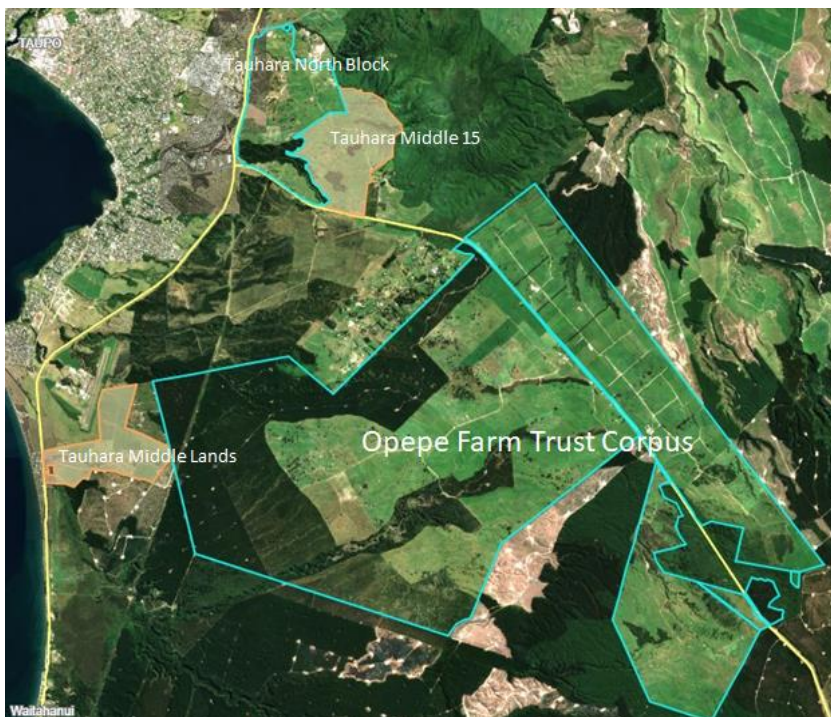
Through these commitments, we strive to create investment stability for the next generation while protecting whenua, building capacity of our people and playing an integral role as a local food producer.

These outcomes are supported through OFT's existing investments and activities:

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- **Forestry** – forestry lease agreement (1350 ha)
- **Partnerships** – property ownership portfolio and investment committee
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OFT beneficiaries are descendants of six tīpuna with affiliations to Ngā Hapū o Tauhara which is the name given today to represent the sub-tribal grouping (Ngāti Rauhoto, Ngāti Tutetawha, Ngāti Hinerau, Ngāti Hineure, Ngāti Urunga and Ngāti Tūtemohuta) living to the north east of Taupō around the eastern shores of the lake at the Hikuwai (northern) end of Tūwharetoa.

Map 1: OFT land blocks of interests



Opepe Farm Trust Corpus

- Valuation No: 0738810300
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- Valuation No: 0738811100

Leased blocks

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To matou whāinga rautaki – our strategic intent

As an entity, OFT is at a significant stage in its growth and strategic direction with the recent development of our 10-year strategy. We are now looking for strategic partnership opportunities with potential partners with shared values and interests. This includes strengthening existing relationships with the Ngā Hapū o Tauhara collective, the Taupō District Council and other potential collaborators to understand what collective opportunities could be explored for the benefit of Taupō. Our 10-year strategic goals are:

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We welcome the opportunity to continue to progress conversations with Taupō District Council that were held between OFT board members and Mayor of Taupō, David Trewavas and Chief Executive Officer - TDC, Gareth Green in December 2020 on future local opportunities of mutual interest.

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Chairman – Opepe Farm Trust

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Water

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As haukainga occupying whenua tuku iho, we expect rapid action to upgrade our water treatment plant and that we create a forum immediately to share information and plan the next stages of the upgrade together, including it's design.

Global Water Take

We are not opposed to a collective water take consent approach however we will need some guarantee that a minimum allocation is assured and is sufficient to meet our needs. It must be noted that the dwellings within Hātepe are gradually becoming more sizeable. Newly built houses are generally bigger than the traditional kiwi bach originally erected in Hātepe. Historically families spent the holiday periods here with their families. Now subsequent to lease increases, and an allowance for leasees to rent out their properties for 3 months of the year, Hātepe residents are making renovations to their properties to make them more appealing to customers seeking temporary accommodation in the area. Properties are now occupied by more people for a greater period over the year. Sizeable dwellings allow for more family members to holiday together aswell. We expect the water usage within Hātepe will increase over time.

As we are located 20 minutes from Taupō and Tūrangi, we need to ensure that our emergency response to an outbreak of fire is sufficient. The supply through the water tobyls located in Hātepe must be enough to keep our whānau safe, even at high use periods.

We expect the principles of partnership, participation in decision-making and protection of our rights and interests as haukainga applied immediately to our current submissions while also establishing a bottom-line water-take for our community.

Wastewater

Septic Tanks

The Papakainga Whānau is concerned with the inevitable seepage from old septic tanks from more than 100 dwellings in the village in close proximity to the lake, several being direct lakeside and riverside properties. Increased flooding, a primary consequence of climate change would aggravate the escape of effluent to our waterways. Furthermore, the impact of an emergency situation arising from malfunction or structural instability of the dams on the Hinemaiaia River would be tragic on our village and our delicate waterways.

Previous discussions regarding Hātepe Wastewater

For several years, many years ago, discussions between the Council and Opawa Rangitoto 2C Incorporation have taken place requesting that Hātepe Village is either connected to an existing system or the installation of a new standalone reticulation system. We believe that those discussions ceased due to high costs and land availability issues. It is now time to revive those conversations.

The Papakainga Whānau urge that these discussions resume immediately as we continue to seek ways to improve the wellbeing of our precious taonga - Taupō Moana. We understand that connection to either the Waitahanui or Motutere wastewater treatment plants would be costly and logistically challenging.

Land-based Wasterwater Treatment Plant for Hātepe

The Papakainga Whānau consider it as a matter of utmost urgency to prioritise the funding of a stand-alone water treatment scheme for Hātepe Village. The uncertainty in relation to the land surrounding Hātepe which proved challenging and insurmountable at the time of previous discussions appears stable and we believe that we are now in a more favourable position to resume investigating sites for such infrastructure.

In our role as kaitiaki of Hātepe and our collective taonga Taupō Moana, we insist that the 2021 -2031 Long Term Plan must make allowance for the removal of old style septic tanks from the Hātepe Settlement in an effort to reduce the risk of effluent being discharged into Lake Taupō. We reject the claim that intermittent holiday-use of such tanks reduces the impact on the Lake in its entirety. Notwithstanding our zero-tolerance approach to effluent emissions to the Lake, we are clear that regular use of septic tanks is the most effective way to engage bacteria in the process of breaking down wastewater discharges. Infrequent use is the most ineffective approach to the processing of such discharges. There must be swift actions taken within this ten year timeframe to install a Hātepe, land-based disposal Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Again, in the spirit of partnership, participation in decision-making and protection of our rights and interests we invite the council to Hātepe to resume discussions with haukainga to co-design the Waterwater Treatment project.

Rates

The Papakainga whānau support wholeheartedly that the rating formula for Māori Land is reviewed. Our Te Makomako papakainga was established by our koroua and kuia Iapeta and Arapera Morehu. The foundation statement of Hātepe 'Mā te Whakakitenga ka Ora - Vision Gives Life' encapsulates the life work our grandparents. The vision of our koroua was to create a papakainga central to our tūrangawaewae. He hoped that it would encourage those who whakapapa to the land to choose a haukainga lifestyle in harmony with our ancestral lands, our waterways, our culture, our traditions alongside our tangata tiriti residents. Considering that rural life was unappealing to many of the descendants of the land at that time and the additional cost of travel to places of employment, the papakainga initiative was created to avoid the inevitable alienation of ancestral lands that was commonplace then and continues to this day. His vision saw the warmth of occupation as central to a reciprocal relationship of wellbeing for both the whenua and the people. The safety of our wāhi tapu, including our urupā, the wellbeing of our marae, our whenua, our ngahere and our waterways are enriched by the occupation of our papakainga.

As already mentioned we have an unbroken legacy of occupation in line with place-specific ethics of kaitiakitanga passed down from our ancestors. We share collective aspirations for tino rangatiratanga and have an inherent obligation to our tūpuna and our mokopuna to continue to pursue the achievement of those outcomes as prescribed in Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Central to tino rangatiratanga is the guarantee that we will be able to occupy our lands and practice our tikanga - mahinga kai, manaaki manuhiri, whakawhanaunga, which provide sustenance to our haukainga.

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General comment

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Hatepe Whanau Submission Long Term Plan Taupo District Council 2021

**Submission by the Te Makomako Papakainga Whānau Ora with
regards to the:**

Taupō District Council draft Long Term Plan 2021-2031



16 April 2021

INTRODUCTION

1. This submission is made by the **Te Makomako Papakainga Whānau Ora (Papakainga Whānau)** in relation to the Taupō District Council draft Long Term Plan (LTP) 2021-2031 the Taupō District Council Infrastructure Strategy 2021-51 and the Rates Remission and Postponement Policies .

POSITION

2. The Papakainga Whānau refers to those connected by whakapapa to the Hātepe, the surrounding lands and taonga tuku iho in that area who maintain mana whenua and ahikāroa. We refer to ourselves as **haukainga** who are connected intimately to the Te Makomako papakainga and the land set apart for "the purposes of a historic reserve, recreation area and a Turangawaewae for the common use and benefit of successors of Iapeta & Arapera Morehu." More specifically, the land upon which the marae stands and the final resting place of our tūpuna, Iapeta and Arapera Morehu .¹

3. Our Hinemaiaia river travels to our village on the Eastern shore of Lake Taupō from the Ahipaepae² mountain ranges to the South-East. Te Urukupua Pā site sits above Hātepe. The ancestral caves and burial grounds containing our tūpuna are nestled within the hills of Karangawairua from whence we take in the view of Motutaiko and connect to our tūpuna Te Rangitūamātotoru. We live among several ancient pā sites that hold stories and rich historical information. We are bordered on the North and South by our principal hapū Ngāti Te Rangīta and Ngāti Tutemohuta. Several other hapū are bound to these lands³. As descendants of Ruamātohirangi we identify closely with the Ngāti Rua hapū who have historically occupied the Hinemaiaia Valley. Te Korowai Tānikoniko⁴ o Taupō Moana connects us to the other hapū around the lake. Our marae holds the legacy passed down by Tamamutu, who was referred to as te "Tangata a Te Rangitahi in his ability to draw the people together. Te Ringatahi Marae is a central focal point for all of our village whānau.

4. As **haukainga** our connection to our whenua is best described as **ahikāroa** and our origins can be traced back to the arrival of Tia and Ngātoroirangi to this area on the Te Arawa canoe. Our tūpuna Arapera and Iapeta Robert Morehu through their lifelong work established an enduring framework for kaitiakitanga in a modern day context. Through our whakapapa, mana whenua was established, and a localised working understanding of kaitiakitanga has developed, with enduring aspirations for rangatiratanga of our lands, our relationships and our taonga tuku iho. Our kaitiakitanga ethics have developed within our unique history characterised by the protection of our taonga and a unique land tenure framework which has continued to benefit subsequent generations .

5. From 1937 onwards, 100 residential leasehold homes were established within Hātepe Village under the leadership of Arapera and Iapeta Morehu. A unique relationship was forged between the haukainga and leaseholders giving distinct expression to the principles and intentions of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The Tangata Tiriti who reside in Hātepe have become a part of our wider whānau.

6. In Hātepe water is a prominent feature of our hapū landscape. It is the foundation of our wellbeing and identity. We have a mana whenua responsibility as kaitiaki to be present, active and visible in all discussions concerning our waterways - particularly Taupō Moana and the Hinemaiaia River.

7. Ko te Whānau o te Papakainga o Te Makomako tēnei e mihi nei ki te kaunihera ā rohe o Taupō. Tēnā tātou.

8. SUBMISSION POINTS

¹ Founders of Hātepe Settlement

² Oral source Te Rangīta, Rākātō

³ Including Ngāti Tuataka, Ngāti Tuhinga-roto, Ngāti Ruamanenehu, Ngāti Rangī-nui, Ngāti Wetenga, Ngāti Kaheke, Ngāti Uru-marangai, Ngāti Purua, Ngāti Whānaurangi.

⁴ Tāniko cloak

The Hātepe Papakainga whānau provides the following submissions to issues raised in the LTP 2021-2031, the Taupo District Council Infrastructure Strategy 2021-51, and the Rates Remission and Postponement Policies.

- 1: Funding of water supplies and upgrades of water supply infrastructure.
- 2: Wastewater
- 3: Rates Remission and Postponement Policies
- 4: Te Reo Māori

9. Submission 1: Funding of water supplies and upgrades of water supply infrastructure.

Funding

The Papakainga whānau supports spreading the cost of funding water supply activities across all ratepayers in the Taupō District. This is the fairest approach to ensure that access to a basic human right is not dependant on socio-economic factors. Small, vulnerable Māori communities like Hātepe who require more expensive measures and levels of service to provide our community with safe, clean drinking water should not be penalised and charged disproportionately. The whole district should contribute equally to providing the whole district with clean, safe drinking water.

Hātepe Water Treatment Upgrade

The Council must fund and take immediately measures to the upgrade of drinking water supplies in Hātepe to achieve compliance with Drinking Water Standards of New Zealand derived from World Health Organisation regulations. The levels of arsenic and protozoa in the Hātepe drinking water measurements consistently fall within an unsatisfactory level against recommended health and safety standards.⁵ This is unacceptable and communications with haukainga and our Hātepe residents have been negligent.

We are a vulnerable, Māori community. Our drinking water, particularly over recent years has become increasingly dangerous. In December 2017, when our water intake was shut down and water tankers brought safe drinking water in to our village to sustain us for several days until the risk subsided. On the 24th October, 2020 a public health warning was issued in response to the emergence of a toxic algal bloom. Notifications warned Hātepe residents to stay away from the water, and to keep pets and animals away from the algae which may wash up on shore.

Hātepe Village operates entirely on individual septic tanks and some of the very old models put in place when the properties were built are still in place along the lakefront. At this stage we have no specific information about the e-coli levels present in our water supply but we are assured that treatment with chlorine deals sufficiently with contaminants to not pose a health risk.

Given the high levels of arsenic and protozoa in our drinking water, the regular algae blooms that take place around Hātepe, the proximity of antiquated septic tanks to the water take outlet, and the ever-present risk of contamination of our water supply, and the long-term health effects that arise from continuous consumption of arsenic, the Hātepe Water Treatment Plant must be fast-tracked. This must take priority to avoid widespread sickness, hospitalisation or even death as we have seen in other parts of the country as a result of contaminated water entering our delicate water supply facilities. The measures currently in place to treat our drinking water situation is a grate of wire mesh and a dose of chlorine.

As haukainga occupying whenua tuku iho, we expect rapid action to upgrade our water treatment plant and that we create a forum immediately to share information and plan the next stages of the upgrade together, including it's design.

Global Water Take

We are not opposed to a collective water take consent approach however we will need some guarantee that a minimum allocation is assured and is sufficient to meet our needs. It must be noted that the dwellings within Hātepe are gradually becoming more sizeable. Newly built houses are generally bigger than the traditional kiwi bach originally erected in Hātepe. Historically families spent the holiday periods here with their families. Now subsequent to lease increases, and an allowance for

⁵ Hātepe Water Quality document

leasees to rent out their properties for 3 months of the year, Hātepe residents are making renovations to their properties to make them more appealing to customers seeking temporary accommodation in the area. Properties are now occupied by more people for a greater period over the year. Sizeable dwellings allow for more family members to holiday together as well. We expect the water usage within Hātepe will increase over time.

As we are located 20 minutes from Taupō and Tūrangi, we need to ensure that our emergency response to an outbreak of fire is sufficient. The supply through the water towers located in Hātepe must be enough to keep our whānau safe, even at high use periods.

We expect the principles of partnership, participation in decision-making and protection of our rights and interests as haukainga applied immediately to our current submissions while also establishing a bottom-line water-take for our community.

10. Submission 2: Wastewater

Septic Tanks

The Papakainga Whānau is concerned with the inevitable seepage from old septic tanks from more than 100 dwellings in the village in close proximity to the lake, several being direct lakeside and riverside properties. Increased flooding, a primary consequence of climate change would aggravate the escape of effluent to our waterways. Furthermore, the impact of an emergency situation arising from malfunction or structural instability of the dams on the Hinemaiaia River would be tragic on our village and our delicate waterways.

Previous discussions regarding Hātepe Wastewater

For several years, many years ago, discussions between the Council and Opawa Rangitoto 2C Incorporation have taken place requesting that Hātepe Village is either connected to an existing system or the installation of a new standalone reticulation system. We believe that those discussions ceased due to high costs and land availability issues. It is now time to revive those conversations.

The Papakainga Whānau urge that these discussions resume immediately as we continue to seek ways to improve the wellbeing of our precious taonga - Taupō Moana. We understand that connection to either the Waitahanui or Motutere wastewater treatment plants would be costly and logistically challenging.

Land-based Wastewater Treatment Plant for Hātepe

The Papakainga Whānau consider it as a matter of utmost urgency to prioritise the funding of a stand-alone water treatment scheme for Hātepe Village. The uncertainty in relation to the land surrounding Hātepe which proved challenging and insurmountable at the time of previous discussions appears stable and we believe that we are now in a more favourable position to resume investigating sites for such infrastructure.

In our role as kaitiaki of Hātepe and our collective taonga Taupō Moana, we insist that the 2021 -2031 Long Term Plan must make allowance for the removal of old style septic tanks from the Hātepe Settlement in an effort to reduce the risk of effluent being discharged into Lake Taupō. We reject the claim that intermittent holiday-use of such tanks reduces the impact on the Lake in its entirety. Notwithstanding our zero-tolerance approach to effluent emissions to the Lake, we are clear that regular use of septic tanks is the most effective way to engage bacteria in the process of breaking down wastewater discharges. Infrequent use is the most ineffective approach to the processing of such discharges. There must be swift actions taken within this ten year timeframe to install a Hātepe, land-based disposal Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Again, in the spirit of partnership, participation in decision-making and protection of our rights and interests we invite the council to Hātepe to resume discussions with haukainga to co-design the Wastewater Treatment project.

11. Submission 3: Rates Remission and Postponement Policies

The Papakainga whānau support wholeheartedly that the rating formula for Māori Land is reviewed. Our Te Makomako papakainga was established by our koroua and kuia lapeta and Arapera Morehu. The foundation statement of Hātepe 'Mā te Whakakitenga ka Ora - Vision Gives Life' encapsulates the life work our grandparents. The vision of our koroua was to create a papakainga central to our tūrangawaewae. He hoped that it would encourage those who whakapapa to the land to choose a haukainga lifestyle in harmony with our ancestral lands, our waterways, our culture, our traditions alongside our tangata tiriti residents. Considering that rural life was unappealing to many of the descendants of the land at that time and the additional cost of travel to places of employment, the papakainga initiative was created to avoid the inevitable alienation of ancestral lands that was commonplace then and continues to this day. His vision saw the warmth of occupation as central to a reciprocal relationship of wellbeing for both the whenua and the people. The safety of our wāhi tapu, including our urupā, the wellbeing of our marae, our whenua, our ngahere and our waterways are enriched by the occupation of our papakainga.

As already mentioned we have an unbroken legacy of occupation in line with place-specific ethics of kaitiakitanga passed down from our ancestors. We share collective aspirations for tino rangatiratanga and have an inherent obligation to our tūpuna and our mokopuna to continue to pursue the achievement of those outcomes as prescribed in Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Central to tino rangatiratanga is the guarantee that we will be able to occupy our lands and practice our tikanga - mahinga kai, manaaki manuhiri, whakawhanaunga, which provide sustenance to our haukainga.

We, the Papakainga Whānau submit that our Te Makomako Papakainga is Māori freehold land for the common use and benefit of landowners in the Opawa Rangitoto 2C Incorporation. Our papakainga should be exempt from rates charges and should undergo the rate remission process.

12. Submission 4: Te Reo Māori

The Papakainga Whānau value te reo Māori. This is evidenced by the large percentage of reo Māori speakers who dedicate significant efforts to its revitalisation, and promote te reo Māori as a living language by speaking it in the home.

Te Reo Māori is the mother tongue of this land. After the arrival of settlers until well after the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, te reo Māori continued to be the predominant language of the country. In the 1850's the settler population surpassed that of Māori and the Māori language became the language of the minority in their own country.

In 1867 the Native Schools Act which prohibited the use of the Māori language on school grounds, was implemented and enforced with corporal punishment. The destructive agenda of this Act endures today in the descendants of those tūpuna whose experiences fostered an enduring self-loathing sense of shame and inferiority on account of their culture and language. Very few chose to pass on what seemed to be a liability to their children, and so the intergenerational transmission of te reo Māori since the beginning of time was broken. In most families this legacy continues.

The proportion of Māori language speakers declined markedly over the last century, particularly following the rapid urbanisation of the Māori population in the 1950s and 1960s. The Hunn Report of 1961 described te reo Māori as a relic of ancient life and foresaw its imminent death along with its elderly population. Between 1973 - 1976 the NZCER national survey took place. It showed that only 18-20 percent of Māori, were fluent Māori speakers, and that most of these were elderly.⁶

In 1972 the Māori Language Petition was presented to Parliament with 30,000 signatures requesting that te reo Māori be taught in all schools throughout Aotearoa after more than 100 years of prohibition. This signalled a significant turning point for te reo Māori. The victory of the Māori Language Petition signalled a major trajectory change to the 100 year embargo on te reo Māori in schools. Iwi Development Initiatives were instigated, bi-lingual education was launched, Te Reo Māori was broadcasted on Māori Radio, and Te Kohanga Reo and Kura Kaupapa Māori categorically drew on the knowledge base of the kaumātua population and resolved to educate children exclusively in te reo Māori.

⁶ <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/culture/maori-language-week/history-of-the-maori-language>

1985 the WAI11 claim was brought before the Waitangi Tribunal by Ngā Kaiwhakapūmau i te Reo Māori. Despite the growth of Māori Language revival initiatives the number of Māori speakers had fallen to about 12 percent of the Māori population.⁷

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Māori tertiary institutions were launched and broadcasting of te reo Māori content increased. Eventually this expanded to include television programmes, news coverage and now Māori Television and Te Reo channels have transpired. What began as Māori Language Day on September 14th, 1971,⁹ led to the Petition being presented on that same day in 1972 and has recently been planned to coincide with Māori Language Week each year.

By 2001 25.2 percent of all Māori reported that they could hold a conversation in Māori about everyday things. In 2006 this decreased to 23.7 and in 2013 decreased again to 21.3%.¹⁰

After sustained decline from the mid 1800s through to the 1970s, the trend after 40 years of language revitalisation efforts has general shown a decline, a burst of growth and a now again a sustained trajectory of decline. Despite these initiatives informed by international language revitalisation theories, experts in this field still rank Te Reo Māori as being in a perilous state. An enormous effort is still required on all fronts to save te reo Māori from the brink of extinction. Aotearoa language policy, planning and revitalisation efforts are by and large based on Joshua Fishmans theories on language revitalisation shift. It currently focuses on 5 inter-dependant factors: Status, Corpus, Acquisition, Use and Critical Awareness.¹¹

Local Government investment in Māori language must aim to have a positive influence on all of these areas with a priority focus on Critical Awareness and Status. Rāwiri Rangitauira, Chairman of the Māori Language Society in 1974 asserted that we must "ensure that the status of Maori is raised in the eyes of both Maori and Pakeha as it is the status of the language that governs people's desire to learn and speak it. This is well evidenced in all socio-linguistic studies."¹²

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¹² Rangitauira, Rāwiri 1974

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13. CONCLUSION

We note the councils engagement approach as being 'rangatira ki te rangatira'. The Papakainga Whānau would like to add commentary to this approach. The term 'ranga' on one level refers to the concept of binding and securing together as is observed in the weaving process - raranga. 'Tira' is commonly made in reference to groups of people. 'Ranga' 'tira' would then refer to the weaving together of people and engenders notions of leadership. This is not incorrect. We insist however, that the role of rangatira, in a higher sense, comes with an inherent responsibility to stimulate and rekindle deep connections to places and realms. This is the role of haukainga - acting in unison with the winds that keep the fires of occupation alight and weaving together the threads of our environment - our whakapapa, our people, our place. The Te Makomako Papakainga Whānau Ora wish to speak to this submission.

Nā mātou i roto i ngā mihi,
The Te Makomako Papakainga Whānau Ora.

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¹⁴ <https://careers.rotorualakescouncil.nz/our-bicultural-journey/>

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Last name: Neill

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Lake Taupo Protection Project hearing

No

Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

General comment

I want to contribute my thought about your 10 year plan. I have lived here since 1955.

As this town continues to grow you must plan for additional parking in the Town Centre. When the tourists grow again how can they access out town centre?

If you agreed to build your Council building out of town it would free up how many car parks? (60).

Please look to the future so our town can grow and not be choked.

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[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity

Centre: Yes

Recreational and community facility for the whole community.

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First name: David

Last name: Kenohan

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

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Centre: Yes

Existing gym needs replacing.

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First name: Steve

Last name: Mills

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[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

This building will bring a new lease of life to the Town and a new sense of pride. The aging facilities of the town are long past their use by date, and we all need a place to connect, socialise, and use the various activities planned. A place for conferences, small concerts, sports, recreation - yes - bring it on!

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[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

Current facilities too small/inadequate. Gym roof leaks, is too small, not enough toilets. Senior citizens too small for public meetings.

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First name: Vienna Darcelly

Last name: Bryan

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Centre: Yes

For our Tamariki and well being to bring the community together.

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First name: Tania Areta Rebecca

Last name: Whaanga

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He Tangata! He Tangata! He Tangata!

He tamariki! He Tamariki! He tamariki!

What more do I need to say! There are substandard facilities that cannot cater tot he needs of our community. A central place to come together for health, wellbeing and fun is why I support this Kaupapa!

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Keep youth out of trouble and busy.

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First name: Karen

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[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity

Centre: Yes

No comment provided

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First name: Jeremy

Last name: Skeen

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Lake Taupo Protection Project hearing

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity

Centre: Yes

I would like to somewhere in the community for our future children to enjoy.

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First name: Iirangi

Last name: Wickliffe

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity

Centre: Yes

I believe we need a facility that is accessible to all that will need it!

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First name: John

Last name: Ooi

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity

Centre: Yes

This town needs one for most indoor activities.

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First name: Fran

Last name: McCarthy

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity

Centre: Yes

Good for the community!

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First name: Tim

Last name: McCarthy

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Centre: Yes

Good for the community!

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First name: Neil

Last name: Cunnington

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity

Centre: Yes

A venue central to the town centre would be of great value to our community.

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First name: Kathleen Hilda

Last name: Doyle

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

To be built along the lines of Tokoroa Sports Centre with ISite being the front of house. Great asset for Turangi growth.

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First name: Patrick Joseph

Last name: Doyle

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

I support concept. Will keep youngsters occupied!

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First name: Sheree

Last name: Winter

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

What would it mean to Turangi to have an Activity Centre?

The community would have somewhere that is large enough to come together. It will also allow the community to have concerts - local and National bands, it will be a venue for celebrations - sporting or otherwise.

A Tongariro School Reunion is planned for the near future once the borders are properly open, sadly to date, there has been no venue large enough that will allow this to happen.

It will be lovely to be able to host visitors to our community in such a lovely environment. I will give the community the opportunity to host much larger events than we have ordinarily not been able to do, whether they are National or International events.

I would like to think that it will also become a place for the Turangi Museum, perhaps in the foyer, it could have built in cabinets that display the artefacts that have been locked up in the old Information Centre.

I envisage this being a multi-purpose building, that will be hugely patronized by the community and a Centre that we, the community will all be very proud of.

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First name: Stella Mar

Last name: Gordon

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

We need to have a facility that delivers what we want to provide Turangi and lakeside communities, in the way of a community hub, that enables us to deliver programs - sporting/life skill to every child and those in Turangi and our lakeshore communities.

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First name: Paulane

Last name: McLean

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity

Centre: Yes

Adding value to the community for all ages.

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First name: Molly

Last name: Johnson

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

This would be fantastic for the Turangi Community. Turangi needs a place to host local events.

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First name: Waioorooro Augustine

Last name: Johnson

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

We really need this facility in town. I fully support the construction of the recreation and activity centre.

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First name: Wanita

Last name: Tukuino

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

It has been to long. Turangi has so much to offer we have many artist, sports, creative people hidden in our area. The Town Centre Lease/Rent Landlords are asking far to much just to use the buildings. That is the reason our Town looks the way it does. EMPTY!!

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First name: Mareikura

Last name: Whiu-Ihaia

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

The recreation activity centre will be a great addition to Turangi Township. This will give Turangi the facilities to have tournaments and events to be held in Turangi. I support this kaupapa 100%

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First name: Maia

Last name: Raharuhi

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity

Centre: Yes

Long overdue for new gym!!!

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First name: Shawa

Last name: Moanaroa

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity

Centre: Yes

What ever Taupo has!! :)

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First name: Mystique

Last name: Moanaroa

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity

Centre: Yes

I would like the things Taupo has that would be cool.

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First name: Uru

Last name: Deam

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity

Centre: Yes

Long Overdue

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First name: Henarata

Last name: Ham

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity

Centre: Yes

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First name: Lorraine

Last name: Seamark

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity

Centre: Yes

Much needed and long overdue.

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First name: Marcelle B

Last name: Katene

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Centre: Yes

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First name: Teelah

Last name: Mariu

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First name: Heather

Last name: Galvin

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First name: Matotoru

Last name: Bell

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First name: Paretuiri

Last name: Simeon

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

I believe this is a good start to involving locals and tamariki to join in on any discussion they may be concerned about or somewhere they can feel safe to express themselves or just be able to talk to someone who will listen to them.

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First name: Sonia

Last name: Simeon

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

I fully support this centre, a chance for our community to express their concerns on matters regarding our rangatahi roaming town at night. A place for them to go and express their thoughts and concerns as well.

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First name: James Maurice

Last name: Heapey

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

This is long overdue because lack infrastructure investment over the years.

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First name: Michelle

Last name: Devlin

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

Gives the community a great asset. A facility for the whole community to use and benefit from.
Will provide activities for the youth.

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First name: Kim Hugh

Last name: Devlin

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

It will help with social development and growth of the Turangi area and we need growth.

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First name: Dorian Lyn

Last name: Lloyd

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity

Centre: Yes

Needed badly - full support.

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First name: Zane Malcolm

Last name: Cozens

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

There are wide benefits to this community if it is built. The project would elevate us socially, economically and mentally.

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First name: Stacey

Last name: Kingi

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

Because our children and youth have nothing! And I am sick of seeing Taupo get everything.

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First name: Doug

Last name: Montgomery

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

The town needs this. Excellent for younger town kids to enjoy and sense of pride in their town.

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First name: Dorene

Last name: Mills

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No

Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

Its a no brainer to invest in an area that has been deprived and under invested in for so long.
Its time to let the people of Turangi find something to be proud of.

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First name: Sonia

Last name: Simon

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity

Centre: Yes

Area needs centre for young people to congregate and have positive use of downtime.

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First name: Jayden

Last name: Brosnahan

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

It great for our youth and the Turangi township altogether.

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First name: Christine Mary

Last name: Dally

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Lake Taupo Protection Project hearing

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

This space would provide a community hub. Where we could come together for sporting, recreational and music events along with community meetings. It would also create investment confidence that Turangi is a town going ahead.

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First name: Brendan Howard

Last name: Dally

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

This would be a great space for the community. Allowing national sporting events to be held here along with community activities.

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First name: Jess Matire

Last name: Mikaere

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Lake Taupo Protection Project hearing

No

Public Toilets & Cemeteries

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

My 3 girls play sports and this town needs their own facilities to be able to host other teams from out of town.

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First name: Perry

Last name: Bray

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

For young people particularly and hopefully all facets of community for local events etc.

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First name: Sue

Last name: Brosnahan

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

Our town need this for young families and youth.

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First name: Sam

Last name: Matthieson

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity

Centre: Yes

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First name: Deanna Tracey Marie

Last name: Brosnahan

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No

Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

Turangi has great potential and I think this will be great for our youth! Can also open a lot of opportunities.

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First name: Anahera

Last name: Bell

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

This centre is so needed in Turangi for to long we have had poor or even no facilities that as a community would be greatly appreciated. Positive stuff.

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Last name: Carroll-McCleod

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Feedback

Lake Taupo Protection Project hearing

No

Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

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Turangi has a great community environment and don't have anywhere to celebrate their community based recreations or activities, so building them a centre would benefit all of Turangi and surrounding areas.

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First name: Ed

Last name: Hill

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Turangi needs something like this for our Tamariki.

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Organisation:

Tauhara Middle Lands Trust

First name: Win**Last name:** Greenaway

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Yes

Taupo hearing

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

Issue 1: Funding of council water supplies

Option 1

Leasing or owning a CAB

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Taupo Museum and Art Gallery Building

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Lake Taupo Protection Project

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General comment

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TMLT LTP Submission



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Submission Details:

This is a submission on behalf of Tauhara Middle Lands Trust (TMLT) and its beneficiaries to Taupō District Council as part of public consultation on the Long-term Plan (2021 – 2031) review and adoption process.

The submission is made up of three sections:

- Section 1 – TMLT purpose, background and strategic intent
- Section 2 – Feedback on key issues outlined in the LTP (2021 – 2031)
- Section 3 – Supplementary feedback beyond key issues as it relates to the broader LTP strategic priorities (2018 – 2028) and the Taupō District 2050 – District Growth Management Strategy
- Section 4 – Recommendations and next steps

TMLT requests to speak to its submission in person at the upcoming public hearing meetings scheduled for April - May 2021.

Nga mihi

WIN GREENAWAY 

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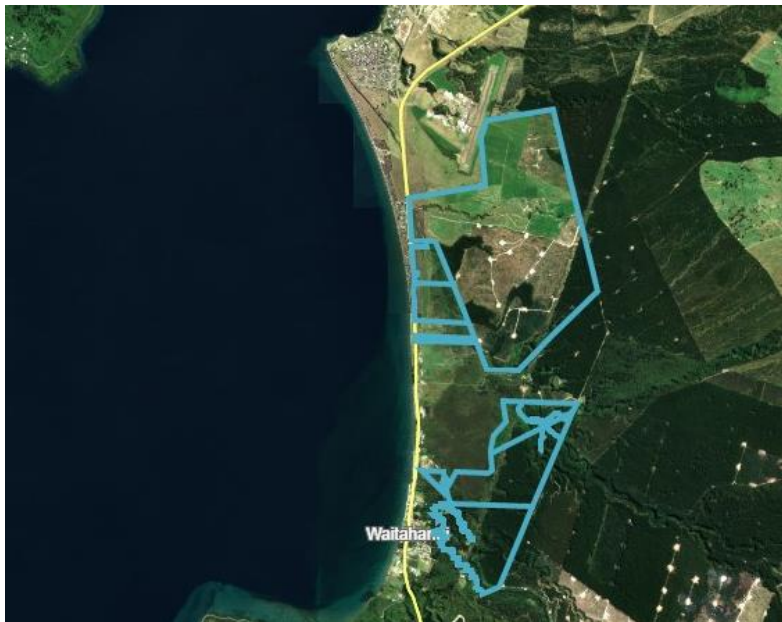
Section 1- Ko wai mātou? Who is Tauhara Middle Lands Trust (TMLT)

TMLT is an intergenerational Maori trust which comprises of approximately 849 hectares of land in 7 separate land titles with more than 3,106 owners who descend from the original Māori landowners.

TMLT aims to protect and enhance the whenua it manages through our vision, mission and purpose.

Vision	Mission	Purpose
<p>We have strong cultural and social connections to each other and our whenua.</p> <p>We nurture and protect our environment.</p> <p>We are economically enabled to forge our own future.</p>	<p>Engage the people, to enable the assets, to better enable the people.</p>	<p>Drawing inspiration from the passion of our people to revitalize the story of our whenua for our people.</p>

Tauhara Middle Land Blocks



Legal Description:	Valuation ID:
Part Tauhara Middle 4A1R2 Block	0738855101
Tauhara Middle 4A1Q36B ML 19462	0738911300
Part Tauhara Middle 4A1P Block	0738911500
Tauhara Middle 4A106	0738912160
Tauhara Middle 4A1L1C Block	0738855103
Tauhara Middle 4A1L2B Block	0738855104
Tauhara Middle 4A1K2	0738855105



To matou whaingā rautaki – Our strategic intent

TMLT is at an important stage in our growth with the recent development of our strategic priorities and overall master plan that includes our responsibilities to:

- Cultural outcomes
- Social outcomes
- Environmental outcomes
- Economic outcomes

This also includes strengthening our relationships with the Ngā Hapu o Tauhara collective and developing a relationship with the Taupō District Council and other potential collaborators for the benefit of Taupō. TMLT sees the LTP (2021 – 2023) public consultation process as an opportunity to express this intent and start a dialogue. Notably, alongside the key issues for feedback there are several synergies between TMLT's strategic goals and the broader LTP values and TD2050 Strategic Directions that raise opportunities for further discussion.

Table 1: TMLT areas of interest in relation to TD2050 and LTP values

TMLT Strategic Priorities	LTP values / District Growth Mgmt strategic directions (SD)	Areas of interest for further discussion
SP1. Whenua & Tangata Whenua – we have strong cultural and social connections to our whenua and each other.	SD 1 – Plan for a district characterised by contained urban communities, bordered by a productive, functional rural environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3,000 residential lots required over the next 30 years – how does this relate to papakāinga/ multiply-owned land commitment? • What are the provisions in place to allow for flexible zoning from rural to residential should Māori landowners choose to explore these options, including high-density housing?
SP2. Rangatiratanga – all TMLT activities directly support Tauhara uri to be self-determining, resilient, interconnected	SD 4 – Recognise tangata whenua cultural identity and build strong, collaborative relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do the TDC Treaty partnership principles and commitments (page 5) integrate and reflect throughout the LTP strategic directions, prioritisation of issues and decision-making processes? • Tangata whenua engagement – what progress has been made with tangata whenua to date in District Plan review (as per commitments made in TD2050)? • While iwi interests are acknowledged in District Plan consultation requirements, how does TDC plan to engage with Māori landowners?
SP3. Engage the people to enable the assets – continued growth and returns through existing and potential investment	SD 5 – Provide the platform for a sustainable economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local business investment opportunities – what future investment opportunities does the council envision for Taupō? TMLT could have potential shared interests to leverage existing assets/ investment
SP4. We are economically enabled to forge our own future – make the most of TMLT resources to enhance the wellbeing of our whenua and ensure our people able thriving and living sustainably	SD 6 – Integrate sustainable infrastructure provision, land use and funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 98 ha of land for industrial growth – what land is being prioritised over next 30 years to meet this need? • what are the future plans for development of Taupō Airport as per the Urban Structure Plan (2004) Master Plan?
SP5. We nurture and protect our environment. The management of TMLT whenua is consistent with our kaitiakitanga responsibilities	SD 7 – Manage development to enhance and protect the natural environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tangata whenua engagement – what provisions are in place to protect cultural sites and other natural resources considered as taonga by tangata whenua as it relates to future growth and infrastructure?

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TMLT acknowledges the LTP (2018 - 2031) scope can only address certain matters raised in this submission. However, TMLT takes this opportunity to highlight several other supplementary issues that while not directly related to the LTP (2018 - 2031) are being raised as a placeholder for future discussion with TDC. These issues include:

Supplementary issue 1: 30-year infrastructure planning and development considerations in relation to TMLT whenua interests.

TMLT are interested in the assumptions that TLC are making around population and business growth over the next 30 years, not just the 10 year period of the LTP. The District Growth Management Strategy is acknowledged as the foundation document for planning the shape of Taupo in 2050 and note the projected need for 3,000 residential lots and 98ha of industrial land. TMLT acknowledges the plan to constrain commercial development to the current town centre.

The current District Growth Management Strategy appears to limit the residential and industrial development of Taupo township to areas within the State Highway corridor and to Kinloch, while also limiting the development of rural land.

TMLT wishes to engage with Council and the other major rural land holders around Taupo to consider the appropriateness of these assumptions, settings, and plans - especially in regard to the future provision of residential and industrial land. In particular, would like to engage



and understand the potential for the development of industrial land and a potential expanded airport capability at the current site

TMLT expect that this may necessitate its consultation forums with Maori to extend beyond iwi and hapu, and to more formally engage with the major Maori owned land blocks surrounding the currently zoned Taupo township.

TMLT are interested in understanding the bulk infrastructure and zoning requirements to consider opening up industrial land adjoining State Highway 1. Furthermore, TMLT would like to engage TLC in a discussion around the potential to create larger scale papakainga and residential development off state highway 1.

Supplementary issue 2: Future development and planning for the Taupō Airport

TMLT acknowledge that the Taupo airport is a strategic asset for the community of Taupo and TDC. TMLT are interested in understanding whether the Growth aspirations for Taupo are inhibited by the current size and scale of the Taupo airport, including it's associated commercial and industrial land.

TMLT note that the District Growth Strategy includes limited industrial land expansion around the airport, none of which is towards whenua owned by TMLT or other Māori land trusts.

TMLT would like the LTP to consider the long-term development options for the Taupo airport, with a 50-year vision including expansion of the airport and increasing industrial land development near the airport.

TMLT are interested in both discussing the potential location of the airport, but also investment opportunities around ownership of the airport.

Supplementary issue 3: TMLT supports the other Ngā Hapū o Tauhara submissions, including issues and opportunities raised as it relates to tangata whenua aspirations and interests

Issue 3.1 - Specific engagement with Māori landowners

The TDC LTP and other key strategies and their consultation documents recognise iwi, however, there needs to be specific mechanisms that address the needs of Māori land owners (of collectively-owned land/ Māori free hold land) to participate in the process as hapū, mana whenua and therefore Treaty Partner. The impacts of future development and planning of the region will have specific and complex regulatory and other impacts on Māori landowners which do not align with the scope of iwi forums for engagement. Secondly, any Māori engagement mechanisms that are put in place should also incorporate clear evidence processes which demonstrate how the participation process is endorsed by hapū and Māori land owners as well as iwi.

TMLT supports all investment and infrastructure decision-making related to the Tauhara area should be made in partnership with Ngā Hapū o Tauhara.

Issue 3.2 - Enable and advocate for Ngā Hapū o Tauhara priorities

TMLT supports the aspirations of Ngā Hapū o Tauhara. The future local development and infrastructure landscape must allow for flexibility to balance a range of current and intergenerational priorities and aspirations of our hapū.

These priorities include:

- **Sustainable economic growth** - lead out in accordance with our tino rangatiratanga and mana motuhake (as guaranteed under Te Tiriti o Waitangi)



- **Opportunities to grow our economic/asset base** - to support the growth rate of our people, including potential for expanded commercial development in proximity to the airport, zoning change to increase potential for residential development
- **Industry development** - to support more skilled jobs in the region to improve household income for whānau
- **Infrastructure for SMEs** - which could be achieved by changing zoning around the airport to enable more commercial development.
- **Sustainable land use** - including low-emissions and where necessary changes to zoning to enable Māori investment and ownership of assets and infrastructure.
- **Equitable transport** - improvements in public transport and other affordable low emissions transportation options for whānau
- **Urban design** - urban and rural design that promotes intergenerational wellbeing and social cohesion, utilises low-carbon materials, and facilitates energy and cost efficiency for whānau
- **Protect the environment** - continued efforts to drive ethical behaviour change from all residents and TDC commitments to support wetland restoration, increase riparian planting, water quality improvement and native regenerative forest activities.

TMLT supports continued conversations between TDC and Ngā Hapū o Tauhara to progress identifying how these outcomes can be addressed in future development and planning strategies.

Section 4 – Recommendations and next steps

TMLT **recommendations** to the TDC are:

- **Notes** the broader issues and concerns raised in this submission as they directly or indirectly relate to the LTP (2018 - 2031) and/or other TDC strategies to ensure
- **Responds** to the “areas of interest” in table 1 discussion points and specific supplementary issues raised in Section 3

TMLT **next steps** are to:

- Speak to its submission at the upcoming public hearing (April - May 2021)
- Work with TDC to identify future strategic opportunities for engagement on mutual areas of interest

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Last name: Klue

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Feedback

Lake Taupo Protection Project hearing

No

Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

Turangi needs a dedicated centre where the entire community can come together in a constructive and positive space to help strengthen community ties.

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First name: Tuki

Last name: Clarke

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Centre: Yes

Overall just good for Turangi.

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First name: Patricia

Last name: Keelan

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Positive stuff for Turangi.

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Organisation:

Waikato Regional Council

First name: Anthea**Last name:** Sayer

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Yes

Taupo hearing

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

Lake Taupo Protection Project hearing

No

General comment

See attached submission

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16 April 2021

Gareth Green
Chief Executive
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Dear Gareth

Waikato Regional Council Submission on Taupō District Council's 2021-2031 draft Long Term Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the proposed Taupō District Council's 2021-2031 draft Long Term Plan. Please find attached the Waikato Regional Council's submission regarding the draft plan. The submission was formally endorsed by the council's Submissions Subcommittee on 13 April 2021.

Should you have any queries regarding the content of this document please contact Anthea Sayer, Anthea Sayer, Corporate Planning Team directly on (07) 8590512 or by email anthea.sayer@waikatoregion.govt.nz.

Regards,

Russ Rimmington
Chair

Chris McLay
Chief Executive

Submission from Waikato Regional Council on the Taupō District Council's 2021-2031 draft Long Term Plan

Introduction

1. Waikato Regional Council (WRC) appreciates the opportunity to make a submission on the Taupō District Council's 2021-2031 draft Long Term Plan (LTP).

Lake Taupō Protection Project

2. WRC appreciates the close working relationship we have with Taupō District Council (TDC) with regards to the Lake Taupō protection project and specifically the work we have done to get us to a preferred option for the future of the project as part of this LTP consultation.
3. Whatever the outcome from LTP deliberations, we look forward to working with you to secure the future of the project.

Three waters reform

4. WRC recognises the pressures local authorities have in relation to three waters and compliance with their water take, wastewater and stormwater consent obligations. We encourage TDC to invest appropriately to ensure full compliance with Resource Management Act obligations as it relates to three waters infrastructure.

Biodiversity

5. As part of our own upcoming LTP, WRC is proposing a significant increase in biodiversity investment based on the urgent need to address the biodiversity decline and to respond to the imminent release of the NPS Biodiversity.
6. We suggest that TDC also considers a sufficient level of funding to support the planning and delivery of local biodiversity programmes. This could take the form of:
 - Staff time and resourcing to respond to the NPS Biodiversity and to be actively involved in developing regional biodiversity strategies;
 - Sufficient budget to enable and respond to the specific requirements to identify and map significant natural areas (SNAs). We would see this as a co-investment with WRC and its proposed increase in investment to the regional biodiversity inventory programme;
 - Expanding the funding available to private landowners who have SNAs on their property and who wish to undertake management of those sites;
 - An appropriate level of expenditure in council's own parks and reserves budgets where reserves include important biodiversity assets, to support the development of appropriate reserve management plans and delivery programmes such as pest and weed control.

Climate change

7. WRC supports TDC's recognition of the projected impacts that a changing climate will have on the district and that this has been factored into policy and operational activities. We support this response and are keen to partner with you to advance initiatives in this area.
8. We note that a replacement building for the council is a major decision point in this LTP and suggest that this could provide an opportunity to show leadership in low carbon design leading to low emissions operation of buildings and construction from low embodied CO2 materials (e.g. construction from engineered timber (as carbon sink) rather than concrete and steel, with high embodied CO2) to future-proof initiatives as we move into a carbon constrained future.
9. WRC notes the reference to the Infrastructure Strategy and requests that climate change be included as a future variable to be accounted for in the design and operation of infrastructure and other assets.

10. WRC encourages TDC to develop a corporate emissions reduction plan to lower greenhouse gas emissions. As WRC has recently undertaken this work at both a regional and local scale, we are happy to offer assistance or advice on the preparation and implementation of this.

Lake Taupō foreshore erosion funding

11. Since the adoption of the Lake Taupō Flood and Erosion Strategy in 2009, WRC has provided support to address foreshore erosion in areas of high public amenity. As you will be aware under the strategy, WRC funds 45 percent of any agreed foreshore works undertaken by TDC.
12. WRC notes that Project Watershed funding for this lakeshore erosion protection work is missing from the ten year budget. It is anticipated to be an annual expenditure in the range of \$100-400K/year for each year of the LTP.
13. We understand that this was an accidental omission and that the funding will be noted in the final LTP. We appreciate the funding being reinstated so we can continue to work closely with you to protect these areas and the associated amenity values.

First name: Elizabeth

Last name: Paterson

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Last name: Parker

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

Overdue and brings community closer together. Keeps community healthy with activities, something for locals to enjoy, run holiday programs and after school daycare, support competition social.

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First name: Oceana

Last name: Savage

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Health and well being. Physical. Mental. Emotional. Youth activities.

P.S save the trees :)

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Organisation:

Pouakani Marae

First name: Memory**Last name:** Te Whaiti

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Yes

Taupo hearing

Additional requirements for hearing:

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Draft Pouakani Marae LTP Submission

**Submission to the Taupo District Council's Long Term
Plan 2021-2031
By POUAKANI MARAE**



To: Taupo District Council
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1.0 SUMMARY

The Draft Long Term Plan (LTP) consultation document sets out Council's vision and goals over the next 10 years from 2021-2031 and how key projects/proposals will be funded within that period.

The LTP includes key proposals for managing and maintaining current facilities and community assets as well as planning for projects and programmes that will promote future growth and development within the District. A key goal of the LTP is to ensure that the Taupo District remains a great place to live.

Pouakani Marae is rich in history and people resource and has aspirations to enable our community to reach their full potential. Tangata whenua/Mana whenua. Pouakani Marae wishes to submit the following to be considered by Council for inclusion to the planning process.

Our strategic plan shows what we have achieved since we completed it. We know it is a living document and needs to an update, but it shows the determination we as a whanau are in achieving our goals. This document needs an update and we plan to do this soon.

2.0 TE AWHINA HALL

2.1 Te Awhina Hall has significant historical value (Toanga) for the Marae and Mangakino Community. There is chronicled stories in relation to its prominence in our community.

2.2 Te Awhina Hall has at various points in history been utilised as a local school, marae, bowling club and community hall. Many local occasions have been celebrated in the hall for over fifty years. Our mission is to tressure the hall as a taonga, enabling it to be further utilised and benefit for our community. This was highlighted at a hui called at the Pouakani Marae to discuss the future of the Te Awhina. It went from a school classroom in the late 40's then moved to be used as a Marae (Te Awhina) then given as a clubrooms for the mens' bowling club and then when the marae burnt down in 2007 was used again as Te Awhina.

2.3 Pouakani Marae have identified that there are three options available.

1. Preserve, as a historical building and remediable works to be completed in the preservation, not utilization of the hall.

2. Restore, to previous functional building to be used by our community.
3. Renovation and enhance to be utilized as a Museum, social/enterprise and Arts and Culture Hub for Mangakino. Contributing to both Social, Cultural and Economic Well-beings of Mangakino and our people.

2.4 Freedom Camping and Visitors: The increase freedom camping and visitors to the reserve(s) request Council investigate options for ablutions to meet this need to protect our whenua and awa. We are looking at a collaborative effort to try and have camping in a designated area that is monitored. This is also to eliminate the land being used as a dumping area.

2.5 Marae Rates/Toilet charge: Request Council review or investigate rates charges based on toilet(s) numbers, as the marae ablutions block is not used daily with numbers.

3.0 Pouakani Marae supports:

- 3.2 Basketball Court upgrade town centre
- 3.3 Streets upgrade programme
- 3.4 Waste water treatment plant upgrade

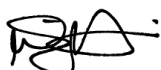
4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 In summary, Pouakani Marae requests that, in order of preference the following actions are requested:

- 1) Pouakani Marae and Council partner to develop Te Awhina Hall options.
- 2) Council investigate options for ablutions at reserve.
- 3) Council to lead a process to look at Marae pan charges. Pouakani Marae would like to be part of that korero.

4.2 Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

DATED 16th April 2021



Memory Te Whaiti

Pouakani Marae Trustee's

Organisation:

Taupo Cycling Club

First name: Garry**Last name:** Maskill

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SUBMISSION FROM TAUPO CYCLING CLUB

TO TAUPO DISTRICT COUNCIL

Emailed: 10yearplan@taupo.govt.nz 15 April 2021

Hand delivered to Council 16 April 2021

**RE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT FOR THE
LONG-TERM PLAN 2021-31**

OUR CLUB

The Taupo Cycling Club thanks Council for the opportunity of making this submission to the Plan. The Clubs focus is on the recreational, competitive, social, health and safety, cycling interests of its members. We have a strong commitment to our community especially our young riders. One of the Clubs significant start ups was the Taupo Cycle Challenge. It has since passed the event on to the Cycle Challenge Trust.

The composition of the Taupo Cycling Club ranges in age from 7 years to 70 year plus. It has a range of cyclists, with those who specialise in Road and Velodrome racing, through to triathletes and mountain bikers who use road cycling to supplement their training. We have riders competing in age groups at high levels on a regular basis and several won medals at the recent Waikato/Bay of Plenty Champs.

THE VELODROME

The Taupo Velodrome is an important asset of our Cycling Club and we wish to say how grateful we are for the Councils substantial grant for the upgrading work to the surface of the track. The Velodrome is used not only by the Club for training and teaching purposes but is also available for hire by the wider community.

WIDENING CYCLE LANE ON BROADLANDS ROAD

During the summer months the Club uses the Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park Race

Track for shorter distance race training. This year more than 20 events were held at the Track on Tuesday evenings at 6pm and finishing around 7pm. Many of the riders ride their bikes on Broadlands Road to and from the Motorsport Park.

On the way out from the city the road is safe even though it is open highway from where the urban area ends. The reason it is safe is due to the well marked approximately one metre wide cycle lane. However the return trip back into town has a much narrower cycle lane and for the most part it is less than 0.5 metres wide.

Broadlands Road is a busy highway and is used by large vehicles including forestry trucks and milk tankers. The safety of the Clubs cyclists would be significantly improved if the cycle lane on the southern side of the road was increased to the same width as the northern side at least as far as the Motorsport Park. We also note that the road as far out as Reporoa is used for training by the Ironman triathletes and others.

The Councils Draft Long Term Plan 2021 includes Supporting Information. Our particular interest is the Draft Asset Management Plan Executive Summary pg 11 section 3.7.3 New Works. The Table on pg 11 provides for the widening of Broadlands Road with a budget of \$2.52M. The Club is very supportive of this work and requests the work include the widening of the south side of Broadland Road from the town boundary to at least the entrance to Bruce McLaren Motorsport include a sealed and marked one metre wide cycle lane.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS

The Theme for: ***“protecting the health of our community”***. We suggest that adding the words “and safety” will make the Theme consistent with other clauses throughout the Plan. We note that the word “health” in the Plan is generally used to refer to the “Three Waters” rather than roads and footpaths.

The Theme for: ***“maintaining and renewing our infrastructure”***. We believe the addition of “and where appropriate improving” should be added to this Theme so as to promote the idea of exploring better ways of doing things, including the use of new technologies.

Our Transport Assets page 7 section 3.3. (Transport AMP Executive Summary pdf)

Asset: Cycleways. Quantity 1.2kms:

We question if this is an adequate reflection of the good work the Council has carried out in providing for cycling in Taupo. Examples of this work are the shared Lake Taupo pathway, the road curb side markings on many of the main urban and rural roads and the tracks from the urban area to the Three Craters. Taupo is an exceptional example of providing safe cycling conditions for its residents and visitors and should capitalise on this in its endeavour “to be the most prosperous and liveable district in the North Island”.

A CYCLE STRATEGY

The Club wishes to commend the Council on its network of on and off road cycleways. Cycling is one of the strategies being applied by cities throughout the world to reduce global warming and provide alternatives to the motor vehicle. The main urban township of Taupo is an ideal size and layout for the use of bicycles and with the introduction of electric bikes, bicycles have the potential to be used by most age groups in our community. To maximise

usage of this mode the cycleways must be safe and focussed on key destination points and activities.

The biggest thing we would like to see with regards to safer cycling would be the identification of tight spots on our roading network and for them to be flagged for safety improvement.

We note that Taupo does not have an overall cycling strategy for the District. A strategy could include future opportunities, safety issues and specific locations for improvement. We would encourage this and would like to participate in the process as collectively our members have a lot of knowledge to offer with respect to safe cycling in Taupo

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We wish to present our submission to the Council in person.



Garry Maskill

Secretary for the Taupo Cycling Club

First name: Brendan

Last name: Brosnahan

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Feedback

Lake Taupo Protection Project hearing

No

Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity

Centre: Yes

Turangi youth

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First name: Erenora

Last name: Warena

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Centre: Yes

A much needed facility for all of our whanau in Turangi.

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First name: Jenny

Last name: Love

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Centre: Yes

For my mokopuna!

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Last name: Ellison

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Centre: Yes

#Turangi proud

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First name: Tareta

Last name: McLaughlin

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We need it!

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Last name: Downs

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

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Its about time don't you think!

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First name: Layla

Last name: Ellison-Kupa

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

Yay! Finally something great for my tamariki and all the people of Turangi to enjoy!

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First name: Michelle

Last name: Clarke

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[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

Such a great opportunity for so may in our community #TURANGIPROUD!

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First name: Muriel

Last name: McLaughlin

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Centre: Yes

I support this construction for many reasons but mostly for my mokopuna!

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First name: Pauline Waipera

Last name: Whaiapu

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

Will be great for the community and rangatahi.

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First name: Tini

Last name: Bluegum-Waru

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Centre: Yes

That's what TURANGI needs

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First name: Spencer

Last name: Asher-Waru

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[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

It's a awesome asset for our community!!

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First name: Paul

Last name: Tapara

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Centre: Yes

About time its overdue.

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First name: Ratu

Last name: Waru

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

My moko would benefit and excel with a new recreation and activity centre this is a great opportunity for our community and their future.

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First name: Angela

Last name: Pohe

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

This is something our Rangatahi need, Turangi really doesn't have a permanent space where our kids can go and learn, create and spend time with others in a safe environment, just having fun playing around being kids.

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First name: Gael

Last name: TeRangi

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[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

I have resided in Turangi most of my life. My children and grandchildren are of Ngati Turangitukua descent. This would greatly bless their lives now and the future generations of all who reside in Turangi. Turangi is the town of the future. We all deserve the best life can offer.

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First name: Monica

Last name: Duff

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

It's been a long time coming for our community. We've waited long enough!

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First name: Duane

Last name: Duff

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

It will be a great asset for a great community.

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First name: Sue

Last name: Pitman

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Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

My moko partakes in multiple successful sporting groups and it saddens me that my moko and many other children of Turangi train and host in such sub-standard facilities.

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First name: Kyra

Last name: Marshall

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[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

I have a very sporty family who train a lot. We often do this at home with all our own gear as there is nowhere decent in Turangi to do this. The netball courts are very slippery and dangerous, and the local gym has previously been very slippery and leaks a lot when it is raining. Our whanau are highly involved in Netball and Touch which we play in Taupo as there is nothing here in Turangi.

I have 4 girls aged 17, 16, 11 and 5. The 2 eldest have been very successful in their sports so far making Taupo representative netball teams since 2013 and every consecutive year since then, they have also represented Waiariki Maori Netball at National Netball Tournaments for the last 5 years. This year (2021) our 11 year old girl was also fortunate enough to have been selected in the Waiariki Maori Under 13 netball Team but then due to covid, the Maori National Netball Tournament which is usually held over Easter Weekend was cancelled. Our 16 year old has been lucky enough to be selected for the Waikato Bay of Plenty Magic in the making Under 16 Talent Identification programme in 2020 and then again in the Under 18 Talent Identification programme for 2021 and then being selected as part of the final 14 players for 2021 from a total of approximately 250-300 players.

This year we were also fortunate enough to travel to Auckland with an Aotearoa Under 12 Girls Team to play in the Oceania Cup which saw them play against other indigenous teams. These girls trained hard for quite some time before heading to this tournament and could also have benefited by having a good indoor space to train in when the weather wasn't too great to be outside.

In October every year since 2015, we have the Top NZ Club Touch Team come to Turangi for the weekend to run their annual Touch Training Camp here in Turangi and they hire the local gym for 2 hours whilst they are here to run their fitness training. They stay at the Tongariro School Wharekura for the weekend whilst they are here. This team also consist of a lot of NZ Open Men's Touch players as well as the Captain of the NZ Opens Men's Team.

Our girls have then also been previously selected in the Bay of Plenty Touch Representative teams for the last 5 years which has seen them attend and play in the NZ Junior Touch Nationals

over these few years. They have both at different times also been a part of the Taupo Nui a Tia Secondary School Touch Team which again has given them the opportunity to play in the NZ Secondary School Touch National Tournaments where the team has managed to place 3rd in the SS Touch Mixed Grade. It is very unfortunate that I have made the sacrifice to send the to Taupo Nui A Tia as there are a lot more opportunities for them both academically and sporting wise.

Turangi has so much talent when it comes to sports but unfortunately the biggest hurdle is the support for our young up and coming players both from their own family's as well as not having any good local facilities to keep them going.

Our whanau are also part of our local Turangi Angel's Netball club and I have been coaching a young team over the last few years as unfortunately some of the local schools do not cater for this age group so we have catered for them under the club which also brings a lot of our younger players through and helps to keep them active and out of trouble.

I believe sports plays a huge part in our young peoples lives as it teaches them a lot other than being part of a team and learning how to better themselves at their chosen sport. They learn so much more than this whilst being a part of teams such as pride, manners, attitude, respect humbleness, and how to be part of a team and the list goes on.

This new Rec Centre would be hugely welcomed by all in our community I am sure.

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First name: Gary

Last name: West

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Lake Taupo Protection Project hearing

No

Transport

Arrowsmith Ave. is the confluence of most if not all the roads in the Waipahihi district, i.e. the south east corner of Taupo bounded by Lake Terrace and the first several hundred metres of the Napier Taupo Highway. Arrowsmith is also the safest way out for motorists heading to town or the industrial areas.

Over the last two decades the area has grown considerably. New housing along with more holiday homes used for long and short term accommodation and development in the nearby industrial areas of Crown Rd., Manuka and Matai St., Ashwood and Bella George Lane have put pressure on infrastructure.

A consequence of increased building and development is increased traffic, not in itself a problem especially since Council has plans to install a roundabout on the Arrowsmith, Kiddle, Napier Rd. intersection.

The real problems are noise, mostly from modified vehicles and large truck and trailer units, speed, frequently well above the 50 kph limit and vibration from heavy vehicles.

The road is becoming unsafe for pedestrians needing to cross and cyclists who have little choice but to ride on the footpaths despite the provision of cycle lanes. At least one parent told me recently that she never let her children go to the park because they had to cross the road. The illegal road behaviour happens daily and spasmodically but intensifies as people travel to and from work and further intensifies on weekends, day and night. Certain drivers, a minority as always, are actively lawless, or just plain inconsiderate.

Arrowsmith Avenue has become an unpleasant and somewhat dangerous street to live on and it need not be that way.

My solution is the construction of two, maybe three pedestrian havens (similar to the one on Kiddle Drive close to Birch St.) strategically placed to tame speed and discourage the largest of trucks which have no business traversing the suburban streets of Waipahihi. A further consequence of pedestrian havens may well be that more parents allow their younger children to walk and cycle to school thus taking a number of cars off the road. One further possibility would be the reduction of the speed limit to 40 KPH with the hope that the speeders would be tamed down to 50 KPH.

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Last name: Dawsom

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Feedback

Taupo Museum and Art Gallery Building
Option 2

Libraries & Museum

It would be good to see input into the cultural sector of the community. A new facility with up to date specs would be an asset to the town encouraging bigger exhibitions than the current space allows. A flexible space that included studio/workshops that would serve those in the community with an uncertain future and those who limit numbers because they meet in each other's homes. Examples of such facilities include C.A.N (Napier) and the Arts Village (Rotorua) Has council thought to set aside land for Active Arts for when the lease expires.

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Organisation:

Federated Farmers of New Zealand

First name: Laura**Last name:** Jessries

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Yes

Taupo hearing

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

Issue 1: Funding of council water supplies

Option 2

Leasing or owning a CAB

Option 1

Taupo Museum and Art Gallery Building

Option 1

Water

Federated Farmers considers that the Council's water schemes should continue to be separately funded. Funding these services on a user-pays basis means that there is a direct link between benefits and funding sources.

Funding of Council water supplies

45. Federated Farmers notes that the Council are proposing to move the funding of Council's water schemes from user pays targeted rates to setting the same fixed charged targeted rate for all customers connected to all of Council's water schemes.

46. Federated Farmers commends the Council for continuing the use of targeted rates for the water schemes. Federated Farmers supports a user pays rating system and therefore considers that each scheme ought to continue to be separately funded i.e. all costs associated with each scheme are funded by the ratepayers who are connected to the scheme. Funding these services on a user-pays basis means that there is a direct link between benefits and funding sources. Federated Farmers considers that best practice would for the schemes to be based off meters installed at the place of use.

Transport

Federated Farmers considers that the maintenance and upgrade of rural roads should be prioritised given the significant contributions that farmers pay towards roading in general rates, and the importance of roading to farm inputs and outputs significant

ROADING

41. Good quality rural roads are essential to farmers and communities as they enable the movement of farm inputs and outputs and also allow

residents to travel throughout the district.

42. The rural roads within the Taupō district have continued to noticeably decline in quality over recent years. Members are now concerned about the usability and safety of some of the district's rural roads. Federated Farmers therefore urges Council to increase the level of priority that rural roads are given in the maintenance and upgrade programme.

43. Not only is roading of great importance of our members, it also comprises a significant proportion of the costs which our members pay through rates every year. Transport (including roading) is funded 95%-100% by general rates, which are based on a property's capital value. This reliance on general rates means that farm properties with high values contribute a disproportionate amount to the upkeep of roads compared to lower valued residential properties.

44. Federated Farmers therefore recommends that discussions around the prioritisation of maintenance and upgrades of rural roads ought to be had in light of the significant contributions that farmers pay toward roading in general rates, and the importance of roading to farm inputs and outputs.

Libraries & Museum

Federated Farmers supports the Council's position to not construct a new museum and art gallery.

Federated Farmers notes that when the 2018-19 Long Term Plan was amended to include a new building for Council staff, the Council also sought feedback on whether there was support for building a new museum. While the majority of submitters were not in support, Council saw an opportunity to attract funding from external parties. Following COVID-19 those opportunities are likely to be rare and therefore Council is proposing not to include the construction of a new museum and art gallery in the draft LTP. Federated Farmers supports this position.

Rates

Federated Farmers requests:

³⁵/₁₇ That Council reduce the percentage of total rates revenue making up operating revenues from 80% to 60%. This could occur through greater reliance on development contributions and vested assets, therefore decreasing reliance on rates revenue. Trimming operational costs will also reduce the amount of revenue required.

³⁵/₁₇ That Council does not increase the upper limit of permitted rates increase from LGCI +1.5% to LGCI +2.5%. That Council allocates increases its UAGC percentage to the maximum possible allowance (30%).

General comment

Federated Farmers supports leasing a building for Council staff and administration. Federated Farmers considers that in the current climate it is risk adverse to lease a building rather than construct a building and add to the Council's debt.

Leasing or owning a Council administration building

47. The Council is promoting to lease a building for Council administration rather than carrying on plans to construct a Council administration building.

48. The annual lease cost would be funded through rates, however, the construction of a council administration would be funded by debt. Federated Farmers considers in the current climate it is less risk adverse to lease a building rather than add to the Council's debt. Federated Farmers cannot support any of the options put forward in relation to the future of the Lake Taupō Protection Trust. Federated Farmers is concerned that the Consultation Document and the supporting documents do not clearly state how costs will be met by the Council. Federated Farmers considers that the Council needs to provide this information as part of a transparent consultation process.

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Federated Farmers of New Zealand

Submission to the Taupō District Council on the Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2031

16 April 2021



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**SUBMISSION TO TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
ON THE DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2021-2031**

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INTRODUCTION

1. The Rotorua/Taupō Province of Federated Farmers (“**Federated Farmers**”) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Taupō District Council’s draft Long Term Plan 2021-2031 (“**draft LTP**”).
2. Federated Farmers acknowledges any submissions made by individual members of Federated Farmers.
3. Federated Farmers is focused on the transparency of rate setting, rates equity and both the overall and relative cost of local government to agriculture. We support councils that are making progress towards achieving fairness and equity in their rating policies.
4. Federated Farmers would like to be heard in support of this submission.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

5. Federated Farmers is concerned about the Taupō District Council's ("**Council**") heavy reliance on rates revenue. Federated Farmers considers that the total rates revenue should not exceed 60% of operating revenues, rather than 80% as currently proposed. Federated Farmers considers that the Council ought to increase the proportion of operating revenue it obtains from development contributions and vested assets overtime to decrease its reliance on rates revenue.
6. Federated Farmers is concerned that the Council continually increases the upper limit of permitted rates increase. As the Local Government Cost Index ("**LGCI**") is the measure of increase in costs relating to the local government sector there should really be no excuse for exceeding the LGCI. Federated Farmers therefore does not support the increase in the upper limit of permitted rates increase from LGCI +1.5% to LGCI +2.5%.
7. Federated Farmers considers that an 8.98% increase in general rates is significantly high due to lack of utilisation by the Council of the uniform annual general charge ("**UAGC**") mechanism. Federated Farmers recommends that Council increases its UAGC percentage to the maximum possible allowance (30%).
8. Federated Farmers supports the Council's use of targeted rates. Federated Farmers considers that rates ought to reflect access to, and benefit derived by ratepayers from council services. Targeted rates allow for the fair distribution of costs to those who directly benefit from the services.
9. Federated Farmers considers that the maintenance and upgrade of rural roads should be prioritised given the significant contributions that farmers pay towards roading in general rates, and the importance of roading to farm inputs and outputs significant
10. Federated Farmers considers that the Council's water schemes should continue to be separately funded. Funding these services on a user-pays basis means that there is a direct link between benefits and funding sources.
11. Federated Farmers supports leasing a building for Council staff and administration. Federated Farmers considers that in the current climate it is risk adverse to lease a building rather than construct a building and add to the Council's debt.
12. Federated Farmers supports the Council's position to not construct a new museum and art gallery.
13. Federated Farmers cannot support any of the options put forward in relation to the future of the Lake Taupō Protection Trust. Federated Farmers is concerned that the Consultation Document and the supporting documents do not clearly state how costs will be met by the Council. Federated Farmers considers that the Council needs to provide this information as part of a transparent consultation process.

GENERAL COMMENTS

14. Rates are among the top ten operational expenses of a farming business. They are a source of considerable financial pressures for all farmers. Federated Farmers makes submissions on annual and long term plans to ensure councils exercise fiscal prudence, and consider affordability, fairness and equity issues when recovering rates (to the extent this is possible in land and capital value taxation systems).
15. Federated Farmers appreciates that for regional and district councils alike the 2021 long term plan is heavily directed by external factors. Increasing costs to implement central government regulatory changes, coupled with the ongoing impact of COVID-19 are untimely challenges for councils. These pressures include investment in new and upgraded infrastructure, especially for the 'three waters' and

roading and transport, let alone adequately maintaining existing infrastructure. Federated Farmers acknowledges that councils can only defer this work for so long.

16. Federated Farmers reaffirms our appreciation for the working relationship with the Council that has been fostered over the last few years and we note a desire to continue to build on this through regular meetings between our nominated representatives and staff, and opportunities for discussion over the future direction of our region.

FINANCIAL STRATEGY & RATES INCREASE

17. Over the past few years ratepayers have experienced rates increases well above the rate of inflation, whether it is expressed as the consumer price index (which is of primary importance to ratepayers) or the local government cost index. This has placed considerable burden on ratepayers.
18. Federated Farmers notes that balancing the wants and the needs of communities whilst keeping rates affordable and sustainable is at the forefront of the Council's financial strategy.
19. Rates are a charge for services which are supposed to reflect the access to, and benefit derived by ratepayer from council services.¹ However, in practice, Federated Farmers considers that the 'benefit principle' is often eroded by factoring in other considerations like 'affordability' or 'ability to pay.' Federated Farmers is concerned that the Council is relying heavily on affordability when preparing the financial strategy when councils often do not have a clear idea of the financial situation of their individual ratepayers.
20. Federated Farmers notes that the Council incorporate the following limits when setting rates values:
- Total rates revenue must not exceed 80% of operating revenues; and
 - Rate increases (calculated on the average rate per property after adjusting in rateable properties) may not exceed the forecast Local Government Cost Index + 2.5%.
21. Federated Farmers is concerned that total rates revenue could make up to 80% of operating revenues. Federated Farmers considers 80% to be unreasonably high and submits that the rates revenue should not make up more than 60% of operating revenue.² Federated Farmers considers that Council ought to increase the proportion of operating revenue it obtains from development contributions and vested assets overtime which would in turn decrease its unreasonable reliance on rates revenue.
22. The Thames-Coromandel District Council ("TCDC") is an example of another district council which struggles with an overreliance on rates as a source of funding. Rates currently provide 81% of the TCDC's income. To address this the TCDC Long Term Plan Consultation Document 2021-31 has proposed a 'no frills' budget which sees only essential projects being funded.³ This includes renewal and maintenance of existing assets, as well as critical investment in water-related infrastructure. The proposed 'no frills' budget also includes operating expenditure. Like the Taupō District, the Thames-Coromandel district has a high number of visitors which ratepayers must fund services that visitors benefit from. TCDC is therefore also looking at options which put a greater emphasis on fees and charges so that visitors/tourists contribute to the costs of the services they use and enjoy.⁴ Federated Farmers considers that the Council could consider an approach similar to TCDC to assist in decreasing the heavy reliance there is on rates revenue.

¹ This is a key principle set out in section 101 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The Productivity Commission's final report (2019): Local Government Funding and Financing at page 58 outlined that the composition of council revenue varies across council types with rates making around 60% of operating income. For example, rates revenue makes up approximately 68% of the Masterton District Council's operating revenue.

³ Thames-Coromandel District Council Long Term Plan Consultation Document 2021-31, pp 5.

⁴ As above at pp 17.

23. Federated Farmers acknowledges that the Council has limited rate increases to not exceed the forecast LGCI +2.5%. Federated Farmers supports an upper limit of permitted rates increase which will constrain expenditure but considers that limit set by Council to be unreasonable. As the LGCI is the measure of increase in costs relating to the local government sector there should really be no excuse for exceeding the LGCI.
24. Federated Farmers is concerned about the proposed change in the upper limit of permitted rates increase from the previous Long Term Plan (2018-28). Federated Farmers notes that prior to the 2018-28 Long Term Plan the upper limit was LGCI +1% which was then increased to LGCI +1.5%. Council are now proposing to increase the upper limit a further 1.5% to LGCI +2.5%.
25. The idea of a limit is that it cannot be crossed, a limit becomes meaningless if it can simply continue to be increased to suit. Further, Federated Farmers considers that a responsible council should be able to live with a limit of LGCI +1% and increasing it to LGCI +2.5% suggests irresponsible spending.
26. Federated Farmers reminds Council that the incomes of ratepayers will in no way increase to the same extent as the proposed increases in rates. Therefore ratepayers are expected to pay more because of inflation, however it is unlikely that their incomes will be increased in the same vein, the implication of this being that the costs Council is imposing on its ratepayers will limit other areas of expenditure.
27. While an average district increase of 7.11% is significant, the reality is that for our members, rural ratepayers, the increase is far greater. Federated Farmers notes that in the rating examples for different property types (as provided in the Consultation Document), rates increases for rural properties are amongst the highest in the district. Federated Farmers notes that rural properties have the second highest rates increases with an average increase of 7.95%. This is only behind Turangi residential properties which have an average increase of 11.85% derived predominantly from targeted water and sewage rates which rural properties not subject to (and which Federated Farmers supports should be user paid). This suggests that rural properties are subject to an unreasonably high proportion of general rates.
28. Federated Farmers considers that an average of 7.95% rates increase for rural properties is not justified and therefore recommends that Council reassess the values it has set for setting rates, in particular that total rates revenue can be up to 80% of operating revenues.

Federated Farmers requests:

- **That Council reduce the percentage of total rates revenue making up operating revenues from 80% to 60%. This could occur through greater reliance on development contributions and vested assets, therefore decreasing reliance on rates revenue. Trimming operational costs will also reduce the amount of revenue required.**
- **That Council does not increase the upper limit of permitted rates increase from LGCI +1.5% to LGCI +2.5%.**

GENERAL RATES

29. Federated Farmers is concerned that the Consultation Document and supporting documents do not clearly identify the percentage increase in general rates. Federated Farmers considers in failing to do so Council are not adequately informing their intentions and assumptions with regard to general rates. Federated Farmers recommends that the increase in general rates be clearly set out to ensure ratepayers are properly informed as required by the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (“LGRA”).
30. Federated Farmers requested further information from the Council as to what the general rates increase is proposed to be per property excluding the uniform annual general charge. The Finance Manager at the Council indicated an **8.98%** general rates increase. Federated Farmers considers that the increase in

general rates in significantly high due to lack of utilisation by the Council of the UAGC mechanism. This is discussed more below.

UNIFORM ANNUAL GENERAL CHARGE

31. Federated Farmers supports the use of the UAGC as close to the legislative maximum of 30% of total rates revenue as possible.
32. Federated Farmers notes that the Consultation Document and the supporting documents do not reveal what percentage of the total rates revenue the UAGC as proposed in the draft LTP makes up. Federated Farmers considers that this material ought to be provided to ensure that the funding impacts on ratepayers is clear. Federated Farmers considers this lack of transparency to be in direct conflict with the mandatory disclosure requirements outlined in section 93C of the LGRA.
33. Federated Farmers has undertaken our own calculations of the UAGC based on the on the data provided in the Schedule to the Funding Impact Statement which reveal that the UAGC is **12.18%** of the total rating revenue, compared to the legislative maximum of 30%. This is significantly low and there is a lot more opportunity to use the UAGC.
34. The affordability and equity of rates is a significant issue for farm businesses, given that they are allocated on the basis of property value as opposed to income. This is especially true for the Council's rating mix, which specifically for the UAGC does not represent progressive good practice and is behind many other district councils.
35. UAGC's (and applicable uniform rates) are a fair way for councils to rate for services that provide an equal or indistinguishable amount of benefit (or cost) across ratepayer groups or people. Especially when compared to a general rate calculated by capital or land value which can result in groups such as farmers paying more for an activity which they are unlikely to use more than any other group in a community.
36. In principle we support the maximum use of the UAGC mechanism (including applicable uniform rates) for a number of reasons:
 - Full use of the UAGC will reduce reliance on property-value rates, which will have the effect of reducing the significant discrepancies between what farmers contribute to Council public good functions, compared to what other ratepayers contribute;
 - The UAGC also provides for more equitable rating in that all houses, whether they are rural or urban, will pay the same amount for access to the same service. As an example, a council's service of democracy benefits all ratepayers in the same way, so they should pay the same;
 - There is also the benefit that there is a link between the amount of rates required from each ratepayer and that ratepayer's demand on services.
37. To achieve the legislative target of 30% of total rate revenue being sourced from the UACG mechanism, the Council could shift the funding source of some activities that have equal benefit for all ratepayers from the general rate into the UAGC. For example, currently a number of community facilities such as sportsgrounds (currently funded 90%-100% by the general rate), public toilets (currently funded 100% by the general rate) and district libraries (currently funded 90%-100% by the general rate) are predominately funded by general rates and should be funded by UAGC given the head room between the current usage and legislated cap. A property with a high capital value will not receive a greater benefit from these community facilities compared to a lower value property that justifies being rated higher. Nor are these community facilities linked to property value.
38. Federated Farmers therefore considers that Council ought to fully utilise the UACG mechanism at 30% of the total rates to provide equity between ratepayers. This could occur through the moving a number of community facilities off the general rate and into the UAGC.

39. If Council is concerned that the effects of increasing the UAGC would be regressive and impact upon owners of lower capital value properties, Federated Farmers submits that the rates rebate scheme, alongside the broader central government welfare system, remain the most robust and efficient methods of progressive redistribution, with the ability to target each concern on a case-by-case basis in a way that is not possible using the blunt property value basis afforded by rates. General rates based on capital value are a very poor indicator of ability to pay or net wealth, and usually not proportional to the service or benefit received.

Federated Farmers requests:

- **That Council allocates increases its UAGC percentage to the maximum possible allowance (30%).**

TARGETED RATES

40. Federated Farmers supports and commends the Council on its use of targeted rates, in particular in relation to water and sewage rate. Where appropriate, targeted rates go a long way toward alleviating inequity in the rating system and ensures that the cost of council activities is transparent to the ratepayer. We recommend that the Council continues to use targeted rates for services where there is a high level of direct identifiable benefit.

ROADING

41. Good quality rural roads are essential to farmers and communities as they enable the movement of farm inputs and outputs and also allow residents to travel throughout the district.

42. The rural roads within the Taupō district have continued to noticeably decline in quality over recent years. Members are now concerned about the usability and safety of some of the district's rural roads. Federated Farmers therefore urges Council to increase the level of priority that rural roads are given in the maintenance and upgrade programme.

43. Not only is roading of great importance of our members, it also comprises a significant proportion of the costs which our members pay through rates every year. Transport (including roading) is funded 95%-100% by general rates, which are based on a property's capital value. This reliance on general rates means that farm properties with high values contribute a disproportionate amount to the upkeep of roads compared to lower valued residential properties.

44. Federated Farmers therefore recommends that discussions around the prioritisation of maintenance and upgrades of rural roads ought to be had in light of the significant contributions that farmers pay toward roading in general rates, and the importance of roading to farm inputs and outputs.

Federated Farmers requests:

- **That Council prioritises the maintenance and upgrade of rural roads.**

CONSULTATION TOPICS

Funding of Council water supplies

45. Federated Farmers notes that the Council are proposing to move the funding of Council's water schemes from user pays targeted rates to setting the same fixed charged targeted rate for all customers connected to all of Council's water schemes.

46. Federated Farmers commends the Council for continuing the use of targeted rates for the water schemes. Federated Farmers supports a user pays rating system and therefore considers that each scheme ought to continue to be separately funded i.e. all costs associated with each scheme are funded by the ratepayers

who are connected to the scheme. Funding these services on a user-pays basis means that there is a direct link between benefits and funding sources. Federated Farmers considers that best practice would for the schemes to be based off meters installed at the place of use.

Federated Farmers supports:

- **Option 2: Each water scheme separately funded.**

Leasing or owning a Council administration building

47. The Council is promoting to lease a building for Council administration rather than carrying on plans to construct a Council administration building.

48. The annual lease cost would be funded through rates, however, the construction of a council administration would be funded by debt. Federated Farmers considers in the current climate it is less risk adverse to lease a building rather than add to the Council's debt.

Federated Farmers supports:

- **Option 1: To lease a building.**

Taupō Museum and Art Gallery

49. Federated Farmers notes that when the 2018-19 Long Term Plan was amended to include a new building for Council staff, the Council also sought feedback on whether there was support for building a new museum. While the majority of submitters were not in support, Council saw an opportunity to attract funding from external parties. Following COVID-19 those opportunities are likely to be rare and therefore Council is proposing not to include the construction of a new museum and art gallery in the draft LTP. Federated Farmers supports this position.

Federated Farmers supports:

- **Option 1: Do not construct a new museum and art gallery.**

Lake Taupō Protection Project

50. The Lake Taupō Protection Trust ("**the Trust**") was established to reduce the amount of nitrogen entering Lake Taupō. The Trust had a limited life with the current arrangements ceasing in 2020. However, the agreements entered into with landowners have a 999-year life. A decision is now required on who should oversee these agreements into the future and how they should be funded.

51. The Council are proposing that the governance functions should be undertaken by a joint committee, made up for members from the Council, Waikato Regional Council, Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board and the Crown. The Trust will continue to have oversight of the agreements.

52. The Council's proposal would on average cost the Council \$252,129 per annum. The total cost would be funded 66% by the Council and 34% by the Waikato Regional Council.

53. Federated Farmers is concerned that the Consultation Document and the supporting documents do not clearly state how this cost will be met by the Council, in particular whether this cost will be met through rates revenue and if so whether it will be covered by UAGC, general or targeted rates.

54. Without this information Federated Farmers is unable to give its support for the option proposed by Council and considers this to be a breach of the necessary transparent consultation process that Council is required to take under the LGRA.

Federated Farmers recommends:

- Further details are required in order for Federated Farmers and other submitters to make an informed decision whether to support the options put forward by the Council. Federated Farmers recommends further information be provided outlining how Council will meet to annual costs of its proposal.
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ABOUT FEDERATED FARMERS

Federated Farmers is a not-for-profit primary sector policy and advocacy organisation that represents the majority of farming businesses in New Zealand. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the interests of New Zealand's farmers.

The Federation aims to add value to its members' farming businesses. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:

- Our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment;
- Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community; and
- Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.

This submission is representative of member views and reflect the fact that local government rating and spending policies impact on our member's daily lives as farmers and members of local communities.

Federated Farmers thanks Taupō District Council for considering our submission.



Organisation:

Tongariro School

First name: Caroleanne**Last name:** Tamati

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Feedback

Lake Taupo Protection Project hearing

No

Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

Our town desperately needs a multi-purpose facility that can cater for our community to have the ability to hold large groups of people.

The current facilities are unsuitable or have “passed their due by date” and we as a Turangi Proud community deserve better.

We have brainstormed what we would like the design of the facility to be like:

Tongariro School recommendations:

1. Two full sized courts suitable for Netball (outdoor and indoor), basketball and volleyball
2. Toilet and showers, changing rooms for male and female and a unisex one. At least 6 toilets and 6 showers in each.
3. Efficient heating, insulation and lighting
4. Retractable seating suitable for seating for games, kapa haka festivals, concerts, shows.
5. Seating suitable for meetings, games, concerts, school balls, various social events etc.
6. Fully equipped clock, includes 30 second boards.
7. Equipment room
8. Efficient storage facilities
9. Proper goals for netball, indoor.
10. Fully equipped kitchen that meets the requirements for catering. A Bar??
11. Dining room off the kitchen.

12. Conference room that can be divided to make smaller rooms
13. Wifi capability
14. Dance Studio
15. Capacity to seat up to 2000
16. Second floor which will have a fitness gym, viewing for games
17. Entrance, foyer, office-admin, front desk
18. Flooring which can be used to protect with view of netball courts, pools etc
19. Sliding doors which can be opened up onto verandas and would allow light in
20. Area for parking

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First name: Te-Rauna

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[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity

Centre: Yes

We got nothing"

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Organisation:

Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association

First name: Kevin**Last name:** O'Hara

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Yes

Turangi hearing

Additional requirements for hearing:

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Omori Kuratau



LONG-TERM PLAN 2021-31 SUBMISSION FORM

YOUR DETAILS

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ORGANISATION

If you are completing this submission on behalf of others please name the organisation

OMOKI - KURATAU RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

PRESENTATION

Would you like to present your submission in person, at the hearing? **YES** **NO**

If 'Yes' where would you prefer to be heard? **TAUPŌ** **TURANGI** **MANGAKINO** **VIDEO LINK**

SUBMISSION

Please provide your feedback on the Consultation Document for the Long-term Plan 2021 – 31.
Tell us the things you support, or what you don't, to help guide our future decision making.

ISSUE ONE - FUNDING OF COUNCIL WATER SUPPLIES

	AGREE	DISAGREE
OPTION ONE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OPTION TWO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OPTION THREE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ISSUE THREE - A NEW TAUPŌ MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY BUILDING

	AGREE	DISAGREE
OPTION ONE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OPTION TWO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ISSUE TWO - A FUTURE FOR THE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

OPTION ONE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OPTION TWO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ISSUE FOUR - THE FUTURE OF THE LAKE TAUPŌ PROTECTION PROJECT

OPTION ONE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OPTION TWO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Would you like to present your submission on this issue at a hearing? **YES** **NO**

DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS

SUBMISSIONS TO TAUPO DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2021

Introduction

The Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association is an elected body representing the 1000 ratepayers of the Omori Kuratau area. We have 480 financial members. Our aim is to preserve and improve the special place that is Omori Kuratau.

On behalf of the Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association, we make the following submissions:

1. PLAYGROUNDS

- We note that in the LTP for Taupo District Council 2019-2020 that the Council had 57 playgrounds worth \$4 million. We believe that the Council has an obligation to maintain those playgrounds to a high level of safety and suitability for the people of the district.
- We are aware that there are currently funds set aside for the redevelopment and upgrade of the Parehopu Street playground in Kuratau.
- In conjunction with the Parehopu Street playground, we also request that the Ida's Park (Omori) and Whio Whio Reserve (Kuratau) playgrounds are upgraded and redeveloped as well for consistency and to meet the increased volume of visitors to the area.
- There is also a need for shade sails to be erected over all three of these playground areas.
- Surfacing under the playground equipment in these areas also needs to be upgraded and should be prioritised.
- We consider the maintenance of parking facilities at all of these playground areas a priority.

Reasons for the above submission:

- **Health and Safety:**
 - Shade sails protect children from sun and UV exposure. Skin cancer is a major health problem and is the most common cancer in NZ. NZ has the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. In our opinion providing shade infrastructure in the areas described above is the most effective way of preventing skin cancer risk to our community.
 - Appropriate and approved ground surfacing prevents injuries from accidental falls. Injuries during childhood may lead to health problems in later life.
 - Parking facility upgrades are needed to provide for the safety of children that play close to these busy roads and to account for the increase in the number of visitors and associated traffic to these areas.
- **Increased usage of playgrounds:**
 - Since Covid 19 we have seen a surge in people coming to Omori Kuratau to stay in holiday homes and an increase in people living and working from

home remotely. This has led to an increase in the use of playground facilities.

2. PARKING AREA OUTSIDE OMORI ROAD PLAYGROUND

- At present there is no designated parking area on Omori Road beside the Omori playground.
- Traditionally users have parked on the grass berm.
- Recently there has been increased use of this playground, resulting in cars being parked on the actual reserve and up to the tennis court area.
- We request designated parking spaces are provided by Council.
- Adequate fencing is also required to stop people driving up on to the reserve and the surrounding facilities.
- The berm area has worn away from added use which has impacted on the area aesthetically.
- The reserve and berm is an area of pride in our village and in its current condition reflects negatively on the Council and us as a community.

Reasons for the above submission:

- **Health and Safety:**
 - Once again safety is paramount and the reserve needs to be free of vehicles and in its current state with no fencing or designated parking area there is potential for users to be injured.
 - Our recent speed analysis, carried out by Claire Sharland, showed that a significant proportion of vehicles were exceeding the speed limit past the playground.
 - A designated parking area would make all users and passing vehicles aware of the risks with people crossing the road and the potential for children running out.
 - As detailed above it is imperative that this situation be addressed as part of the Health and Safety review of children's playgrounds in our area.

In the past the local Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association has assisted in funding for these projects and are open to looking at these options again and opening up a dialogue with a Council representative.

The Association welcomes any opportunity to speak to this submission at a hearing or any associated meetings with Council. We consider these submissions important to provide for the continued well-being of community members/visitors and the infrastructure, parks and reserves we share as a village.

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 Secretary, Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association
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Last name: Riwai

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Feedback

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No

Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

We seem to be a poor relative of Taupo. I often see young people just hanging around the rundown mall. We need a centre that can be used to support the people in this low socio-economic area. Make sure you put in a permanent manager, don't overcharge for its use. Run school Holiday Programmes. I am a Rate Pay, I say support your outlying areas.

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Organisation:

Turangi Business Advisory Group

First name: Mike**Last name:** Bowie

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Yes

Turangi hearing

Additional requirements for hearing:

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Feedback

Issue 1: Funding of council water supplies

Option 1

Leasing or owning a CAB

Option 1

Taupo Museum and Art Gallery Building

Option 1

Lake Taupo Protection Project

Option 1

General comment

Please see attached

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Turangi business advisory group

Turangi Business Advisory Group

Submission on the Taupō District Council Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Consultation Document

1. Our Purpose

The Turangi Business Advisory Group assist with feedback from and for the interests of businesses in the Southern Lake Taupo District. Our communities are made up of small and medium sized businesses and they work hard – this is evidenced by the ever increasing growth shown in the recent Market View business reports. Turangi Business Advisory Group was set up by Amplify (previously known as Enterprise Great Lake Taupo) to assist in achieving the 7 pillars of growth for our district.

2. Our Mission

The Turangi Business Advisory Group mission is to support the growth of business opportunities in Turangi.

3. Our Submission

The Turangi Business Advisory Group appreciates the opportunity to provide a submission on the Taupō District Council (TDC) Proposed Long Term Plan 2021 – 2031 Consultation Document. The Turangi Business Advisory Group acknowledges that TDC's priorities have changed due to the Covid-19 climate and commends Council's approach to securing government funding to shovel ready projects that will enhance our communities.

Our Feedback has been set out to align with Council's new strategic goals (refer to p. 4 of the Consultation Document):

- *"Growing resilient economies,*
- *Enhancing healthy and sustainable environment, and;*
- *Enabling connected and safe communities."*

The Turangi Business Advisory Group supports Council's approach to prioritizing partnerships with iwi and hapu to give effect to Treaty Settlement legislation. Developing meaningful partnerships and projects and support will help achieve Council's new strategic goals and our communities to excel.

The Turangi Business Advisory Group **supports** Council's preferred options to the issues identified in the Long Term Plan Consultation Document as follows:

Issue One - Council Water Supplies

The Turangi Business Advisory Group understands that Council is proposing to spread the cost of complying with Drink Water Standards of New Zealand in order to meet the Ministry of Health's requirements across the all ratepayers. Ensuring clean, safe, drinking water is accessible by all connected ratepayers is essential for our future growth opportunities. Therefore, the Turangi Business Advisory Group **supports** Council's preferred option (refer to p. 8 of the Consultation Document):

"to fully funded water supplies activities across all ratepayers connected to a council water supply to ensure everyone connected to a council supply has access to clean, safe, drinking water."

Issue Two – Future Council Administration Building

The Turangi Business Advisory Group **supports** Council's preferred option to **lease a Council Administration Building**. This approach aligns with Council's new strategic goals and reducing long-term costs on the ratepayer. Leasing will enable the development of other projects and assets as outlined in the Consultation Document.

Issue Three – Taupo Museum & Art Gallery Building

The Turangi Business Advisory Group **supports** Council's preferred option of not to construct a new museum and art gallery in the proposed Long Term Plan. As noted above, this approach aligns with Council's new strategic goals and reducing long-term costs on the ratepayer. Leasing will enable the development of other projects and assets as outlined in the Consultation Document.

Issue Four – Lake Taupo Protection Project

The Turangi Business Advisory Group **supports** Council's preferred option to entrust the Lake Taupo Protection Trust to continue to have oversight of the nitrogen reduction agreements.

Further Support – Turangi Projects

The Turangi Business Advisory Group **supports** the following projects as outlined in Council's proposed Long Term Plan:

1. **Turangi Recreation Activity Centre** The Taupo District is well known for hosting large scale events. The Turangi Business Advisory Group acknowledges Council's support of Safe Turangi's award winning Christmas in the Park and other nationally renowned Turangi events, including the annual Ngati Tuwharetoa Marae Sports Challenge. The proposed Turangi Recreation Activity Centre will enhance further events and opportunities. These events will enable our communities to stay connected and attract future investors and business growth.
2. **Wastewater Disposal System Improvement**
3. **Water Treatment Improvements**

Existing Funding and Projects

Amplify (Former EGLT) Funding

We understand that Council has proposed a reduced figure of \$500k per annum to assist fund Amplify in the proposed LTP. While we are supportive of the proposed funding, this will result in a reduced level of service and an inability to continue all of the work they are doing around the district, and in Turangi. Providing increased funding to Amplify to enable to them to fully deliver their strategic plan, including our detailed work plan for economic development in Turangi. The Turangi Business Advisory Group **supports further funding of Amplify in order to continue the current level of service provided to the district.**

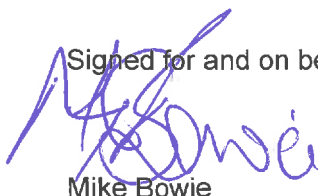
New Adventure Playground & Turangitukua Sports Ground Facilities Upgrade

The Turangi Business Advisory Group is encouraged by the projects that were included and have progressed in previous LTP including:

- Adventure Playground Upgrades; and
- Turangitukua Sports Ground Facilities Development

The Turangi Business Advisory Group wishes to speak to our submission at a Turangi location, if there proves to be enough submitters to support this.

Signed for and on behalf of The Turangi Business Advisory Group



Mike Bowie



Pauline Jenkins-Lyons

First name: Laurie

Last name: Burdett

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Yes

Taupo hearing

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

Issue 1: Funding of council water supplies

Option 1

Taupo Museum and Art Gallery Building

Option 1

Water

Funding of Council Water Supplies

I agree with option one in the first instance.

However this should only be temporary until all properties can be metered. This should be in the ten year plan and has been proven to reduce water use amongst a resident population.

The argument that this would cost the community too much does not make sense when compared with the savings in relation to water treatment. It would also supply employment for those fitting them. I have been metered at my property since purchase and it has not been a problem. The meter is read six monthly.

In my opinion paying the price for the average use of water is not fair, does not make sense and does nothing to promote conservation of a precious resource. It is similar to all paying the average cost of electricity. E.G. Largely generated by the power of water that is converted to electric power and then distributed to users. Not too much different to the collection of water, it's treatment and then delivered to users.

I support the policy re not charging for unexpected significant leaks. (I have had a burst pipe while I was away which proved expensive.)

Climate change and its less reliable weather with droughts means that we need to be a lot more serious about water conservation. I note that the Taupo community has high average usage.

I note the changes that may happen under the three waters reform. Therefore the discussion above may be overtaken by this.

However thank you Taupo District Council for having the courage to fluoridate our two main water supplies.

Libraries & Museum

My preference is Option One. Do not construct a new museum and art gallery.

Although the provision of an art gallery within the current building provides a community service I believe there are other options available for this. Therefore I consider that the museum could extend into the space that is currently occupied by the art gallery. This would ease the lack of space to exhibit historical items and paintings of historical significance.

General comment

THE FUTURE OF THE LAKE TAUPO PROTECTION PROJECT.

My preference is for the continuation of an organisation that is independent and speaks for the lake. But I am concerned re the cost of both options.

We already have organisations that manage different aspects of this moana and the protection project is part of this.

However the project was originally a subset of values from Taupo Nui-A- Tia 2020 which was a

management plan developed from the Lake Accord. The Lake Accord identified 13 values in relation to the lake. Commercial opportunities was added later making 14. The management plan aimed to bring the various agencies together in a more unified manner to discuss the values that were identified and work together to achieve or meet them. The co-ordination of the management plan faltered over the last few years due to a lack of funding.

I believe that the nitrogen reduction agreements can be managed by the regional council staff and co located in the Taupo office. The staff are already known by the farmers.

However I acknowledge that this does fragment the reporting to the Joint Committee. Unless there is a pressing issue I believe that the Joint Committee only needs to meet twice a year.

The Trust, if it continues, should have a broader vision. Perhaps speak for the values identified in the Lake Accord.

The Trust should be based in Taupo with admin provided by either council. The trustees should be local and include Tuwharetoa.

Waiora House

I support the construction of a new building to house community organisations.

Climate Change

Congratulations to the council for technically taking climate change seriously.

Now we need some more action.

The plan shows good initiatives to adapt to climate change but is short on actions to reduce emissions. Councils are in a strong position to influence reduction of transport emissions but converting to electric vehicles and perhaps a flare at the landfill is not making full use of your ability to reduce transport emissions by implementing a liveable urban design.

We have great recreational and tourist bike and walking tracks but safe routes to school and work for cycling and walking are lacking. This is especially noticeable in relation to schools. In the seventies the area in front of the intermediate school was packed with bicycles, now just a few.

However the traffic lights at Norman Smith Street are a help, but I am concerned that there is a plan to build a roundabout at the Arrowsmith Kiddle drive intersection. A set of smart traffic lights there would provide a safe crossing for children walking to school.

A combined foot and cycle bridge from Noble Street across to Riverside park could provide a pleasant route to the town centre and perhaps reduce the traffic from the Nukuhau area.

It would be really useful to have a school in the Nukuhau area, other than a religious school. I know that this is not the responsibility of council.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for a clear, easy to read consultation document.

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First name: Binney

Last name: Chase

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Feedback

Lake Taupo Protection Project hearing

No

Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

Our youth and community deserve to have recreational centre. It will help get our youth off the streets. Our community needs this 100% I support this!!! - MAURI ORA -

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Organisation:

Taupo Volley Club

First name: Jason**Last name:** Rameka

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Yes

Taupo hearing

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

Lake Taupo Protection Project hearing

No

General comment

Please see attached

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LONG-TERM PLAN 2021-31 SUBMISSION FORM

YOUR DETAILS

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ORGANISATION

If you are completing this submission on behalf of others please name the organisation

Taupo Volleyball Club

PRESENTATION

Would you like to present your submission in person, at the hearing?

YES

NO

Combined with Lake Taupo Basketball

If 'Yes' where would you prefer to be heard?

TAUPŌ

TURANGI

MANGAKINO

VIDEO LINK

SUBMISSION

Please provide your feedback on the Consultation Document for the Long-term Plan 2021 - 31. Tell us the things you support, or what you don't, to help guide our future decision making.

ISSUE ONE - FUNDING OF COUNCIL WATER SUPPLIES

AGREE DISAGREE

OPTION ONE

OPTION TWO

OPTION THREE

ISSUE TWO - A FUTURE FOR THE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

OPTION ONE

OPTION TWO

ISSUE THREE - A NEW TAUPŌ MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY BUILDING

AGREE DISAGREE

OPTION ONE

OPTION TWO

ISSUE FOUR - THE FUTURE OF THE LAKE TAUPŌ PROTECTION PROJECT

OPTION ONE

OPTION TWO

Would you like to present your submission on this issue at a hearing? YES NO

DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS

Please refer to the attached letter - Thank you.
(As a club, I do not wish to comment on the options above).



Taupo Volleyball Club
C/- 43 Balmoral Drive
TAUPO 3330
Ph. 027 291 5040

12th April 2021

Re: Taupo District Council LTP - Submission

Dear sir or madam,

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to make an LTP submission and for taking the time to consider its contents.

A review of the 2021-31 draft LTP plan brings to our attention that there is no consideration of any proposed improvement of the available indoor stadium space in the Taupo township area. Specifically, we are talking about the Taupo Events Centre. We can see on page 24 of the LTP a proposal to construct a Turangi activity center which has been identified as being necessary. We further note that the two previous LTP's included improvements to the Taupo Events Centre but that none of them related to the improvement of available court space. Funding for the improvements including are shown in the image below. We note that both plans allocated no further funds to the Centre until at least 2031.

Taupo Events Centre - Stadium						
Additional stage units	20	-	-	-	-	-
Upgrade reception area	-	14	204	-	-	-
Steps from deck to plant room (Health & Safety)	-	20	-	-	-	-
Sun shades over deck	-	3	-	-	-	-
Conservatory over fitness deck - fixing leaking issue & future proofing gym	-	200	-	-	-	-

This is somewhat disappointing as it was stated in the 2015 plan on page 41,

“Future investment in the Great Lake Centre and Taupo Events Centre – We have decided to undertake detailed investigations of these venues, the needs of our communities and the opportunities for events now and into the future. We will develop options for discussion with the community so that any future investment in these venues will be money well spent.”

As a user group it is difficult to recall any talks about the Events Centre in terms of our specific sports needs, however we have had some conversation more recently with council and other users about the stadium space issues that are developing. I would like to add that this was identified over 15 years ago at a user group meeting. Unfortunately, nothing progressed from there. Our recent discussions have highlighted that the issue of stadium space is now rapidly becoming an issue to many users with no solution in sight and none appearing to be proposed through the latest LTP. In spite of this the Events Centre staff have done a great job to try to manage the situation so that all users are catered for, but we have noted as a sport that we are now being asked to use the stadium at unsuitable times of the year and on a lesser scale and in some cases a more fractured pattern. This combined with the growth of our sport does not bode well for the future.

As a sports group we have seen a steady increase in participation, especially around the youth age group of 12-17. This growth is being seen nationwide as the popularity of the sport increases at all levels. We have also seen a steady increase in participation through business house teams, local groups, and casual players in our local competitions. Our weekend tournaments continue to grow and be popular to teams from around the north island to a point that we are considering if we organize more. It is disappointing that we are finding it difficult to cater for this growth and popularity with our ideal yearly program having to be increasingly altered. For example It is sad to have to inform 60+ 12-13yo's after only 4 weeks of games that we can't offer them anymore because there is no more court

time available, or to have to tell regular players and business house teams that we cannot run a competition to the length we would ideally like, or that we have lost a whole night of casual play on a night that we have traditionally held for at least 20 years. It is frustrating to see players and teams at the end of a shortened competition sad that it has to end.

We are aware that other sports groups are experiencing similar issues and have been involved in discussions about this including finding other venues to use. But no solution has been found to this which included the suggested possible use of college gyms. Even if this becomes possible we note from our point of view that the current college gym spaces would be sufficient in size for nothing more than a practice venue for our sport. To date we are not aware of any other alternatives.

We appeal to the council to consider this issue with some urgency, and to include it in near future planning if not as part of this LTP. We do not believe that the varied group of users can wait until 2031 for it to be realized that a solution should have been sought a number of years earlier. It will be too late to solve, and any solution proposed from that time forward will still take a number of years to approve and implement.

From our perspective... to not consider this issue will have the following issues on our sport in the coming years:

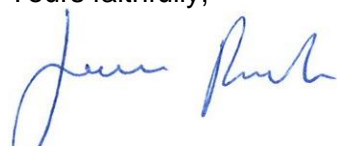
- *Less participation in our sports due to space and scheduling limitations, and a reduction in the physical and psychological benefits that go along with it. Benefits that we are seeing in our participants... especially our youth players.*
- *Increased pressure between sports to compete for and keep what space they have,*
- *Increased stress on organizers and volunteers who have to deal with the issues of their growing sports, limited stadium space, and changing timeframes,*
- *Increased pressure on council staff who have to deal with the issues and concerns.*

Overall, we expect that this is probably not what any Sport and Recreation Plan for Taupo would want to see happen and it does not help with compliment the image of Taupo as being the sports capital of New Zealand.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this subject as part of our submission towards the LTP.

We have been in communication with Lake Taupo Basketball and have agreed to present our concerns as part of combined user group presence at the hearing. We look forward to your response with a time and date for this.

Yours faithfully,



Jason Rameka (on behalf of)
Taupo Volleyball Club

Organisation:

Nukuhau Pa

First name: Dominic**Last name:** Bowden

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Yes

Taupo hearing

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

Lake Taupo Protection Project hearing

No

General comment

Please see attached submission

Attached Documents

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Taupō District Council Long Term Plan, 2021 - 2028

Submission by - Nukuhau Pā

16th April 2021

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Tēnā koutou te Kaunihera ā rohe o Taupō

Nukuhau Pā Profile

Nukuhau Pā is home to Ngāti Rauhoto and Ngāti Te Urunga. We are hapū of Ngāti Tūwharetoa. We hold mana whenua and are kaitiaki over the lands at the northern end of Taupō Moana. Note - this is not exclusive in some parts of our rohe.

We wish to speak in support of our submission at the hearing process.

Submission items contained within this submission:

- 1. Wastewater Spill Prevention.**
- 2. Wastewater Reticulation.**
- 3. NZ Health Standards Support.**
- 4. Marae Rates Review.**
- 5. Multiple Owned Māori Land Rates Review.**
- 6. Rates remission for Multiply Owned Māori Land for community use.**
- 7. Papakainga Development Support.**
- 8. Māori Land Development Enablement.**
- 9. Local Government Māori representation.**
- 10. Maori Relationships Manager.**
- 11. Significant Natural Areas (SNA).**
- 12. Visibility of Te Reo Māori and Cultural Understanding.**
- 13. Bilingual Signage.**
- 14. Build More Co-Management Relationships with Tangata Whenua.**
- 15. The Puau Waikato River Reserve – Nukuhau.**
- 16. Recycling and Waste Management .**
- 17. Community Events Support.**
- 18. Support Community Building Events and Initiatives.**
- 19. Community – Council Collaboration.**
- 20. Flying the Tinorangatiratanga Flag.**
- 21. Māori Health and Wellbeing Support.**

1. **Wastewater Spill Prevention.** The natural environment is critical to the health and wellbeing of people. The spiritual significance of water and traditional use is the essence of who we are as hapu and iwi. Spills to the lake and environment are not acceptable and have become too frequent in recent years. Our district has many community wastewater networks and these assets are still being expanded. More resources are required to undertake 'preventative maintenance and rolling inspections' across the entire district networks. Realistic resourcing is critical. Redesign of storm water infrastructure is critical. In high density urban areas there is no current 'Fail Safe' or insurance policy in the event of a wastewater spill to the storm water network. It is essential that there is the ability to interrupt and capture contaminants in storm water before it is discharged to our water ways (mainly Taupō Moana). This will involve significant investment in the installation of appropriate capture and contain devices. TDC should be pragmatic in developing devices / tools for home disposal of Fat, oil and grease. Consider introducing a bylaw to ban the sale & use of non-degradable wipes in the District.
2. **Wastewater Reticulation.** Support for the systematic rollout of either extensions that connect back to an existing systems or new standalone installations. Especially for smaller settlements like Waihi and Waitahanui, Hatepe, Wairākei. In particular we recommend that the Acacia Bay wastewater reticulation is given the highest priority for connection to the Taupō WWTP. Research into other alternative wastewater processing methods should be explored reducing the need for water. New or improved technology could provide more effective environmental benefits in certain circumstances.
3. **NZ Health Standards Support.** Wastewater and drinking water. If these are to be improved in lower socioeconomic communities (mainly rural) the upgraded or new infrastructure will need 100% support of the capital costs.
4. **Marae Rates Review.** Currently Marae are charged for water and wastewater usage. Marae are hubs of Māori communities. The health and vibrancy of the marae is an indicator of the social health out in the wider community. The Treaty of Waitangi and 'tinorangatiratanga' means that the status of marae should be elevated to a special category of rating and should not be compared to churches, sports clubs or non-profit organisations, as is the currently the situation. The Treaty of Waitangi, RMA, Local Government Act, Te Ture Whenua Maori Act, Māori Land Act, already recognise this fundamental difference. So, the two drivers for a marae rates review are - a) Constitutional and b) Community wellbeing. Tangata whenua have historically been the largest supporters in terms of providing natural resources and land (one way or another) for - reserves, schools, churches, roads, and other publicly utilised infrastructure. District Council needs to recognise these significant contributions and ensure the Treaty is reflected in a new distinct rates category.

- 5. Multiply Owned Māori Land Rates Review.** The Treaty of Waitangi and ‘Tino Rangatiratanga’ means that the status of multiple owned Māori Land with traditional unbroken mana whenua, kaitiakitanga and ownership, should have a special category of rating developed. Colonisation has disadvantaged Māori to the point where retaining land ownership can be unsustainable for many owners. The Native Land Court (Māori Land Court) has undermined traditional tikanga and has served only to manipulate and divide. Māori land ownership is endangered and should be afforded protection through an appropriate rating system. Whenua is virtually worthless in monetary terms. To live on whenua that has been defended and passed down through many generations is a fundamental need. History is not considered. Māori landowners have already paid for citizenship in this district by both gifting and forced land transactions including confiscation through non-payment of rates. There is a point of fairness and balancing but that requires a review of the rating policy for Māori Land.
- 6. Rates remission for Multiply Owned Māori Land for community use.** The Treaty of Waitangi and in particular ‘tinorangatiratanga’ means the traditional use of land to sustain, whanau, hapū and iwi and this is guaranteed. Growing kai is intrinsic to the whenua Māori. Any land that fits the criteria of ‘Multiple Owned Māori’ and is being used to produce kai or produce products to sustain whanau, should be exempt for rates charges and administered through a rate remission process.
- 7. Papakainga Development Support.** A housing is arguably the biggest issue affecting Māori. There are thousands of hectares of Maori Land in the Taupō District. These resources need to be unlocked to be utilised for sustainable social housing for the benefit of whanau and hapū. Rates relief and lifting red tape is a solution to assist with fast tracking new housing projects. However, in keeping with the scope of the challenge a taskforce is required between TDC and tangata whenua to develop clear pathways and guidelines that assist Māori land owners to navigate through to creating healthy, safe, sustainable homes for people and community.
- 8. Māori Land Development Enablement.** Meaningful ways to lessen the financial burden and assist owners to develop their Māori Land to a point where they can be sustainable and can then have the capacity to contribute to community infrastructure through rates.
- 9. Local Government Māori representation.** 36% of the district land area is in Māori kaitiakitanga and ownership. Māori are significant rate payers. Currently the decision maker’s around the Council table are not a fair representation of Māori either land ownership or a Treaty partner. The Local Government Act places responsibilities on Council’s to recognise and take appropriate account of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. It establishes baseline principles on how council maintains and improves opportunities for Māori to contribute to local government decision-making processes. The Crown is the primary treaty partner, however in delegating some responsibilities to the local authorities, Parliament acknowledges the need to ensure that councils either give effect or take into account the principles of the Treaty. We recognise and support the Māori Wards mechanism that has been developed as this allows direct access to Council through those representatives to advocate for ngā hapū o Ngāti Tūwharetoa.

- 10. Maori Relationships Manager.** It is critically important that the Maori Relationships Manager tasked with building and maintaining Māori relationships within the Taupō District reports directly to the Chief Executive Officer. This person is a direct conduit between tangata whenua to the CEO. Just like Māori representation, this places the Treaty partner relationship at the correct level of where it needs to be (Rangatira ki te Rangatira).
- 11. Significant Natural Areas (SNA).** Review and modification is needed of this racist policy as it targets mainly Māori Land. Currently the policy does not consider the special constitutional significances of Māori Land and the cultural and economic impacts that such a policy creates. The imposing of controls over Māori land with little consultation and no compensation, makes this policy fundamentally flawed. Cultural values and rights must be considered when making policy. The recommendation is that a review of this policy be carried out immediately. Multiple Owned Māori Land should require a parallel SNA process involving Maori landowners that recognises the 'Special Significant' status unlike General title land.
- 12. Visibility of Te Reo Māori and Cultural Understanding.** Council is an environment that appears culturally sterile. The Māori population and land ownership in our district suggest that Māori is a significant section of the community and customer of Council. Furthermore, Māori are currently leading economic development in our region so this is an area of ongoing engagement for Council. The authentic use of Te Reo Māori immediately resonates with tangata whenua and sets a positive and respectful foundation for communication. It is in the best interest of the wider community that Council adopts and demonstrates cultural understanding. Just like the 'Haka,' Te Reo Māori is also a unifying tool. Council can give the critical mass required to normalise Te Reo Māori amongst the community. Introducing Policy is the only real way to bring about a shift in Council culture. It is as simple as applying consistent and correct pronunciation of Māori place names and simple Māori greetings.
- 13. Bilingual Signage.** This celebrates our two official languages, English and Te Reo Māori. All road signs and general signage to be bilingual by 2025. This recognises the Treaty of Waitangi and promotes partnership with local hapū/iwi. Recommendation that implementation is targeted and gradual. The point of difference being that bilingual signage would create a bonus for tourism.
- 14. Build More Co-Management Relationships with Tangata Whenua.** These type of relationships required people to interact and work together. Tutemohuta Reserve and Waipahihi C75 are examples of this type of collaboration. The advantage is that - a) Enduring relationships are developed and b) Key land resources / assets are unlocked for the wider community to appreciate.
- 15. The Puau Waikato River Reserve – Nukuhau.** This reserve should be vested in the Nukuhau Marae Trustees. This is so that its cultural significance and traditional access and usage can be enhanced and maintained through Kaitiakitanga. This is an important resource for the hau kāinga and enhancement will mean greater usage and safety. If the community build it then the community respect and protect it.

- 16. Recycling and Waste Management.** Good systems are in place but more resourcing should be put into assisting with recycling at Marae, Sports Clubs, Schools, businesses and other high producers of recyclable and re-tasking waste, including composting. We support all organic and bio-waste being processed through worm farms and other biological methods.
- 17. Community Events Support.** Events that promote community building and national pride should be actively encouraged and resourced by Council ie; Waitangi Day, Our Neighbourhood and also the Museum, etc. Understanding and unity is the key to bridging the Māori – Pakeha cultural divide in Aotearoa / New Zealand.
- 18. Support Community Building Events and Initiatives.** TDC should continue to support and resource events like Waitangi Day and other local and national events and Initiatives that promote kotahitanga and working together.
- 19. Community – Council Collaboration.** Communities, neighbourhoods, marae / hapu all know what is best for them. If tangata whenua groups are prepared to drive projects with resources and people power then Council should match that with funds and or other practical support.
- 20. Flying the Tino Rangatiratanga Flag .** On Council buildings / facilities on significant days. ie Waitangi Day, days of national remembrance, at the passing of prominent New Zealanders, etc. Firstly, this is a sign of respect or celebration. Secondly, as a Treaty partner it is an acknowledgment of the spirit of working together side by side (kotahitanga).
- 21. Māori Health and Wellbeing Support.**
- Currently in our society Māori are overrepresented in negative statistics through health system dependency including mental illness. These have ongoing negative impacts for whanau and local communities. We urge Council to support and fast track Māori Hauora initiatives, especially those that are generated from within Ngāti Tūwharetoa and hapū.
 - **Healthy Homes Support.** The physical home environment is directly related to health issues suffered by our whanau. There are longstanding issues with existing rental accommodation. Council should ensure that basic living standards provided to tenants by landlords are well above the national standards.
 - **Healthy Food .** Many health issues that affect Māori are directly associated with the food we consume, mainly sugar and fat. We are faced with an epidemic of diabetes, heart disease, obesity, tooth decay, etc. Food choice is influenced by; 1) Environment, 2) Price, and 3) Availability. Council should use whatever powers available to restrict the visibility of unhealthy foods in public advertising for example. Council should be playing a leadership role and unhealthy food should not be sold at Council controlled facilities / venues. Council should take every opportunity to promote and support healthy food options.
 - **Alcohol.** Council should use whatever powers available to further restrict the visibility and sale of alcohol within our communities.
 - **Smoking.** Council should use whatever powers available to further restrict the visibility and sale of tobacco within our communities.

- **Gambling.** Council should use whatever powers available to further restrict the visibility of gambling within our communities.
- **Legal Highs.** From time-to-time legal loopholes can sometimes allow drugs to be sold legally in our communities. We have seen, and are still seeing addiction, crime and violence that has been devastating for whanau and frightening for communities. Council should use whatever powers available to eliminate the visibility and sale should Legal Highs ever enter our communities.

Organisation:

Taupo Lifekeys Community Trust

First name: Robyn**Last name:** King

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Feedback

Lake Taupo Protection Project hearing

No

Building Consents, Resource Consents, Dogs, Noise, Liquor, Environmental Health

I am writing on behalf of Taupo Lifekeys Community Trust, of which I am the Chairperson.

We are a Charitable Trust which operates under the umbrella off Taupo Baptist Church, currently operating a CAP (Christians against poverty) debt management service for people with unmanageable levels of debt. We support them to become debt free, providing them with a workable budget and the tools to allow them to be free of debt.

We have been involved in recent council supported meetings around the area of social housing and have embarked on steps to be able to look at providing some transitional housing on land already owned by the Church. Our goal is to also provide long term housing for people to move into at a later date. We are looking to partner with the already established social services in our town to be able to provide a wrap around support system for our tenants.

As a Charitable Trust we will need to raise all funding from either Grant providers, donations and/or loans.

We would like to request simply that Taupo District Council resolve to waive any development costs payable, for Not for Profit /Charitable organisations who are providing housing to be used solely for the purpose of social housing. We understand that to add pod type self contained units to our existing properties there would be a development fee of \$20,000 per unit. This additional cost would mean that the rent charged for the units would need to be higher, when our goal is to keep the rental rate as low as is sustainable, to ensure that the people most in need are able to be housed in our homes.

We understand that Council is keen for NFP's to become part of the solution for our housing crisis in Taupo, and ask that this submission be seriously considered as an urgently needed and practical step in assisting us to achieve our goals in providing transitional and longer term housing in Taupo.

Attached Documents

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Organisation:

Tirohanga Sports and Settlers Association

First name: Ashley**Last name:** Waterworth

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Issue 1: Funding of council water supplies
Option 2

Leasing or owning a CAB
Option 1

Taupo Museum and Art Gallery Building
Option 1

Lake Taupo Protection Project
Option 1

Lake Taupo Protection Project hearing
No

Transport

We believe the rural roading seal extension needs a significant increase in investment.
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SUBMISSION TO THE TAUPO DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG -TERM PLAN
2021-31

SUBMISSION FROM THE TIROHANGA SPORTS AND SETTLERS
ASSOCIATION

Dear Councillors,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the above Long-Term Plan.

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We also support the Rotorua/Taupo Federated Farmers submission.

We do not wish to present.

Tirohanga Sports and Settlers Association,
c/- Ashley Waterworth (Chairman)

First name: Ngatoru

Last name: Wall

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Yes

Taupo hearing

Additional requirements for hearing:

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**Submission to the Taupo District Council's Long Term
Plan 2021-2031**

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From:

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1.0 Introduction

I write this submission as a matter of consideration as to the rights and privileges as guaranteed under article II of 'Te Tiriti o Waitangi 1840', to express my concerns over our lands and waterways and to give submission to this process under duress.

2.0 Matters for consideration within this submission

1. High density homes for Waitahanui
2. Changing of zoning from farming to residential for the Eastern boundaries of Taupo
3. Removal of rates from Maori Land
4. No more changing reserve status on Maori Land
5. Treaty Partnership
6. Affordable housing for Waitahanui

3.0 Conclusion

4.1 Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the Taupō District Council Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

4.2 We would like to speak to and present our submission during the LTP submissions hearing period.

Dated:


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Authorised signatory on behalf of

Organisation:

Seven Oaks Kinloch Limited/Tompkins Wake

First name: Wendy**Last name:** Embling

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Submission on Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2031 - Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021

We act for Seven Oaks Kinloch Limited. We enclose, on behalf of our client, a submission on the Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021, which is open for consultation as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

We confirm that our client wishes to be heard in support of its submission.

TOMPKINS WAKE



Marianne Mackintosh/Wendy Embling
Partner/Associate

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16 April 2021

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ATTENTION: TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL CEO - Gareth Green

To Gareth Green

Submission on Draft Long Term Plan 2021 – 2031 – Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021

Taupō District Council (Council) has called for submissions on key decisions affecting the priority and direction of Council over the next ten years as part of the Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 review and adoption process. While the "Consultation Document for the Long-Term Plan 2021-31" is available on Council's website, the draft Long-Term Plan itself is not available on the website. The "supporting information" on the website includes the:

- Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021;
- Draft Revenue and Financing Policy 2021; and
- Draft Section 101(3) considerations report for Draft Revenue and Financing Policy 2021.

While this submission is made as part of Council's consultation on the draft Long-Term Plan 2021-31, it more specifically relates to the Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021 (DC Policy).

Introduction

Seven Oaks Kinloch Ltd (Seven Oaks) is developing residential zoned land in Kinloch. Seven Oaks has significant concern about the proposed increases to the Development Contributions (DCs) in Kinloch without the Council providing evidence that the proposed increases are a true and fair cost of the infrastructure required to service future residential development within the Kinloch area. Specifically, Seven Oaks opposes the proposed changes to the contributions for Water, Wastewater and Reserves, without further justification. Finally, Seven Oaks is concerned about the level of infrastructure upgrading undertaken by Council historically in Kinloch, when compared to the value of Development and Headworks Contributions that have been paid by developers since the Kinloch Structure Plan was adopted in 2004.

Seven Oaks has calculated that the proposed DC Policy increases the price per lot in Kinloch by at least \$15,280 (excluding reserves) and up to \$30,000 or more depending on the value of the lot (excluding GST).

Below is a comparison between the existing and proposed DCs for a lot in Kinloch.

	Current	July 2021	% Change
District Roads	\$4,256	\$6,640	+56% (+\$2,384)
Kinloch Water	\$3,423	\$10,784	+68% (+\$7,361)
Kinloch Wastewater	\$8,028	\$14,743	+45% (+\$6,715)
Infrastructure on Reserves	\$118	\$839	+611% (+\$721)
Reserves	\$1,928	4% of land value	(e.g. for a \$350k lot, +726% or +\$12,072)
District Wide Parks	\$971	\$957	-1.4% (-\$14)
Total per lot	\$18,724	\$34,004 + 4% land value	+81% (\$15,280) + 4% land value

General Submission

Seven Oaks agrees that new development should contribute fairly to Taupō District's infrastructure and service requirements.

However, Seven Oaks submits that there is insufficient evidence to demonstrate that the proposed increases have been fairly calculated and apportioned, and that these figures should be reviewed by an independent third party. In particular, the increases in water and wastewater DCs does not provide any information on what the proposed capital expense is for (standard of supply/treatment and number of lots served) against the number of lots being charged for the costs, and whether the number of lots being catered for by the proposed upgrades is appropriate.

In the absence of such evidence, Seven Oaks submits that there should be no change to the DCs which apply to residential development in Kinloch.

Our specific submissions are set out below.

1) Method for determining DCs.

Seven Oaks submits that to determine the DC payable the Council must undertake the following steps:

- **Council identifies a number of activities that require funding through development contributions (s106(2)(a)).**

For Kinloch the identified water, wastewater and reserves activities are:

Activity	Project Name	Planned Capital Expenditure	Planned Capital Expenditure from DCs	Planned Capital Expenditure from other sources
Water	Kinloch WTP Upgrade	\$9,198,260	\$2,313,734 (25% share)	\$6,884,526
Water	Kinloch Low Zone Reservoir and Construction	\$5,230,000	\$1,805,750 (34.5% share)	\$3,424,250
Wastewater	Kinloch Wastewater TP MBR (previously Balance Track)	\$14,800,000	\$2,882,303 (19.4% share)	\$11,917,699

Wastewater	Kinloch wastewater MBR upgrade – second reactor	\$1,050,000	\$594,300 (56.6% share)	\$455,700
Wastewater	Kinloch wastewater disposal field system	\$1,921,174	\$668,129 (34.7%)	\$1,253,045
Reserve Land	Reserve Purchase Program	\$2,974,349	\$2,974,349 (100%)	-
Totals		\$35,173,783	\$11,238,565 (31.95%)	\$23,935,200

There is no discussion or explanation on what the planned capital expenditure provides for, both in terms of standard of asset and number of HUE's served. Seven Oaks submits that further information and justification of the planned capital expenditure is required, along with an independent review of the proposed costs.

- **Council determines the appropriate share of the gross costs of growth-related infrastructure to be paid by developers by having regard to the factors set out in section 101(3) of the LGA (s106(2)(b) and (c)).**

There is no justification in the DC Policy for the different share of the gross costs as identified in the 'Planned capital expenditure from DCs' column in table above. Similarly, no justification is provided in the draft Revenue and Financing Policy 2021 or the s101(3) considerations document which is to be read in conjunction with that policy.

Seven Oaks seeks that these shares be justified, by reference to the statutory criteria.

- **The Taupō District Council Growth model identifies the number of new lots (HUE).**

The growth model is defined in the DC Policy as "the anticipated area expansion and associated increases in HUEs".

The growth model in Schedule 5 anticipates 827 lots to be created in Kinloch between 2009 and 2050. Schedule 5 shows that 239 lots have already been created up to the 19/20 year, with 591 yet to be created. (239+591 = 830, there is a difference of 3 lots).

Based on the current zoning within the Kinloch Structure Plan area, it is difficult to determine where these additional HUEs will be created, with current zoning provisions and existing consented proposals only accounting for about 440 lots. Whilst this would lead to a higher cost per HUE, it also raises concerns about the high number of lots that might be planned to be serviced resulting in much higher proposed capital costs.

Seven Oaks seeks that the growth model in Schedule 5 and the planned capital expenditure reflect the Operative Taupō District Plan provisions, or the consented level of development where resource consent has already been obtained.

- **The Development Contribution capital charge payable for a HUE is assessed by determining the cost of growth-related infrastructure to be paid divided by the estimated number of HUEs in accordance with the growth model.**

Seven Oaks submits that the period of time over which the number of HUEs has been determined is unclear. The draft DC Policy says the funding period of a development contribution can be an asset's capacity life, an asset's useful life, or 25 years, whichever is the lesser period (paragraph 9).

It is reasonable to assume an asset's capacity life or useful life will exceed 25 years, so using 25 years for the calculation (from 21/22 to 45/46) there is modelled to be 522 lots created. Again, this exceeds the current spare capacity of the Kinloch Structure Plan, but regardless:

The Planned Capital Expenditure funded from DCs for water is \$4,119,484 /522 lots = a water contribution per HUE of \$7,891 excl GST (compared with \$10,784 proposed)
 The Planned Capital Expenditure funded from DCs for wastewater is \$4,144,732 /522 lots = a wastewater contribution per HUE of \$7,940 excl GST (compared with \$14,743 proposed)

Seven Oaks seeks that the period of time over which the number of HUEs is determined be explained, and the proposed Development Contribution value revised accordingly.

2) Previous Payments and Financial Contributions.

Table 2: Historical Capital Expenditure Related Growth table shows in relation to Kinloch that:

- \$1,137,343 of funding from DCs was spent on water activities.
- \$699,903 of funding from DCs was spent on wastewater activities.

Activity	Project Name	Expenditure already incurred	Funded from DCs	Funded from other sources
Water	Kinloch water reticulation and upgrade	\$3,417,355	\$888,235	\$2,529,120
Water	Kinloch water DWSNZ upgrade	\$293,566	\$87,333	\$206,233
Water	Oakdale high pressure	\$161,775	\$161,775	-
Wastewater	Kinloch Wastewater infrastructure development	\$1,122,689	\$67,585	\$1,055,104
Wastewater	Kinloch wastewater treatment upgrade	\$738,202	\$200,108	\$538,094
Wastewater	Kinloch wastewater disposal field system	\$2,073,944	\$432,210	\$1,641,734
Totals		\$7,807,531	\$1,837,246	\$5,970,285

The Table does not provide the time period over which this historical capital expenditure has been calculated. It is also unclear whether headworks contributions paid by developers are included in this table.

Seven Oaks submits that the actual Development and Headworks Contributions paid by Kinloch developers over the past 15 years since the Kinloch Structure Plan has been in place indicates a significantly larger value of total contributions has been paid to Council than shown in this table. Seven Oaks submits that an explanation of the difference between the figures should be provided, as well as evidence of what those historical contributions were used for.

In addition, given the Kinloch Structure Plan that was adopted in 2004 was reflected in the Operative Taupō District Plan and there have been very few increases to the number of lots anticipated by that Plan, the current proposed value of capital work upgrading to service essentially the same catchment is completely out of context with what was planned and costed in 2004. Whilst some cost increases are to be expected resulting from level of service changes and cost escalation, neither of those seem to justify the significant capital cost increases proposed. Further information is required in order to determine if the current proposed capital works and Development Contributions are in fact also allowing for upgrading that should have already been completed, as it has been paid for by previous contributions.

In summary, Seven Oaks seeks that the historical DC payments, headworks contributions and any financial contributions be shown against the historical expenditure. In addition, Council should provide evidence to justify the proposed capital works costs against the original infrastructure solutions for the Kinloch Structure Plan area with a similar service area and HUE's.

3) Reserves

There is \$2,974,349 planned for the reserve purchase program in Kinloch (Table 3). Almost all of the residentially zoned land in the Kinloch Structure Plan area has already been developed. Given the remainder is low density residential and rural residential zoning with an average lot size of 1.5ha to 2.5ha, and a minimum of 1ha to 2ha, there is little need for recreation/LP reserves in those developments as there would be for a standard residential subdivision with a minimum of 800m² and average of 1000m² lots. As a result, those remaining developments will likely be paying Reserves Contribution DC's at 4% of land value rather than vesting land as Reserves. Given the bulk of Kinloch is already developed, it is difficult to understand where nearly \$3 million of reserve land will be located (or necessary) in Kinloch, and therefore how Council can justify the proposed Reserves DC.

Seven Oaks seeks that the reserve purchase program in Kinloch be explained, and Council's reserves strategy for Kinloch be outlined to justify the significant increase in cost per HUE. If suitable justification is not provided, the costs should be reduced to a reasonable level.

Seven Oaks wishes to be heard in support of its submission.

Yours sincerely



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Waipahihi Marae

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Yes

Taupo hearing

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

Lake Taupo Protection Project hearing

No

General comment

Please see attached submission

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LTP Submission 2021 Waipahihi marae

Taupō District Council Long Term Plan, 2021 - 2031

Submission from Waipāhīhī Marae

12th April 2021

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Waipāhīhī Marae

Ko Tauhara te māunga
Ko Ōnekeneke te waiariki
Ko Kurapoto te whare nui
Ko Kuiwai te wharekai
Ko Ngāti Hinerau me Ngāti Hineure ngā hapū
Ko Waipāhīhī te marae

This submission is on behalf of uri and whānau of Waipāhīhī Marae. Ngāti Hinerau and Ngāti Hineure are the hapū affiliated to Waipāhīhī Marae. We hold mana whenua and are kaitiaki in parts of the northern area of Tūwharetoa rohe.

We wish to speak in support of our submission at the hearing process.

Items contained within this submission ;

- 1. Wastewater Spill Prevention.**
- 2. The Whenua Māori Rating Amendment Bill**
- 3. Local Government Māori representation**
- 4. Te Reo Māori – our indigenous language; and an official language of our country**
- 5. Bilingual signage**
- 6 Te Tiriti o Waitangi**
- 7 Para Kore – Zero Waste**

- 1. Wastewater Spill Prevention.** Our taiao or natural surroundings are of huge importance to us. The health and wellbeing of the taiao reflects the health and wellbeing of the people.

We request that Council gives priority to minimising wastewater spills and overflows into our moana and its tributaries. Adequate and appropriate resourcing is needed to ensure our infrastructure is 'fit for purpose' for our district and the expected population growth across our district.

Wastewater spills into our waterways isn't acceptable. Our waterways are a taonga and need to be treated as such. We ask Council to ensure every effort is made to prevent wastewater spills and the resulting detrimental impact on our taiao.

- 2. The Whenua Māori Rating Amendment Bill:** We're encouraged that the current government and Local Government Minister Nanaia Mahuta is reviewing the rating of Māori owned land.

The Bill amends the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to:

- Provide local authorities with the power to write off rates arrears and a statutory remission process for development
- Make unused Māori land, including land subject to Ngā Whenua Rāhui kawenata, unrateable
- Provide the option for separate rate accounts for multiple homes on Māori land (giving home owners access to the rates rebate scheme)

We're supportive of any process and legislation that supports and provides Māori landowners with tools to help them reach their aspirations and the full potential of their land.

- 3. Local Government Māori representation.** A significant portion of the Taupō district is in Māori ownership, with Māori being significant rate payers in our district.

Although Māori contribute significant rates funding to our district, this isn't reflected in the make up of the Council. We are supportive of the pending introduction of Māori wards for the next local government elections in 2022 and beyond. We are also supportive of other representative options such as enabling Māori representation on standing committees with full voting rights.

This is aligned to the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi i.e. that partnership is the cornerstone of the Treaty. It is also consistent with the TOW statement in the LTP consultation document.

We also reiterate that we wish to be engaged at the earliest opportunity regarding any Council activities or initiatives that impact on our interests and priorities as mana whenua and kaitiaki.

- 4. Te Reo Māori – our indigenous language; and an official language of our country.**

Council is in a prime position to help foster te reo Māori, the indigenous language of our nation. However it doesn't appear that Council is using its influence and profile to promote and showcase the indigenous language of our community.

Council is in a prime position to play a lead role in our district, and be a te reo Māori champion, to help normalise te reo Māori. A simple first step is advocating and championing correct pronunciation.

Increasingly we are seeing various agencies and corporates advocating for and championing te reo Māori. Whether it be the presenters on primetime news on either TV 1 or TV 3, as their news anchors seamlessly slip in Māori phrases, and words during the broadcast ; or on Sky sport during a sports broadcast.

Another example is the two telecommunications giants Vodafone and Spark who are also championing te reo Māori. We know of other local authorities championing and advocating te reo Māori. It's literally in all corners of the country, but nothing really in our district.

Being a te reo advocate and champion can help incorporate a positive shift in Council culture, and our community. Something as simple as consistent and correct pronunciation of kupu Māori (Māori words) can help with fostering relationships with Māori.

5. **Bilingual signage** is another easy way of incorporating increased visibility of te reo Māori, as well as being a point of difference from a tourism perspective. This can enable sharing of hapū/iwi narratives – another point of difference for our district, of telling the stories of the indigenous people of our district. Those narratives are important in helping understand the history of our district; and can add an important cultural layer for events held in our district and for our tourism industry.

Our relations in Rotorua are ahead of us in this aspect. Te reo Māori is clearly visible across the township and their district. Let's turn this around and put more bilingual signage across our district.

6. Te Tiriti o Waitangi

We support the TOW statement in the consultation document. We look forward as to how Council gives effect to its Tiriti O Waitangi obligations over the course of the next 10 years of the LTP.

In the spirit of partnership as encapsulated in your Tiriti o Waitangi statement, we also look forward to working with and alongside Council on the issues that impact across the area of our district where we hold mana whenua.

7. Para Kore – Zero Waste

We're supportive of para kore or zero waste processes across our district. Our lake and natural environment are of massive importance to us, therefore we need to be more vigilant in ensuring we look after our environment. We need to rethink our ideas about waste.

As you're aware our district hosts a range of events all year round. Unfortunately, these events produce massive amounts of rubbish. We request that Council rethinks its events waste management processes and compel event organisers to stop the practice of bringing lots of waste into our community eg Summer concert had vendors selling kai in polystyrene containers – however these can't be recycled.

We need to also ban single use drink vessels ; we need to move away from one use waste – other districts are doing this for their events, but not here in Taupō. Let's aim to be a district

that hosts awesome events year round, whilst ensuring minimal or no detrimental impact on our wai, whenua and natural surroundings.

Let's work together to leave a better legacy for our tamariki, mokopuna, our wai, whenua and natural surroundings.

We seek Council's support in adopting para kore or zero waste as the preferred waste management process for our district.

Para kore aligns with the strategic goal of **Enhancing healthy and sustainable environments** as stated in the LTP 2021-31 consultation document.

Organisation:

Sport New Zealand (Sport NZ)

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I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

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Taupo DC LTP Submission FINAL



**SPORT
NEW ZEALAND**
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Taupō District Council Long Term Plan submission

15 April 2021

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.

The Taupō District Council is critical to the work of Sport NZ and its partner Sport Waikato who Sport NZ invests in significantly and who we consider the regional champions of our strategic vision.

The importance of Council

The District Council is one of the key providers of sport and recreation facilities in the region. We greatly appreciate this support and investment - without it much of what happens in our sector would not be possible. Council investment Provides 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.

Play, active recreation and sport make an enormous contribution to the health and wellbeing of all those in your District. Physical activity, its wide-ranging benefits and its importance to our communities are fundamental to meeting the Councils Strategic Goals, specifically connected and safe communities.

We also acknowledge the challenges Council faces with balancing the various competing demands such as growth, transport, climate change and water quality within a context of falling revenue. 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, 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.

The Waikato region has a high representation of communities we know are most at risk of missing out, including:

- Maori and Pacific communities
- People with disability
- Women and girls
- Low-income communities where participation is declining
- Growth of new ethnic communities where physical activity preferences differ

Taupō District Council investment in sport and active recreation

Sport NZ thanks Council for its continued support of the work of Sport Waikato and maintaining a strong partnership that focusses on the delivery of quality opportunities for the communities of Taupō.

As regional champions of our strategy we acknowledge and urge Council to continue its positive partnership with Sport Waikato and support as a key partner and continue to invest in the provision of a District Connectors role (an investment by TDC of \$50,000 + GST per annum) and the Regional Spaces and Places Strategy (an investment by TDC of \$11,460 + GST per annum).

The Council has been a partner and important contributor in the development of Regions Spaces and Places Strategy, a regional strategy for active recreation and sport facilities provision. The Strategy is an important reference, importantly it identifies priority needs for the region district by district providing a blueprint for the future direction and investment.

Sport NZ acknowledges the challenges faced by Council in providing community facilities through its play, active recreation and sport assets and that Council has a large, dispersed network of facilities, many of which are ageing and require ongoing renewal investment.

Sport NZ and Sport Waikato 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 that provides Council with a high-level strategic view of infrastructure needs for the region and the evaluation criteria to prioritise investment and ultimately make better decisions.

Sport NZ recommendations

Capital investment in community sport and recreation facilities

TURANGI RECREATION ACTIVITY CENTRE

Sport NZ supports the need for a new Turangi Recreation Activity Centre which is proposed to include two indoor courts, meeting rooms, and community spaces that encourage greater community opportunities for activity and social cohesion. We urge Council to carry out more detailed assessment of needs and costs, consultation and consider the provision for investment in the current Long-Term Plan.

We support the investigation of a community hub facility that creates opportunity for the combining activities that which may create opportunity to rationalise or re-purpose existing Council facilities.

When undertaking investigations into the options and opportunities Sport NZ recommends Council consider Community-School Partnerships. This approach involves considering co-location opportunities for a facility based at one of the local schools and that achieves mutual benefits for both school and community and avoids duplication of effort, investment and shared on-going operational costs. access. There are already several very successful community/school partnerships completed or underway across the Waikato region in which Sport Waikato have been involved and can inform you about.

Sport NZ recommends a thorough investigation of this type of approach and robust feasibility/business case before any decisions are made. Sport Waikato would be willing to support your planning approach process through their leadership of the Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan (2021).

OWEN DELANY PARK UPGRADES

The parks extensive range of activities and opportunities for physical activity generate great deal of social benefits, better community health and well-being The Park also plays an important role in attracting visitors bringing economic stimulus to the district. Sport NZ supports the Councils programme of upgrades for this asset of significance to the District and Region.

MANGAKINO BASKETBALL COURT

Sport NZ acknowledges Council's commitment to providing spaces and places for tamariki and rangatahi physical activity and participation.

Sport New Zealand, Sport Waikato and the Council share a common interest to ensure the wellbeing of all communities using physical activity as a core building block. We know if we can raise the physical activity levels of New Zealanders it will lead to better health and social outcomes. Working together towards a collective goal will allow us the greatest possible impact on wellbeing for all New Zealanders.

We urge greater investment in the play, active recreation, and sport sector under this Long-term Plan. Without this commitment from Council our current and future community play, recreation and sport spaces will be compromised. This means our growing, increasingly diverse population will not have access to suitable infrastructure and spaces to participate in physical activity.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission and for your consideration.

Sport NZ contacts

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**SPORT WAIKATO'S SUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO THE
TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Long-Term Plan 2021-31

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1. ABOUT SPORT WAIKATO

Sport Waikato is one of 14 Regional Sports Trusts in Aotearoa/New Zealand, responsible for supporting Central Government and Sport New Zealand's focus on getting more New Zealanders physically active. There is widespread and global evidence that physical activity enhances people's physical, social, emotional and mental health, education outcomes and general wellbeing - and makes for a more cohesive society.

Founded in 1986, Sport Waikato's vision is to have **"everyone out there and active"** so as to achieve a healthy, vibrant, physically active region through play, active recreation and sport.

OUR APPROACH

Sport Waikato is guided by Moving Waikato – the region's unified strategy for physical activity through play, active recreation and sport. The strategy seeks to prioritise partnerships with other key agencies to influence key outcomes, including to increase the provision of opportunities for both participation and quality experiences for the people of the region. We believe that by working together we can achieve the ultimate goal of 75% of all Waikato adults and young people meeting the physical activity guidelines by 2030

Moving Waikato is guided by a Strategic Advisory Group comprising representation from Health, Education (primary, secondary and tertiary), Local Government, Iwi and Sport NZ. The strategy has three key pillars each providing a lens that provides direction on how we work: **Our People, Building Communities, and Regional Leadership.**

MOVING WAIKATO

A STRATEGY TO GROW PARTICIPATION IN PLAY,
ACTIVE RECREATION AND SPORT IN THE WAIKATO REGION

ONE VISION
EVERYONE OUT
THERE AND
ACTIVE

Moving Waikato is an evidence based strategy for physical activity through play, active recreation and sport for the Waikato region, and gives focus and clarity towards 2025.

It seeks to build on the positive momentum of existing partnerships and to increase the provision of opportunities for both participation and quality experiences for the people of the region.



OUR PEOPLE

A focus on the provision of opportunities that meet the needs of the people of our region

MORE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE TAMARIKI, RANGATAHI AND WHAANAU



BUILDING COMMUNITIES

A focus on quality local delivery of play, active recreation and sport experiences

HELPING COMMUNITIES TO HELP THEMSELVES



REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

A focus on regional and national partners working together to lead change and enhance outcomes

LEADING AND DELIVERING CHANGE

ACHIEVING SUCCESS THROUGH WORKING TOGETHER

We are now into Horizon 2 of Moving Waikato, following its launch in 2016 and subsequent successes, including significant developments in the collection of key insights, sector capability work, the Waikato Regional Sports Facilities Plan, targeting participation among women and girls and the development of a regional cycle strategy. This next period (2020-25) will see a focus on Rangatahi (12-17 years) and Tamariki (5-11 years) with the inclusion of Tamariki Mokopuna (0-4 years) alongside specific commitment and attention to enabling participation among targeted populations, including: Maaori; deprived communities; women and girls; and those with low participation levels.

Alongside the development and review of Moving Waikato, Sport Waikato has recently undertaken significant transformational change of our organisation, and particularly, how we work. This change has seen us step away from delivery services (volunteering at events, supporting the running of sport and physical activity initiatives and delivering exercise programmes), to a focus on working closer with key partners to provide high-value strategic regional leadership in play, active recreation and sport via a strategic, collaborative (partnered), regional approach to influencing the system – Sport Waikato not necessarily doing the delivery but influencing those who do.

THE IMPORTANCE OF COUNCILS TO OUR APPROACH

Councils play a key role in the work that Sport Waikato does and are an important partner and investor in enabling play, active recreation and sport to happen for people and communities.

We also wish to take a moment to thank Taupō District Council for their support of and investment in Sport Waikato. This includes via the Regional Facilities Plan (now Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan) since its launch in 2014 and now revised as an expanded 2021 iteration. Additionally, we wish to acknowledge our longstanding partnership with Taupō District Council through our historic District Sports Coordinator role and Council's recent support for our new way of working through the Regional Connectivity Coordinator model, and importantly, our desire to leverage joint outcomes as they relate to your own play, active recreation and sport priorities.

Sport Waikato are excited to work alongside you to continue to ensure a range of opportunities for people to engage in physical activity exist across the Taupō District. In particular, we look forward to providing support for the planning, investment, and operation of the facilities and open spaces which enable play, active recreation and sport, as well as increasing collaborative and cross-sectorial partnerships that open up opportunities for increased levels of movement in the district.

2. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Waikato region is comprised of ten districts, all with different community profiles, which are growing or decreasing at various rates. Across all communities within the Waikato, the population is aging. Recent Active New Zealand data shows that sport participation decreases over the lifetime, and people typically choose more active recreation and less formal sport activities.

It is projected that the Taupō District will have a relatively static population in the coming years.¹ A change in the distribution of population in each Waikato district brings with it changing participation preferences. Traditional high participation sports can change, creating an increased preference for people to be active through play and active recreation. To keep up with ever changing participation preferences, it is critical that facilities are flexible, with the ability to offer a range of play, active recreation and sporting opportunities. The challenge lies in supporting changes to populations, demographics and participation trends in a smart/strategic manner to ensure sport and recreation opportunities, and the spaces and places for participation are accessible to all and that barriers to participation are removed. In particular, this requires strategic, long-term planning and collaborative provision with partners such as education, and the capacity to extend and repurpose facilities.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Sport and recreation opportunities are essential if the district is to effectively manage and enhance its community's overall wellbeing and minimise any negative social issues. Research has consistently demonstrated the value of sport and recreation in the lives of people and communities (Sport NZ 2018 – The Value of Sport):

- 92% of people believe being active keeps them physically fit and healthy, and helps relieve stress
- 88% of people believe that sport and other physical activities provide them with opportunities to achieve and help build confidence
- 84% of people believe sport brings people together and creates a sense of belonging
- 74% of people say sport help builds vibrant and stimulating communities
- Sport and physical activity can reduce rates of many physical health related disorders and improve health outcomes as a result
- Evidence indicates a positive association between children's physical activity participation and academic achievement
- Participation in sport has been linked with greater employability in graduates from universities
- There is a link between sport participation, improved social capital, feelings of social cohesion and community identity

Of course, an understanding and appreciation of participation trends, preferences and barriers is essential to enabling communities through sport and recreation.

Active New Zealand (2018) shows that 61% of adults (18+) and 58% of young people (5-17 years) in the Taupō District currently do enough physical activity to positively impact their health. This research also highlights a significant appetite among the district's population to do more – 72% of adults and 62% of young people have a desire to do more physical activity. The results also show that recreation is a top priority for New Zealanders with the top five activities having a recreational focus, such as playing, walking, jogging, swimming and cycling. Indeed, 78% of the Waikato Region's

¹ At the time of writing population projections were not available from the 2018 census. This combined with immigration changes due to Covid-19 may mean that population projections will need to be updated as more information becomes available.

adults believe that being physically active in the great outdoors is an important part of New Zealanders' lives (Active NZ, 2017). Physical activity in natural settings has been linked in some studies to have more positive influence on mental health and wellbeing than physical activity in an indoor setting. The affinity that New Zealanders have with the outdoors and the rising popularity of outdoor recreation (e.g. walking, tramping, cycling) needs to be considered in future planning and suggests that a focus on improving neighbourhood walkability, the quality and quantity of recreational tracks and trails, the quality of parks and playgrounds, and providing adequate active transport infrastructure is likely to generate positive impacts on activity among adults and young people, including in urban settings.

As the cost of living rises, it is also important to consider the effects of social (in)equity and deprivation on physical activity participation. Almost one quarter (24%) of the Waikato region live in a deprived area, with Taupō home to some of the most deprived communities (26% of the population living in highly deprived areas). Those in high deprivation communities have lower levels of participation in physical activity through sport, active recreation and play, with many struggling to prioritise time and finding access to opportunities difficult. With this in mind, provision should reflect district demographics and support participation in play, active recreation and sport among high vs. low deprivation communities with the focus being on equitable provision of services (vs. equal). This may mean a higher level of provision with appropriate programming to better meet the needs of those in high deprivation areas.

Finally, there is a need to consider the impacts of Covid-19 on people's activity levels and preferences, as well as on fiscal resources and in the presentation of ongoing challenges across the sector. The pandemic saw increases by both young people and adults in participation across activities such as walking and cycling and almost half of the NZ population starting or restarting physical activity through active recreation (Sport NZ 2020 – Covid-19 Insights Report) – a trend that it is important that we continue to nurture through appropriate infrastructure, provision and messaging. Equally, we saw strain placed on the sector, and particularly sporting codes, with increased need for sustainable funding mechanisms, collaborative approaches between and across codes and innovation in 'product' delivery and development being high priorities for the future.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR THE TAUPŌ DISTRICT

Waikato communities, including those the Taupō District, and their participation preferences are changing rapidly. Therefore, those that plan and provide facilities, spaces and places will need to consider the following:

- **Demand:** The location and types of facilities, spaces and places where play, active recreation and sport take place need to adapt to match and meet changing community needs (including areas of deprivation, social inequity and increased ethnic diversity)
- **Multi-purpose:** Design and modification need to focus on multi-purpose use and be flexible to allow future adaptation. There needs to be a focus on more than sport, as play and active recreation continue to become increasingly important domains of movement.
- **Collaboration:** It is increasingly important for all stakeholders to work collaboratively to improve delivery of programmes, facilities, spaces and places (including for the purposes of increasing sustainability) where play, active recreation and sport take place. There is an opportunity to expand relationships with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and the District Health Board, and consider participation in the use of appropriate facilities, spaces and places as an enabler of better health and wellbeing outcomes and decreased health sector costs.
- **Rationalisation:** Where repairs and maintenance costs exceed utilisation, particularly with local facilities, rationalisation needs to be considered. Asset management plans are an important feature of future planning.

3. OUR FEEDBACK ON YOUR LONG-TERM PLAN

In response to the draft 2021-31 LTP consultation document, we wish to comment on the following:

- 1. Thank you:** On behalf of the people of the Taupō District, Sport Waikato thank you for your significant contribution to play, active recreation and sport. As highlighted on page 4, district and city councils are key enablers of physical activity who drive the desired ‘value of sport’ outcomes expressed on page 5 and your effort and investment is duly noted and sincerely appreciated.
- 2. Turangi Recreation Centre:** Sport Waikato supports investigation of an indoor, multi-use facility in Turangi, particularly given this is an area of high deprivation with already significant barriers when it comes to access to play, active recreation and sport for the community.

We support the investigation of a community hub facility that creates opportunity for the combining of (and therefore rationalisation) of existing and aging Council facilities.

In the investigation of indoor facility provision in Turangi **we strongly recommend the pursuit of a community/school partnership be part of the feasibility process.** This would not only create opportunities for increased facility utilisation (and maximisation) but also the exploration of joint funding models for both Capex and ongoing Opex costs. This is an approach endorsed by the **Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan** (see below figures from the Plan), which suggests that the best outcomes are achieved when partnerships are developed with education, health, Iwi, and/or the private sector, increasing the likelihood that facilities will be used to their full potential, maximising the return on investment and utilisation.



Figure 2. Key principles of the Plan. Adapted from The New Zealand Sport Facilities Framework (Sport New Zealand, 2017a).

Potential Funders	Facility Category		
Ministry of Education		Regional Facilities	Local Facilities
Local Government	International Facilities	Sub Regional Facilities	
Charitable Funders	National Facilities		
Other Funders eg. DOC, NZTA, Lotteries			
Central Government			

Figure 5. Funding Approach.

The approach would involve investigation of co-location opportunities for a facility based at one of the local schools (e.g., on education land) or close by, with a specific agreement reached about ongoing community access. There are already a number of very successful community/school partnerships completed or underway across the Waikato region, including in Hamilton (The Peak at Rototuna High Schools, with another similar project at a different location under investigation), in Waitomo (the Te Kuiti Indoor Centre at Te Kuiti High School), in Matamata-Piako (at Matamata College) and in Thames Coromandel (The Jack McLean Centre at Thames High School) and this is an approach advocated for by Sport New Zealand.

Sport Waikato strongly recommends a thorough investigation of this type of approach and robust and initial feasibility/business case before any decisions are made. Sport Waikato can support the feasibility and business case process through our leadership of the **Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan (2021).**

3. **Owen Delaney Park Upgrades:** Sport Waikato supports the changing room and facilities upgrades at Owen Delaney park given the hub model (athletics, rugby and cricket) already operating at this location. We would however, recommend further investigation into other hubbing opportunities at this location, which may bring about opportunities for further rationalisation of aging facilities across the district.
4. **Mangakino Basketball Court:** We support the inclusion of a basketball court in Mangakino. Basketball is among the top 10 participation sports for both tamariki (children aged 5-11 years) and rangatahi (young people 12-17 years) in the Waikato region with over 20% of our region's young people participating at least once per week (Active NZ, 2018). We support the build of a basketball court alongside the existing skatepark facility. Inclusion of a basketball court at an already frequented location gives rise to opportunities for maximising usage and a the formation of a youth activity hub. We would also encourage Council to consider multi-use opportunities rather than just a specifically basketball provision (e.g. four-square, volleyball, badminton, netball) so as to appeal to a wider user-group and demographic.
- We would also encourage Council to consider accessibility to the current facilities including a link between the school and the skatepark.
5. **Creation of Pedestrian Malls in the Taupō Town Centre:** We support Council's proposal to create a pedestrian mall in the Taupō town centre and would encourage consideration of how the closure of roads to pedestrians could also incorporate increased opportunities to promote walking, cycling and play opportunities in urban Taupō.
6. **Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan:** The Regional Sports Facilities Plan was first established in 2014. Designed to guide the development of facilities the community needs (versus wants) at a Regional and Sub Regional level, Sport Waikato is the lead agency guiding the joint implementation of the plan. An initiative of the Mayoral Forum, with partnership from all 10 Local Authorities in the region, the Plan offers local authorities the following key concepts:
- Advocacy with funders and investors for facilities, spaces and places that reflect the principles of the plan.
 - Provision of peer reviews for facility development concepts e.g. Feasibility Projects, Business Case Assessments and Concept Designs.
 - Assistance with investment negotiations in facility development and utilisation.
 - Sharing of knowledge including resources specific to sports facilities and the sport sector.
 - Partnering to optimise facility utilisation by way of fostering sport organisation relationships to attract events and collaborative working.
 - Advice and assistance in the development of "Community Hub" concepts (co-location of organisations in sport and in a broader context).
 - The provision of training opportunities and information sharing.
 - Increasing regional understanding and management of facility utilisation data to understand demand and enable informed decision making.

In 2020, the regional plan was reviewed and expanded to include a broadened scope of play, active recreation and sport spaces and places to ensure its continued relevance to the network and in line with changing participation patterns and trends. The 2021 **Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan** has been endorsed by the Waikato TLA CE Forum and Waikato Mayoral Forum for adoption and continued support by the region's 10 Territorial Local Authorities as at March 2021.

We recommend: that Sport Waikato continue to be funded to lead the implementation of the Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan in partnership with Taupō District Council and our region's 9 other TLAs. The proportional contribution of this regional programme is **\$11,460 plus GST per annum** with the total regional budget valued at **\$100,000** across all local authorities.

- 5. Regional Connectivity Coordinator (South):** Sport Waikato’s Regional Connectivity Coordinator team partner with all 10 Local Authorities across the greater Waikato region, and this team includes a Coordinator who works across both the Taupō and South Waikato districts. The Coordinators serve as support for Council technical staff across play, active recreation and sport projects, as well as conduits between the local sector and local government providing, support, advocacy and strategic leadership around investment and decision-making. Sport Waikato would like to thank Taupō District Council for the productive and supportive conversations had around our change and desire to increase our impact in the district via this new way of working.

Services under this model, include:

- Support for local play, active recreation and sport strategy development and planning – including for LTP and annual planning processes
- Implementation of local play, active recreation and sport strategies – including driving, in collaboration with Council staff, key priority projects as outlined in the district Sport and Active Recreation plan
- Facilitation of local spaces, places and facilities projects – e.g. hubbing, facility optimisation initiatives in the district
- Support for the local play, active recreation and sport sector – including support for improving attention to strategy and innovation with the aim of increasing inclusivity, accessibility, diversity and sustainability of opportunities for participants
- Increasing collaborative partnerships between key organisations to strengthen play, active recreation and sport systems and outcomes for the district
- Connection of specialist Sport Waikato staff to the district (e.g. coaching, women and girls, Health and Physical Education Curriculum specialists in Primary Schools)
- Regular connection with Council staff to track play, active recreation and sport outcomes

We recommend that Council continue to fund Sport Waikato, under the new and reduced funding quantum of **\$50,000 plus GST per annum**, to provide this important service and work in partnership with us to leverage quality play, active recreation and sport outcomes for the Taupō District.

4. SPORT WAIKATO CONTACTS

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Summary of Environmental data report March 2021



Taupo District Council's Long Term Plan

Submission from Waiariki Park Region – April 2021

Waiariki Park Region is pleased to support the Taupo District Council's Long Term Plan. We have been in conversations with various stakeholders in the Taupo district, including Parks staff, Environmental Councillors and Greening Taupo since we presented to Taupo District Council on Tuesday 8th September 2020.

And, like Council, we are committed to supporting the positive changes that need to occur over the coming years to enable the community to mitigate and adapt to the changing environment around us, as the impacts of Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss, etc. become more of the norm in our daily lives.

We recognise that Council and the community need to find many ways in which to share, engage and collaborative together. Therefore, in order to enable that, objectively, creatively and credibly, new partnerships and relationships need to come together for more sustainable ways of living to emerge.

Waiariki Park Region would like the opportunity to support and advocate for Councils strategic goals (see further detail pg 13) and be one of the multiple points of contact for community engagement and feedback. We know it will take all of us, together, to enable the type of region we wish to live in.

We have chosen not to answer any of the submissions questions directly, as we would support any final decisions the Council will take, but look to gain funding so we may directly support Council's ability to achieve its future plan.

Therefore, Waiariki Park Region wishes to be considered for contribution funding from within the Taupo District Council Long Term Plan 2021 towards our Environmental Data work.

Below is a detailed breakdown of who we are, what we are going to do, how we will support Council and what support we are looking for.

Waiariki Park Region – Who we are

Name of Initiative:	Waiariki Park Region
Legal entity status:	Envirohub, Bay of Plenty
Postal Address:	C/O Envirohub BOP, Environment Centre, Historic Village on 17th, Seventeenth Avenue West, Tauranga South, Tauranga 3112
Website/Social Media:	Landing page - www.waiarikiparkregion.org.nz Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/waiarikiparkregion/ Instagram - https://instagram.com/waiariki_park_region?igshid=ow45iskm753z
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Waiariki Park Region Initiative Information

initiative Summary			
Initiative title:	Waiariki Park Region		
Primary focus area:	Greener, healthier, wilder and more resilient region, covering the Waiariki region (BOP + Taupo district)		
Initiative Summary:	Waiariki Park Region is a bi-cultural movement to accelerate environmental action by reconnecting the people of Waiariki back to each other and nature. We will do this by creating a region-wide toolkit consisting of an intergenerational, interactive digital platform and a team to support Waiariki to become a greener, healthier, wilder, and more resilient and vibrant region. Being a land and water-based movement, biodiversity loss, climate change mitigation and adaptation, plus freshwater for life will be integral.		
How many years we are seeking funding for	1 year <input type="checkbox"/>	2 years <input type="checkbox"/>	3 years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Year One	Year Two	Year Three

How much funding we you requesting from Taupo District Council	\$30k (excluding GST)	\$30k (excluding GST)	\$30k (excluding GST)
The total cost of the initiative per annum	Year One	Year Two	Year Three
	\$576,792	\$576,792	\$576,792

Initiative Narrative

Our vision is to make the Bay of Plenty greener, healthier, wilder, and more resilient.

This initiative will enable a movement. A movement that seeks to radically increase the percentage of the population that engage in activities that will enhance the environment in which we all live and need to support our lifestyles. We are not creating a shovel-ready environmental initiative. Rather a movement that creates mechanisms to assist citizens, communities, Iwi, businesses, and authorities to participate in restoration, regeneration, and aiding nature and biodiversity. A movement that will increase personal health and wellbeing for all citizens through connection to the environment.

It will be a movement to inspire the people of Bay of Plenty to embrace biophilia - the scientific belief that nature can fix us, thus improving the region for every living thing.

We all know that when we spend time in nature, our health and wellbeing feel's better. Therefore, to achieve the ultimate status of regenerative health and wellbeing, it is our belief that we – the people of the Bay of Plenty - must connect and protect our environment.

The Waiariki Park Region project has been co-designed with key players in the environmental space, including with Iwi. The project boundaries are around Katikati in the west, to Ōpōtiki, and beyond in the East, and down to Turangi in the South. It takes in Rotorua, Tauranga, Whakatāne, Taupō and all the areas in between on land and in water.

This initiative was inspired by the Universal Charter for National Park Cities / Regions framework and follows this approach and was birthed between World Parks, Salzburg Seminar Global and London National Park Foundation. [London National Park City](#) was the first City to launch in July 2019. Waiariki Park Region is part of a growing network of cities and regions across the world who are looking to follow their lead. This group is a growing, global network committed to reconnecting more people back to nature where they live, work and play.

[Here is the President of Ireland talking about Galway National Park City...](#)

We will achieve our vision by:

- Acting as a regional movement for all, but with a first focus on individual change, particularly in urban areas
- Working with Tangata Whenua so we are supported and informed by their commitment to Kaitiakitanga (guardianship and protection)
- Using as an integral resource the organisations that already exist
- Connecting organisations and the community together
- Making it easier for the community to find education and opportunities to connect with nature
- Increasing regional environmental knowledge and action
- Providing a springboard for success stories and inspiration
- Inspiring and meeting the needs for individuals wanting to do more and move more
- Aligning with the Department of Conservation biodiversity strategy 'TE KOIROA O TE KOIORA – our shared vision for living with nature'

Our mechanism for achieving this is through a region wide toolkit. An 8 person team, supported by an interactive digital platform. The human resource will include a central support team focusing on Environmental Data, Communications, Māori Engagement, and four sub-regionally based Regional Connectors, whose primary focus will be to support and drive good environmental action across the rohe.

Key Indicators of success:

- Increased green cover across the Bay of Plenty
- Improved Health and Wellbeing of people and environment in the Bay of Plenty
- Increased environmental action and connection in the Bay of Plenty
- The Bay of Plenty continues towards becoming carbon zero by 2050

Why we are doing this

More than 85 percent of us in Aotearoa live in an urban setting, and as our towns and cities grow, we continue to surround ourselves with more and more man-made structures. With our modern way of life, these blends of concrete, metal, plastic and other man-made materials have become almost necessities and have almost completely taken over our urban spaces. How do we maintain our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing in this modern world?

Add in Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss, pandemics etc., it is becoming more obvious that today's usual approach will simply not do, therefore:

- Nature needs human support to help it restore itself
- Individuals are wanting to do more, but do not know where to go, so need easy engaging pathways to action
- There is a knowledge gap in the community in regard, to environmental action
- Individuals need and want to reconnect to nature in order to improve their health and wellbeing
- Existing environmental organisations need more participants and support

We want to enable connections to nature that are pleasurable and fun as a way of engaging individuals, family or communities in activities that improve nature in the Bay of Plenty.

It could be planting, cleaning up waste, walking, cycling, growing food in residential gardens, improving biodiversity in neighbourhoods and so much more. But, the feel good factor of doing your bit and connecting with others while you do it will lead to other actions that, combined, will help build resilience, mitigating the effects of climate change and biodiversity loss while expanding the support, resilience and reach a community can have with itself. And the change grows.

Currently, it is estimated that less than 20 percent of the population actively engages with environmental action, which equates to around 61,000 people within the region. This movement is aimed at connecting the remaining 250,000 to become more involved and supporting those who are taking part in environmental action. We wish to create an army of gentle disrupters to inspire, lead, support, advocate, empower and encourage environmental activity

Ultimately, we want to support and accelerate environmental action that can help our children's futures.

The Pathway

The following values, goals and statements provide our movement's structure. They are broad to allow for inclusivity, collaboration and co-design from all sectors of the community and encourage people to follow their own pathways, whether as individuals, families, Iwi, neighbourhoods, organisations or others.

Values

- Kaitiakitanga – To guide good environmental practice as guardians
- Wairuatanga – To ensure our intent is good
- Whakamana i te Tangata Whakapapa – To always act in a mana enhancing way
- Rangatiratanga - To act like chiefs for future generations
- Kanohi ki te kanohi – To meet face to face when we can
- Mahi tahi – To join-together, collaborate and unite as a movement

Goals

- Enhance and Cultivate Nature and Biodiversity
- Allow Nature to Fix us
- Educate and Change Ourselves
- Support and Connect the Region
- Champion Regenerative, Resilient and Sustainable Communities

We recognise that human-induced climate change is a critical issue which is impacting Aotearoa New Zealand and that these impacts fall disproportionately on those already facing inequality. We recognise the role of mana whenua and support Māori to protect their taonga by realising their role as kaitiaki. We accept our responsibility to Māori to help protect the taonga of Aotearoa under Article Two of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We support work towards adaptation methods which increase community resilience to climate change and decrease carbon emissions. We take a leadership role in conversations about systemic change to help protect the taonga of Aotearoa.

Proposal

To achieve the aspirations above and the eventual system change that is required, Waiariki Park Region is proposing to develop a region-wide tool kit to accelerate environmental action across the rohe.

We will also use the [Design Principles](#) which helped London National Park City Launch.

Plan

To achieve its overall mission, Waiariki Park Region must be seen as an enactment of the intention of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in that it proposes to bring the belief systems of the two parties – Tangata Whenua and Tauwiwi – to provide for a better future for future generations.

The initiative will work to ensure all articles, particularly article two, is upheld. Article two of te tiriti guarantees Tangata Whenua tino rangatiratanga over their taonga and we will work to ensure this by accelerating good environmental action.

The toolkit will be for the whole community, including iwi, hapu, environmental and social groups. The toolkit will also be available to Central Government, particularly the Department of Conservation, and Local Government bodies, such as regional and district councils.

The tool kit consists of a small team to support and drive good environmental action within the rohe and a fully interactive digital platform to enable connection and collaboration.

The aim of the toolkit will be to generate a region wide shared agenda for accelerating environmental action. It will also focus its efforts on creating shared measurement that the whole community can be a part of through activities and campaigns from back gardens through to city wide opportunities, mutually reinforcing activities whereby replication of action is easy and drives community connectivity, with continuous communication through all channels and it essentially becomes the back bone support for the region from an environmental perspective with the ability to sit objectively in the environmental space and provide unbiased support wherever it is needed.

The 8 person team will include a central support team focusing on building the movement, environmental data, māori engagement and communications, with four sub-regionally based Regional Connectors, whose primary focus will be to support and drive good environmental action across the rohe.

We are therefore, applying to the Taupo District Council Long Term Plan to support the operational requirements to collect and champion environmental data for Waiariki Park Region and believe this aligns with Councils strategic goals.

We propose to establish the team and develop the digital platform during 2021 as funding becomes available.

Human Resource:

The central team will be the support between the Regional Connectors, the community at large and digital platform with specialised skill sets.

The central teams roles and responsibilities include:

Team Lead – Working regionally, provide ongoing strategic direction, stakeholder engagement and operational, management and administrative support to ensure the movement continues to grow in accordance with the values and aspirations of the region.

Māori Engagement Specialist – Working regionally, connect with and work alongside Iwi to enable strong inclusion of Mātauranga Māori and Te Ao Māori principles, and support all members of the team to grow their understanding and partnerships with Māori.

Communications Specialist – Working regionally, deliver all communications requirements. This includes, design and implementation of communication strategies, digital platform management, press releases, on-line and off-line campaigns, literature, all social media management, monitoring and responses. They will also work closely with the Regional Connectors to ensure collection of stories, data and best practice for multiple channel sharing.

Environmental Data Specialist – Working regionally, collect, collate, analysis all available environmental data. Be the catalysis for long term trend direction of where environmental action is required, preferred and possible. They will also work closely with the Regional Connectors to capture data. We see exciting opportunities with the environmental data as little exists around the region and there is definitely a space for campaigns and activities that drive local and regional engagement with key flora and fauna, with health outcomes automatically built in as the activities will be nature based.

Everything the central team achieve will be focused on growing the movement, including supporting and advocating Council programmes and people.

Four Regional Connectors – Be the local link between people, organisations, data, knowledge and opportunity to support the creation of, acceleration of, and knowledge transfer of environmental and sustainable action based in:

- Mataatua (Whakatāne/Ōpōtiki/Coast)
- Te Arawa (Rotorua)
- Tauranga Moana (Tauranga)
- Taupō (Taupō/Turangi)

The Regional Connectors will be responsible for creating meaningful and useful ‘interventions’ to help get activities ‘over the line’ and collect the stories and data from each activity they are involved with.

This will demonstrate how we have supported, advocated, accelerated, and helped the completion of environmental or sustainable actions that may not have had happened without our support. Funding of the Regional Connectors has been applied for, through DOC’s Jobs for Nature fund.

Below is a table detailing a few examples of the application of the toolkit and how it will be used to achieve the Waiariki Park Region goals.

Waiariki Park Region Goals	Example of roles and responsibilities
Enhance & Cultivate Nature & Biodiversity	Request from a large urban biodiversity project for Waiariki Park Region to be an advocate to help sell their story, gain more endorsement and increase action by encouraging locals to get involved
	Act as schools, iwi, businesses and community liaison to connect people to environmental action e.g conservation activities for wildlife, coastal restoration, tree planting, including volunteer lead generator for Landcare/Coastcare, Greening Taupo, Halo/Bay Conservation Alliance etc.

	Supporting home based or neighbourhood based greening and sustainable activities
Allow Nature to Fix Us	Support initiatives that focus on getting the right plants in the right place for traditional use in Rongoa practice to champion Iwi medicinal knowledge
	Working with Sport BOP, promote where to go and what to do around the region to feel better when active in nature e.g hiking and biking in beautiful places
Educate and Change Ourselves	Universities, colleges, and environmental experts want to share their work and research to increase understanding of impacts, opportunities and what good practice could look like. We will showcase this on the digital platform
	Act as a regional hub to advertise environmental learning workshops and events, including supersizing Sustainable Back Yards that currently happens March every year
	Collect and showcase environmental data from different organisations and individuals to show how individual action when added together equals a greater impact overall
Support and Connect the Region	Connect funders to environmental groups as funders wish to support more environmental projects, but have no knowledge of who, where, what, or why
	Creation of 'environmental regionwide bucket list' of activities and actions to enjoy, including youth and family focused educational opportunities
	Facilitation of information from local environmental groups through to the local Tourism centre for them to 'upsell' environmental volunteer opportunities to visitors and residents
Champion Regenerative, Resilient and Sustainable Communities	Promote non-greening sustainable activities of what solutions already exist that residents and visitors can adopt e.g public transport, buying local, electric vehicles, bikes, home energy efficiency, water use conservation etc.

Below is a table highlighting the high level Environmental data direction we wish to implement

Environmental Data High Level Plan	Start date	Completion Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Data Collection – January 2021 – Ongoing (Pending funding for resources) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the current landscape of Environmental Data for the Bay of Plenty • Providing key metrics from this project will be critical for engagement purposes, to build trust, credibility, interest and action. • It is widely accepted that environmental data throughout New Zealand is poor. We believe this initiative has identified a unique opportunity to add value to the environmental success that the region could achieve. • We have recently commissioned a piece of work to research what environmental data is already available, where it is hosted, what value it might add to Waiariki Park Region and what are the gaps it identifies and will be used as our baseline from which to work from. (Please see the summary attached) • Over time as our understanding of the data unfolds it will create long term trend data to demonstrate which activities create the best outcomes and should be duplicated and developed to create further long term positive impacts, where interest exists. We also want to share percentage of green cover, percentage of tree canopy cover, percentage of marine species in the region etc. to showcase what is really going on in the region in due course. • We would also capture more ground level activity base line data, such as, number of activities underway at launch, new activities underway, including high level activity information, aims and objectives. Demographics and numbers of volunteers as well as number of plants planted, habitats restored, hours of physical exercise, volunteers, outputs expected, long term care process, etc with stories collected for sharing successes. 	January 2021	January 2025

- We will also carry out an annual survey. It will be an engagement survey focused around the four well beings, online to all participants. It will record health and well-being benefits of working on activities, skills gained, other benefits attained etc.
- We will also receive analytics from the digital platform activity, ongoing. This will enable us to understand what engages and increases activity to further develop the platform and actions around the region.
- We believe there are many opportunities for the education sector to engage here with student projects at all levels to research and showcase regional environmental data, from a greening, marine or biodiversity perspective. We will look to enable any opportunities in this space.
- With every biodiversity enhancing activity we have any form of involvement with, or, notification of, we will:
 - Record the increased number, species, location of,
 - Capture the expected abated CO2, and/or, biodiversity improvements with notable timelines and expectations, so they can be tracked, observed, photographed etc
 - Capture and share the success story and we will revisit projects and encourage the activity owner to capture ongoing footage of how the environment is responding
 - Share how the biodiversity focused actions are developing and enhancing the locality, as well as what the benefits the individuals, families, schools, and organisations are experiencing through their efforts and actions
 - Our Waiariki Park Regional Connectors will be responsible for collecting the data from each known activity that we are involved with.
 - This will demonstrate how we have supported, advocated, accelerated, and helped the completion of environmental or sustainable actions that may not have had happened without our support.
 - Activities where we have not had a direct involvement with, we will still record the data to show what else is going on in addition, to capture as much environmental data as possible.
 - The Environmental Data Specialist will then collate all the data and be able to share short term and long term trends.
 - We will use this information to improve our service and ensure that greening our region continues to stay our top focus.
 - It will help us understand how easy or difficult it is for the community to maintain their biodiversity enhancing action and what skills and support they require as the time passes e.g access to pruning and other gardening workshops etc.
 - This will build more awareness of what can be done, how it can be done, and what the benefits and challenges are. We expect over time this will create positive feedback loops around Waiariki as more success stories get shared.

Digital Platform

In addition to the human resource and environmental data, a fully integrated digital platform will be developed with a range of tools and services to help inspire environmental action as well support on-going partnership, connection and collaboration. It will be used by groups, organisations and individuals across Te Waiariki at a no cost basis.

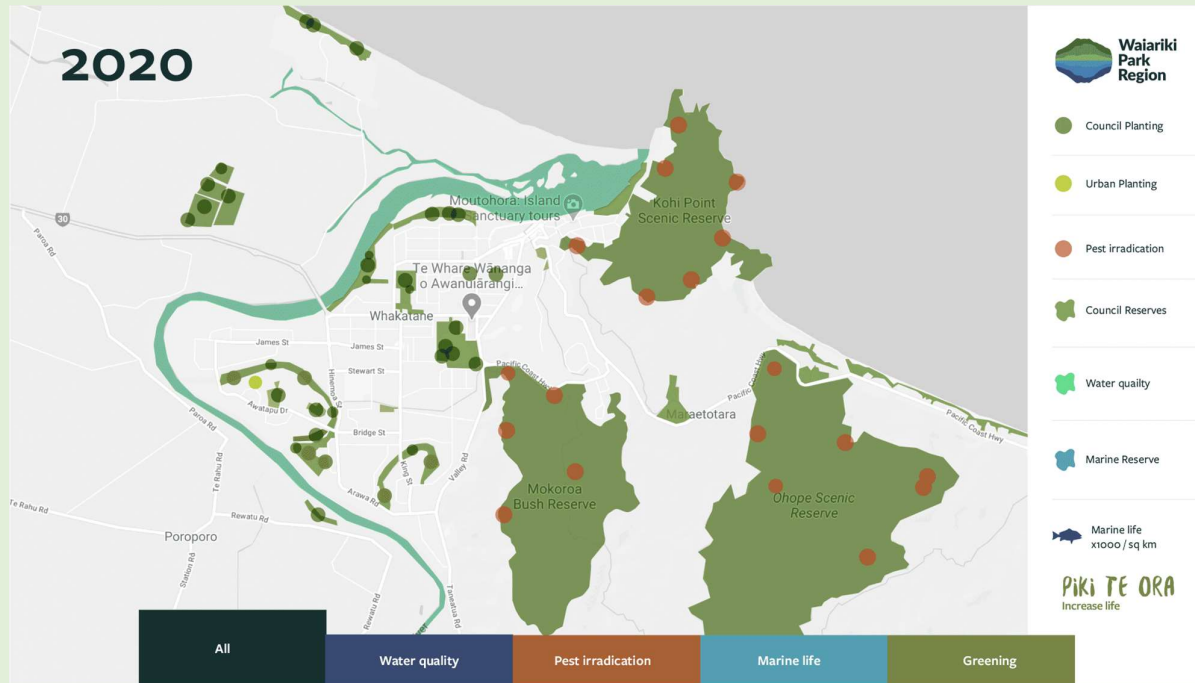
With so many websites and information available through many different sources the digital platform will be a smart place to hold all of this information in one place, using public links, and through partnerships with the content/website owners. It will provide easy access for the many, who are time poor and who want easy and quick pathways. Being time poor is the biggest barrier to environmental action.

We will share available environmental data on the digital platform to showcase increases of greening and sustainable action (via pins, graphics and storytelling) so we are able to see over time how our actions are collectively making a difference.

Stakeholders will have access to information and resources collected by the digital platform. They will also be able to migrate and use tools and features designed for the digital platform.

We will ensure the digital platform is future proofed and youth focused with the ability to add tictok, and other platforms as they become available.

Below is an example of the regional interactive map we are currently building. This will be one function of the digital platform as we create different resources to make it easy for the community to engage with environmental practice.



*The data used for the above map is for illustration purposes only – the finalised map will cover all of Waiariki.

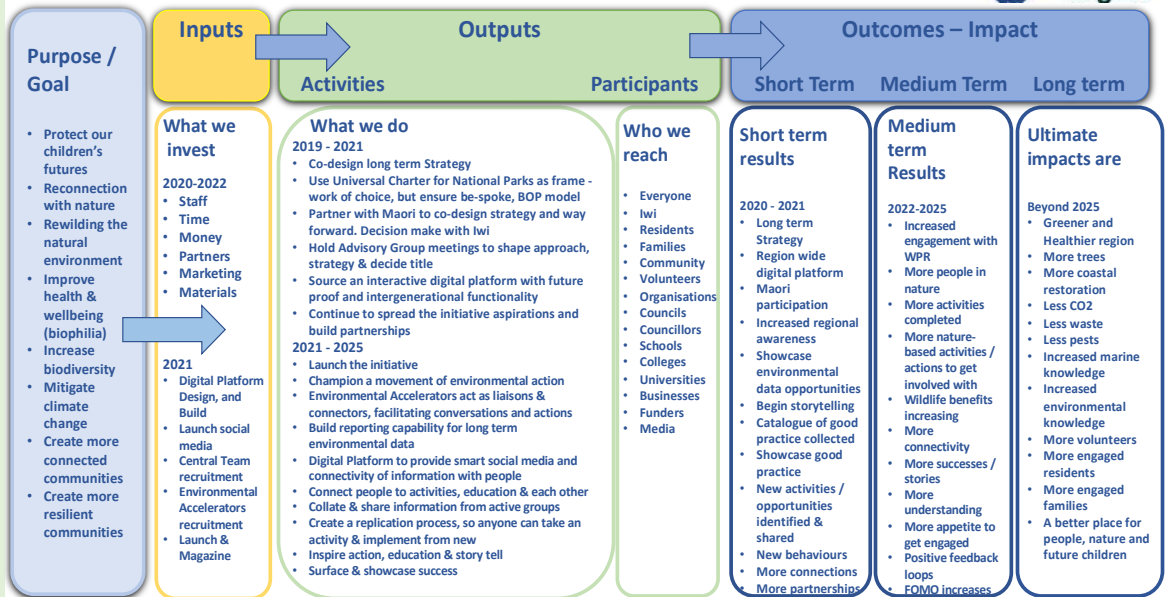
The opportunities and possibilities for the region are limitless and will grow steadily over time, but the explicit aim is to reconnect more people back to nature, especially where they live and work with a focus on urban environments and neighbourhoods.

We also recognise this initiative is the first of its kind to combine interactive technology, the environment, be cultural and intergenerational in its intention.

We acknowledge this movement will take time to build and that it will be a success due to the number of people positively engaged over time.

How it connects together

Waiariki Park Region Logic Model March 2021



Benefits for the People and Biodiversity of Waiariki

The impacts from engaging with the Waiariki Park Region Toolkit will include:

What / Who	Bio-diversity	Community	Iwi	Councils	Schools/ Colleges	Org's & Businesses	Environmental Groups	Government
More connection with nature		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fast & easy access to environmental resources		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Greener	X							
Healthier	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Alignment that we are part of, not separate to nature	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Engaging and appealing information		X	X		X	X		
Family friendly activities to engage with & visit		X	X		X	X		
Access to local Environmental Connector		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ability to share own individual action / stories		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Raising profile		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Increase understanding and respect of Mataranga Maori		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Access to Environmental Data		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Opportunity to co-develop 'big-data' around Waiariki Environmental Data		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ability to inspire next generations & build capability		X			X			
Build internal environmental Programmes & Research					X			
Native environmental knowledge upskilling		X	X		X	X		

Build capabilities at home and in neighborhoods		X	X		X	X		
Help to make back gardens and neighbourhoods greener		X	X		X	X		
Healthier family and community		X	X		X	X		
Access to Waiariki experts		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Building trust in the Community				X		X		X
Safe space for Councils, Community and Tangata Whenua to engage and grow partnerships		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Access to innovation (technical & environmental)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lead generator for volunteers				X		X	X	
Scalability of projects & activities through cross connections		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Build employee capabilities and action at work				X		X		X
Ability to engage customers & clients with environmental practices				X		X		X
Demonstrate stronger values				X		X		X
Route to Community for Policy & Regulation changes				X				X
Model for replication				X				X

Long-term Impacts

By enabling the above we, as the wider Waiariki Park Region, will be able to enjoy the long-term outcomes, and, whether individuals have been directly involved or not, everyone benefits. These long-term outcomes include the following:

- **Greener Region:** The amount of greenery around the region increases
- **A healthier region** for all people and nature that do and move more, with increased well-being for all
- **More Planting:** Planting activity trends on land and coastal, continuously increases
- **Less CO2:** The number of CO2 reduction activities continuously increases
- **Less Waste:** Waste activities increase
- **Increased Knowledge:** The knowledge base has grown with a requirement for 'more' diverse and ambitious schemes
- **Understanding Mātauranga Māori** continues to increase as the understanding grows and positive outcomes can be seen throughout the region
- **More volunteers and engaged Community:** Increased volunteer involvement showing environmental activities as a positive force for good
- **A more connected and resilient region** with the ability to self-support each other through the potentially challenging times ahead
- **Sustainable Tourism:** The amount of national and international environmentally conscious visitors increases

How the Waiariki Park Region might look in 2030		
Where	What	Why
Streets and Neighbourhoods	Trees are on many roads and verges throughout the region	<p>The Waiariki Park Region will act as a movement to enable more individuals and families, easier access to environmental information and action</p> <p>It will collate all the activities that are happening around the region and make them accessible for all</p> <p>Residents will save hours of searching time as they will be able to find information and get involved from one central point</p> <p>Organisations will have a bigger reach for potential participants</p>
	Trees and native planting is in abundance, adding an aesthetic that sells the region	
	A multitude of bird species in gardens, neighborhoods and beyond	
Town and City Centre's	Farmers markets are more popular, with people and local produce	
	Walking and cycling routes are being used more frequently	
	Buildings have external seed walls and roofs	
Parks and Reserves	Local parks and reserves are pest free, full of native plants, clear waterways	
	Trees and planting eco corridors connect the green spaces allowing for bugs and birds to migrate	
	Being an environmental volunteer is the activity of choice for many young families	
Coastal and Marine parks	Beaches are clear of plastic and other rubbish	
	Visitor numbers to coastal areas have increased - they are attracted to the sustainable tourism attitudes	
	More of the community involved with how to protect and enjoy the coastal areas	
Family Homes	Families are fully embracing self-sufficiency, by having vegetable patches supplying their basic needs	
	Fruit trees are bountiful with families, communities and birds sharing the crops	
	Native planting in the region has increased exponentially as the drive to increase bugs and birds have taken a firm grip on maximising a gardens potential	

Annual Budget required

The below table details the required funding for 2021. Beyond 2021, the annual costs remain the same, bar materials. These will vary year on year depending on programmes and opportunities that present themselves. The environmental support possibilities are limitless if the infrastructure is in place.

Function	Maximum	Description	Comments
Central Resources	\$164,736	Fixed Resource costs - 4 x Part Time Roles – Project Manager, Māori Engagement, Communications & Environmental Data	Need to secure these resources as core multi-year funding
Regional Connectors	\$287,056	Full Time Roles (Eastern Bay, Western Bay, Rotorua & Taupo)	These roles can be part time to start, but need to move to full time quickly
Materials	\$125,000	Phase 1 Interactive Digital Platform (\$80k), Estimate Launch (\$10k), Data collation, analysis & campaigns (\$30k), Marketing (\$5k)	This will vary year on year depending on program opportunities and development
Total	\$576,792		

2020/2021 Funding

BayTrust	Digital Platform (\$80k)+ Operating Costs (\$55k)	\$135,000 (Received)
Working Together More Fund	Iwi Engagement & Collaboration	\$15,000 (Received)
DOC – Jobs for Nature (x3 years)	4 x Regional Connectors	\$218,333 (Pending)
BOPRC (x3 years)	Central Team Resources	\$96,000 (Pending)
	Total	\$464,333

We are engaging with all Councils across the Bay of Plenty to become part of this initiative and the information in this LTP is being included in all the upcoming 2021 LTP plans. The aim is to create a region wide collaborative funding model where all Councils and other organisations contribute to Waiariki Park Region as all will benefit directly or indirectly due to the work carried out.

Contribution to Taupo District Council Goals		
Category of Action	Specific area of Focus	Waiariki Park Region contribution
Growing Resilient Economies	Three Waters Investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will advocate for and enhance the health of the water courses around the district by supporting and accelerating activities and initiatives that are water focused. We will share Council's water infrastructure plans and related information through our various communication channels including social media, digital platform and press releases. Our Environmental Connector will also support the growth in understanding among the community.
	Iwi Partnerships and Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will share stories of positive partnerships and what they have achieved through our smart social media, including the digital platform and via the Regional Connectors to aid understanding and promote new partnerships and collaborations. Waiariki Park Region is committed to a true partnership with tangata whenua as is outlined in Te Tiriti o Waitangi therefore codesign and collaboration is a clear focus.
	Lake Taupo Protection Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will champion, advocate for and promote initiatives, projects, people and programmes that focus on improving the health of Lake Taupo through our various communication channels including social media, digital platform and via the Regional Connectors to aid understanding, support and promote action.
Enhancing Healthy and Sustainable Environments	Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will share smart Climate Change best practice to inform and be educational for the Taupo District through our social media, digital platform and via our Regional Connectors to aid understanding and promote action. Topics include: Greening, conservation, waste minimisation, emissions reductions including energy, transport, food practices etc. We will also act as a lead generator for environmental groups (e.g. Greening Taupo) and other organisations to help encourage the general public to become more engaged with local environmental activities. We will also collect, collate and champion useful environmental data (existing and new) so it can be shared back to the community to aid further action, understanding and champion success.
	Tourism (Less winter tourists)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through our communication channels including social media and digital platform, we will showcase (& link to Love Taupo etc.) and highlight all the nature based and outdoor related activities and places that tourists may wish to visit to help them reconnect with nature and have experiences in the Taupo district. We recognise with the changing weather patterns (warmer winters, hotter summers) the tourism options may change over time. We will support and advocate for sustainable tourism and how that may further develop over time.
	Increased water demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will share water conservation educational information, local champions, best practice and stories through our various range of communication channels including social media, digital platform and via the Regional Connectors to aid understanding, and support behavioural change habits over time.
	River Flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will enhance the health of the environment and biodiversity around the region by advocating, supporting and accelerating the greening of gardens, neighbourhoods, towns and rural spaces and use this as a means to share how mitigation and adaption can help to reduce the effects of river flooding when applied locally.
	Electric Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will support Council through advocacy, communications and our Regional Connectors to help increase buy in and endorsement for Council and community use of electric bikes and cars.
Enabling Connected and Safe Communities	Community Best Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will support Council through advocacy and communications to enhance the health and wellbeing of communities around the region by supporting and accelerating the greening of urban areas. We will bring about community connectivity, understanding and celebration of what we can do together when we have a shared common vision of sustainable living via education, events, workshops etc.
	Connecting the region together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through our regional connectors and digital platform we aim to bring together the community, experts, the environment and technology to aid environmental education and action. This will provide easy access to changing the conversation, environmental events, workshops etc, providing different mechanism's to connect and act locally and regionally.

Waiariki Park Region Specific Goals		
Area	Measure	Goal
Community Participation		
New environmentally / sustainability focused projects completed per annum	No of activities region wide accelerated, scaled, completed due to WPR intervention. Demonstratable evidence required	48 successful interventions per year
No. of plants and trees planted increases year on year	Additional plants & trees planted across the region through WPR interventions (with quarterly results)	Baseline + 5% (WPR attributed)
Engagement with Digital Platform	Number of clicks recorded, 12 months after go live	In excess of 1000 hits per month
Other		
WPR endorsement/engagement increases year on year	Letters, emails, social media positive engagement showing buy in for WPR, including from Iwi. Baseline set at 20 letters of support March 2021	25% increase year on year
Engagement with shared activities increases year on year	Number of attendees attending activities, workshops, events, volunteer lead generator etc. increasing year on year, (with quarterly results)	25% increase year on year
Iwi collaboration and partnerships continue to deepen and broaden	No of iwi hui and conversations held + number of stories shared with Environmental Connector's & digital platform	Increase year on year, Iwi involvement dependant
Increased health and wellbeing benefits recorded through environmental action	Via annual on line engagement survey, acknowledgement of self-health and wellbeing benefits when engaged with environmental action via standard questions	90% acknowledgement by year 5

Evidence to support our movement

[Must see video that explains exactly what we wish to emulate with Waiariki Park Region](#)

[Biophilia – What is it and why is it important?](#)

[The world's top 10 greenest cities \(2020\)](#)

[Greening cities, Auckland](#) [London National Park City](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA REPORT – SUMMARY

The purpose of this report was to firstly ascertain what environmental data is available, in the open-access space, for the area covered by Waiariki Park Region. Secondly it aimed to determine the usefulness of this data for the positive environmental acceleration needed by WPR, important gaps in the data, and pathways for dealing with environmental data and reporting of such data going forward.

There is a mass of information from several different agencies plus community groups that is available. Data has been compiled by Regional councils, The Department of Conservation, Universities and research institutes and is very thorough with robust, repeatable methods. Therefore, the data can and is used for long-term monitoring. However, in general the data is patchy, with some areas covered for certain metrics more than others. For example, air quality is predominantly measured in urban areas, whereas biodiversity has been predominantly measured in reserves. Water quality data is probably the most widely spread geographically, covering waterways in rural, forested, and urban areas, and available on the Land Air Water Aotearoa (LAWA) website.

One issue that this report identifies is that due the boundaries of WPR being different to those of the geographic Bay of Plenty, and the boundaries in the area around Taupo not fitting with district boundaries, some of the overarching metrics such as overall land-use mapping, will be more difficult, although not impossible to calculate.

Many surveys, for example for bats, are often short-lived, geographically limited or not regular, limiting the long-term use (no trend data). In addition, for the purposes of WPR, limiting these biodiversity surveys to remote areas may not invoke the “protecting and improving my area” response that is necessary for the sought after positive environmental acceleration. For this

example, a bat monitoring program would be relatively simple and inexpensive to set up using automatic bat detectors, and could potentially discover new areas of habitat, this could be a great project for community groups, schools or businesses to be involved in.

Very little could be found on insect biodiversity, including abundance and habitats of native bees or weta. Similarly, very little could be found on reptile or amphibians in the region, with the exceptions being Tuatara on offshore islands, and a genetically distinct population of native Hochstetters frog residing near Te Puke.

The Bay of Plenty region has a historically poor uptake of the NZ Garden Bird Survey, with only 160 surveyed gardens in 2019. In addition, results of this survey could potentially be excellent for the use of WPR, with trends of how native and introduced birds are faring. However, again the area of WPR outside of the Bay of Plenty boundaries is covered in the Waikato data. It would be worth contacting Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research to determine if analysis of the data for WPR boundaries could be calculated, whether raw data was available for our own analyses. Many community groups focus on birds, either single species or families such as waders, but again these are geographically patchy and mostly limited to areas of native forest.

To conclude this summary, the WPR is blessed with a very strong backbone of high-quality monitoring data, but due to patchiness there are definitely gaps that would be useful to link the region together. In addition, there are great stories from the region, with iconic species that can be used to catalyse positive environmental acceleration.

Recommendations:

- Public surveys - WRP needs to know what is important to people – this will be interesting to repeat semi-regularly to see if things change as WPR is launched and access to

environmental education through the website and social media etc. in the region is improved.

- Priorities for information to track as key metrics for WPR – “State of the environment” reports are typically 100+ pages and vary in depth, and are fairly unreadable for the general public. WPR needs to decide on (perhaps using the surveys mentioned above?) key metrics that are indicators of environmental health to show progress, accountability and promote further positive acceleration. If these key metrics are not currently monitored, then WPR with its partners can look into how to do this (Urban tree cover may be one of these for example...)

Organisation:

Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board

First name: Maria**Last name:** Nepia

**Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing taking place 4-6 May 2021?
Hearings in Turangi and Mangakino will be arranged if there are enough people wanting to present.**

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Yes

Taupo hearing

Additional requirements for hearing:

Attached Documents

File
TMTB Submission Long Term Plan Taupo District Council 20210413 ID 18028



Submission by the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board

concerning the:

Taupō District Council draft Long Term Plan 2021-2031

15 April 2021

INTRODUCTION

1. This submission is made by the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board (the **Trust Board**) in relation to the Taupō District Council (**Council**) draft Long Term Plan (**LTP**) 2021-2031.
2. The Trust Board was established pursuant to the Māori Land Amendment Act 1924 and Māori Land Claims Adjustment Act 1926. The Trust Board later became a Māori Trust Board under the Māori Trust Boards Act 1955.¹
3. By Deeds with the Crown dated 28 August 1992 and 10 September 2007 the Trust Board is the legal owner of Taupō Waters. The term Taupō Waters refer to property including the bed, water column and air space of Lake Taupō and the Waihora, Waihaha, Whanganui, Whareroa, Kuratau, Poutu, Waimarino, Tauranga-Taupō, Tongariro, Waipahi, Waiotaka, Hinemaiaia and Waitahanui Rivers and the Waikato River, from the outlet of Lake Taupō to a place known as Te Toka a Tia, downstream and inclusive of the Huka Falls.
4. The Trust Board is also a party to the Waikato River Deed with the Crown dated 31 May 2010 (the **Waikato River Deed**). The Waikato River Deed was given legal effect through the Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Raukawa, and Te Arawa River Iwi Waikato River Act 2010 (the **Upper Waikato River Act**). The Waikato River Deed provides that the Crown and the Trust Board agreed to enter into the Waikato River Deed in recognition of “the interests of Ngāti Tūwharetoa in the Waikato River and its catchment and in Taupō Waters and to provide for the participation of Ngāti Tūwharetoa in the co-governance and co-management arrangements in respect of the Waikato River”.²
5. The Trust Board’s relationship to Taupō Waters is unique; it holds legal title as trustee and acts as kaitiaki for Taupō Waters. These fiduciary responsibilities over Taupō Waters to present and future generations underpin all the activities and aspirations of the Trust Board.
6. The Trust Board is also:
 - a. Party to an existing Joint Management Agreement with the Taupō District Council;³ and
 - b. The Iwi authority for Ngāti Tūwharetoa for the purposes of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).⁴

TŪWHARETOA AND IMPORTANCE OF WATER

7. Expressions of our intrinsic connection to Ngā wai o Tūwharetoa have been well documented through our iwi planning documents, Joint Management Agreement with Taupō District Council as well as reflected at a national level through legislation such as the National Policy Statement for Freshwater – Te Mana o te Wai. We continue to express our position through the participation in numerous planning and policy processes. They are repeated in this submission as they form our enduring position on water within our rohe.
8. Tūwharetoa hold Mana Whenua and kaitiakitanga over the Central North Island including the Lake Taupō Catchment and part of the Upper Waikato, Whanganui, Rangitikei and Rangitaiki Catchments.

¹ Māori Trust Boards Act 1955, refer section 10.

² Waikato River Deed, 31 May 2010, refer clause 8

³ Available at <https://www.Taupōdc.govt.nz/our-council/policies-plans-and-bylaws/joint-management-agreements/Documents/JointManagement-Agreement.pdf>

⁴ See <http://www.tkm.govt.nz/iwi/Ngāti-Tūwharetoa/>

9. Ngāti Tūwharetoa are the descendants of Ngatoroirangi and Tia and other Tūpuna who have occupied the Taupō region since the arrival of the Te Arawa waka. Ngāti Tūwharetoa are linked by whakapapa to our lands and taonga. This connection establishes our mana whenua, kaitiakitanga, and rangatiratanga including our right to establish and maintain a meaningful and sustainable relationships between whānau, hapū, marae and our taonga tuku iho.⁵
10. For Ngāti Tūwharetoa, water comes from the sacred pool of our ancestor, Io. Tāne entrusted the guardianship of all the waterways to Tangaroa while Tāwhirimātea was assigned the guardianship over the atmospheric forms of the water and the weather. These two guardians hold the mauri, the essential life forces, of these forms of water.
11. For Ngāti Tūwharetoa, our role in the Central North Island forms part of our ancestor, our earth mother Papatūānuku. The universe and atmosphere above and around us is our sky father, Ranginui. The geographical pinnacle of Papatūānuku, within our rohe is our maunga (mountains) including our esteemed ancestor, Tongariro. To the north of Tongariro lies our inland seas, Taupō and Rotoaira. Our mauri flows from our maunga and to the hinterlands via the Waikato, Whanganui and Rangitaiki. They link us directly with our neighbouring iwi.
12. This tangible natural water flow is necessary to nurture every form of life it encounters during its journey. It is the intangible interconnecting web that is the lifeblood of our whakapapa and enable the survival of our wellbeing and identity as iwi, hapū, marae, landowners and whānau. This way of looking at our fresh water highlights a truth we all acknowledge. Water is our lifeblood. Water is necessary for life. Water is us and we are the water.⁶
13. We have continued to exercise our customary rights and interests over all the waterways, waterbodies and tributaries in our rohe. Upholding our responsibilities as Mana Whenua and Kaitiaki requires us to remain present, active and visible in all discussions concerning wai management to ensure Te Mana o te Wai is preserved, restored and protected.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

14. The Trust Board thanks the Taupō District Council (**the Council**) for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Long Term Plan 2021-2031 (**LTP**).
15. This submission responds to the:
 - a. Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document;
 - b. Taupō District Council Infrastructure Strategy 2021-51; and
 - c. Supporting Information contained on the Council website.
16. The Trust Board also sets out projects that are not contained in the LTP that, in the view of the Trust Board, should be funded through the LTP.

⁵ Lake Rotoaira and Lake Taupō Forest Trusts and the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board (2011) *The Stewardship of Fresh Water – A Tūwharetoa Discussion Document*.

⁶ Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board (2012) *Ngāti Tūwharetoa relationship with our ancestral waters*.

SPECIFIC POINTS OF SUBMISSION

17. The Trust Board provides the following specific points of submission.

SUBMISSION 1

18. The delivery for the Lake Taupō Protection project

Relief sought

19. The Trust Board supports in principle the preferred option of retaining the Lake Taupō Protection project in its current form with the current governance and funding arrangements.

Rationale

20. The Trust Board was integral to the development of the Lake Taupō Protection Trust (**the Trust**) in 2007. The Trust Board acknowledges the role of the Council, the Crown and Waikato Regional Council as the original funding partners of the Trust.

21. The Trust Board nominates two members on the Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee that oversees the Lake Taupō Protection Project. This governance arrangement has worked well and should be continued in the event the scope of the Trust requires amendment [eg, to include revised targets for nitrogen reduction or new contaminants etc].

22. The Trust Board notes that Ngāti Tūwharetoa are the largest landowner in the Taupō catchment, including large areas of production forestry, farms and undeveloped land and the beds of certain waterways collectively known as Taupō Waters⁷. There are a significant number of Māori land blocks in the Lake Taupō catchment that have existing nitrogen reduction agreements. The Trust Board considers continuity of the Lake Taupō Protection Trust in its current form ensures all landowners in the Taupō catchment are formally recognised for their contribution to protecting waterbodies and importantly have long-term operational certainty and confidence

23. The Trust Board also agrees with the summary in the consultation document that the legislation around charitable status of Trusts has changed, and it would be highly unlikely that a similar tax structure could be established in the future for any like Trust, should a decision be made to windup the Trust.

SUBMISSION 2

24. Taupō District Council Infrastructure Strategy 2021-51 – Issue two ‘new infrastructure’

Relief sought

25. The Trust Board believes the costs of building new infrastructure to cater for urban growth, ahead of development occurring, must be 100% recovered through the development contributions policy.

⁷ Taupō Waters consists of: (i) Taupō-Nui-a-Tia Block; (ii) Te Awa o Waikato ki te Toka o Tia Block; and (iii) Te Hokinga mai o te papa o nga awa ki te Poari hei Kaitiaki o nga Hapū o Ngāti Tūwharetoa Block.

26. New infrastructure should be designed to minimise impact on the environment specifically including Taupō Waters as the receiving environment, by making use of best available technology and low impact urban design principles.

Rationale

27. The Trust Board notes the preferred option in the LTP consultation document is to transition to building infrastructure in anticipation of where urban growth is expected to occur. Previously the Council worked alongside developers to ensure infrastructure is built to connect to and service new development.
28. While the Trust Board accepts the current direction in the National Policy Statement for Urban Development 2020 is to provide for infrastructure-ready development, the costs of this work should be recovered from the new connections to the infrastructure networks and not be displaced onto the whanau and the District community.
29. The Trust Board believes the Council should reconfigure the development contributions policy to ensure capital expenditure already incurred by the Council in anticipation of infrastructure-ready development is 100% recovered.
30. The Trust Board notes that new infrastructure should be designed in a way that seeks to minimise impact on the environment. This would include making use of best available technology and the latest innovative designs to reduce, for example, the impact of storm water discharges on Taupō Waters. We believe this should be an area of specific focus for Council.

SUBMISSION 3

31. Taupō District Council Infrastructure Strategy 2021-51 – Issue four ‘ageing population’

Relief sought

32. Issue four must be amended to include low-income earning households in the community, as unaffordability does not just affect an ageing community.
33. The Trust Board would encourage the Council to partner with others to progress:
- a. a project to determine the proportion of households and/or ratepayers that will be on a low and/or fixed income; and
 - b. a project to put in place innovative solutions for maintaining levels of service to low-and/or fixed income households while keeping costs down.

Rationale

34. The Trust Board agrees the Council needs to look at innovative solutions to address the unaffordability of increasing costs on low and/or fixed income households within the community.

35. The simple fact is Ngāti Tūwharetoa whanau are over-represented as low-income earning households and are more likely to be renting properties, as opposed to owning properties. The Council needs to be cognisant that increases to the cost of rates will be passed onto tenants through increased rents. While amendments to the Residential Tenancy Act 1986 have capped rent increases to a 12-month timeframe, the reality is any increase to rates will eventually be passed onto tenants.
36. In respect of the Draft Infrastructure Strategy 2021-51, it is important the Council recognise unaffordability affects low and/or fixed income earning families, irrespective of age. This must be reflected in the Councils financial strategies and drive innovative solutions to maintain levels of service for low and/or fixed income households while keeping costs down.
37. Trust Board would like to acknowledge Council planning staff who encouraged and lead a co drafting approach with the Trust Board in the development of the Infrastructure Plan. We believe this partnership approach delivered a better-quality document. We would encourage this approach across all sectors of Council.

SUBMISSION 4

38. Funding of water supplies and upgrades of water supply infrastructure.

Relief sought

39. The Trust Board supports in principle the preferred option of spreading the cost of funding water supply activities across all ratepayers in the Taupō District with an exemption for Marae and papakāinga.

Rationale

40. Access to safe and secure supply of freshwater for purpose of sustenance is a basic human right. Risks to the safe and secure supply of freshwater to all communities in the Taupō District needs to be satisfactorily reduced as a priority.
41. The Trust Board agrees that Council must fund the upgrade of drinking water supplies to achieve compliance with Drinking Water Standards of New Zealand. Spreading the cost of increased funding for upgrading the remaining 13 drinking water supplies and maintaining levels of service across the District appears to be a fair approach. However, the Trust Board is concerned the proposed approach is not equitable when looking at the median income of different community's and their ability to pay for increased rates [manifested as rent increases]. For example, the proposed NZ\$81.34 [18% increase on 2020] for Tūrangi and Tokaanu residents, coupled with other rating increases, will negatively affect their ability to pay.
42. Notwithstanding the above, the Trust Board would like to work with the Council to ensure:
 - a. the upgrade of the remaining 13 drinking water supplies is prioritised in a way that does not leave small and vulnerable Māori communities until last. And should be done in partnership with those communities, including [but not limited to]:
 - i. Waihi Village;
 - ii. Motutere Point;

- iii. Wairakei Village;
 - iv. Tūrangi/Tokaanu; and
 - v. Hatepe Village
- b. Upgrades to water supplies are co-designed with the communities and the relevant landowners.
 - c. Papakāinga and marae drinking water supplies are supported to undertake necessary upgrades that may be required to comply with Drinking Water Standards of New Zealand.

SUBMISSION 5

43. District Plan review process - engagement

Relief sought

44. Support the resourcing of the District Plan review that enables meaningful engagement with the Trust Board and ngā hapū o Ngāti Tūwharetoa which is demonstrated in opportunities for co-drafting of plan content.

Rationale

45. The Trust Board acknowledges the review of the District Plan was signalled and resourced through 2018/28 LTP. Given review will progress well into the 2021/31 LTP period, the Trust Board would expect to see adequate resourcing to complete the review process, including continuation of funding for meaningful engagement.
46. The Trust Board considers both us and ngā hapū o Ngāti Tūwharetoa are integral to the development of the RMA planning regime within the District, including ensuring the core customary values and interests, whakapapa relationships with Te Taiao and aspirations of Ngā hapū o Tūwharetoa are identified and provided for in the new planning regime.
47. The Trust Board's expectation, therefore, is the targeted and well-resourced engagement by Council should lead to opportunities to co-draft key sections of the revised Plan. We believe this is currently under resourced.

SUBMISSION 6

48. District Plan review process – Significant Natural Area (**SNA**)

Relief sought

49. The Trust Board requests that Lake Taupō and the associated tributaries are removed as a SNA. We believe that the Taupō-nui-ā-Tia Recreational Management Plan and the Nitrogen Cap and Trade system in the catchment provide adequate protection for Taupō Waters.
50. The Trust Board requests that Council continue to work alongside Māori landowners to exempt Māori Land within the Taupō catchment where sought.

Rationale

51. The Trust Board understands the Council has a mandatory function under s6(c) of the RMA to identify SNAs in the Taupō District and to apply a level of regulatory protection to SNAs through robust rules in the District Plan.
52. As we understand it 85% of the land contained in the SNA is multiple owned Māori land and Māori freehold land (**Māori land**). The problem is Māori land that remains undeveloped contains large tracts of indigenous vegetation and habitat for indigenous fauna that is now viewed as being remnant or representative of the biodiversity that existed pre-European arrival. A number of reports have highlighted the barriers to developing Māori land that do not exist in the same degree as for General land. Objectives, policies and rules that protect SNAs, in absolute terms, are viewed by the Trust Board as “a further barrier” that will constrain any future development of Māori land.
53. The Trust Board believes the service provided by undeveloped Māori land that contains large tracts of indigenous vegetation and habitat for indigenous fauna to biodiversity and ecosystem health and the climate is simply not recognised. Similarly, the Trust Board is aware that a number of residents in Taupō hold the view that undeveloped Māori land surrounding Taupō Waters should never be developed as this land provides “significant landscape and amenity values”.
54. It is simply unfair for undeveloped Māori land to be the buffer that has historically, and continued to, provide for the development of General land at the expense of the climate, biodiversity and ecosystem health and landscape and amenity values.

SUBMISSION 7

55. Strategic planning for papakainga development

Relief sought

56. The Trust Board requests that Council work in partnership with mana whenua hapū for the purpose of:
 - a. mana whenua hapū to identify appropriate locations for papakainga development within their rohe;
 - b. Council to identify how any future papakainga development would be connected and serviced to supply drinking water, storm water and waste water infrastructure;
 - c. co-designing options that will lead to:
 - i. identified papakainga being listed as priority development and included in Regional Strategic Planning processes and in the District Plan; and
 - ii. co-designing arrangements that work for hapū and are capable of applying for and holding funding to commence the development of identified papakainga.

Rationale

57. The Trust Board considers housing supply, housing affordability and rental affordability collectively, is arguably one of the more insidious social issues affecting Māori in the Taupō District. Parts of the Taupō District have alarmingly low home ownership rates for Māori, and as discussed in other submission points, the increasing unaffordability of rental accommodation is worsening the overall situation.
58. There are considerable areas of underutilised Māori Land in the Taupō District that could be developed in accordance with tikanga by hapū and marae for papakainga. The Council will be aware this is a fundamentally different approach to housing than the westernised “colonise, subdivide and conquer” model.
59. The Council appears to be happy to engage with non-Māori developers to plan for urban growth in the Taupō District, however it is less clear whether this commitment extends to actively working with hapū to assist with the development of Māori land for papakainga. The view of the Trust Board is the Council needs to do more in the space of working constructively as a Partner with hapū and “live up to” its commitment on page 5 of the LTP consultation document⁸. This includes working in partnership with mana hapū to identify areas for papakainga development within their rohe and looking at options for funding the development of papakainga in the short-term.

SUBMISSION 8

60. Reserve Management Planning

Relief sought

61. The Trust Board supports the development of a management strategy and/or individual management plans for the reserves administered by Council located adjacent to Taupō Waters.
62. The Council must work with the Trust Board and those hapū who hold mana whenua on the development of any management strategy for the reserves administered by Council that are located adjacent to Taupō Waters.
63. The Council must work with mana whenua hapū to co-draft specific components of individual management plans for the reserves administered by Council that are located within the rohe of that hapū.

Rationale

64. The Council is required under the Reserves Act 1977 to have management plans for reserves that are administered by Council. A number of the existing reserve management plans either require updating or have expired.
65. By way of context, the 2007 Deed of Settlement confirms the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board as the owners of the bed of Lake Taupō, the bed of that part of the Waikato River from Lake Taupō to Te Toka a Tia (the rock of Tia), inclusive of the Huka Falls, and the bed of certain rivers or streams

⁸ Refer page 5 of LTP consultation document, “*The Taupō District Council will give effect to the principles of partnership (the duty to act in good faith in the nature of a partnership), participation (of Māori in council processes), protection (the duty to actively protect the rights and interests of Māori) in our services, activities and planning work.*”

flowing into Lake Taupō. The collective beds are known as “Taupō Waters” and are held by the Board, in its capacity as the sole trustee of the Taupō Waters Trust⁹.

66. The Taupō-nui-ā-Tia Management Trust Board are soon to “determine” the Management Plan¹⁰ for Taupō Waters. The Trust Board wants to ensure that the drafting of reserve management plans for lakefront reserves and the Taupō Waters Management Plan work seamlessly together and achieve good outcomes for the community.
67. The expectation of the Trust Board is the Council will engage the Trust Board at an early stage of planning and preparation for the development of any overarching management strategy for the reserves administered by Council that are located adjacent to Taupō Waters. The same level of engagement should also be extended to the Taupō-nui-ā-Tia Management Trust Board as administrators of the Taupō Waters Management Plan.
68. Similarly, the Trust Board would expect the Council to engage with mana whenua hapū to co-draft specific components of individual management plans for the reserves administered by Council that are located within the rohe of that hapū.

SUBMISSION 9

69. Funding formal relationship arrangements.

Relief sought

70. Appropriately resource the co-design, implementation and servicing of formal relationship agreements between hapū and Council.

Rationale

71. The Trust Board believes funding must be available in the LTP to resource the co-design, implementation and servicing of formal relationship agreements between hapū and the Council. This may include, but is not limited to, Mana Whakahono-a-rohe agreements, Joint Management Agreements etc. The scope of a formal relationship agreement should be flexible to cater for participation in Council-led processes and to provide for the interests and aspirations of hapū
72. In the Board’s view, the LTP funding should enable the Council to work with hapū in partnership to develop the content and functionality of the relationship agreement. The maintenance and servicing of formal relationship agreements should also be appropriately resourced in the LTP.
73. We believe this area is significantly under resourced at present.

SUBMISSION 10

74. Review of rating for multiple owned Māori land and Māori freehold land

⁹ The Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board, as the sole trustee of the Taupō Waters Trust, holds title to three blocks which collectively comprise Taupō Waters.

¹⁰ The 2007 Deed sets out that Taupō Waters will be managed as if it were a reserve for recreation purposes under s17 of the Reserves Act 1977.

Relief sought

75. The Council needs to, as a matter of urgency, review how Māori land is rated and make substantial changes to reflect the contribution of Māori land over time to the health, wellbeing and prosperity of the District.

Rationale

76. Māori Land has been substantially disadvantaged to the point where retaining land ownership can be unsustainable for many owners. The Board agrees with hapū that Māori land ownership is endangered and should be afforded protection through an appropriate rating system. This should be the driver for an urgent review of how multiple owned Māori land and Māori freehold land are rated.
77. The outcome of any review should be fast tracked, as a matter of urgency, into the Councils' rating policy and changes made to the rates demands for the 2021/22 financial year and beyond. The Board's view is there is a point of fairness and balancing that is required to ensure that Māori Land is not further encumbered by inequitable rating.

SUBMISSION 11

78. Building cultural capability of Council

Relief sought

79. The Trust Board supports a program that will deliver an increase in the cultural capability of Council staff and any program should include the following key topics:
- a. Te Tiriti o Waitangi (understanding how Te Tiriti applies to Council)
 - b. Te Ao Māori (world view, concepts, knowledge, values and perspectives)
 - c. Te Reo Māori (Māori language)
 - d. Mātauranga Māori (application of ancestral knowledge)
 - e. Tikanga Māori (protocols and customs of Ngā hapū o Ngāti Tūwharetoa)
 - f. Settlement legislation and Deeds of Settlement (application of legislation and Deeds)

Rationale

80. As a priority Council need to undertake a programme that embeds the increase of cultural capability of its staff and Council, particularly those staff in front line positions and working in strategic front-facing roles [ie, the development of policy with the marae and hapū].
81. The training should be over two components, the first should be based on Ngāti Tūwharetoa tikanga, founded on Te Ao Māori (concepts, knowledge, values and perspectives) and delivered by suitably qualified and experienced persons. Ideally, cultural capacity should become a Key Performance Indicator (KPI) for Council staff with strategic front-facing roles and form part of any professional development planning.

82. The second part of the programme should focus on upskilling Council in understanding how Te Tiriti applies to Council and specifically Settlement legislation and Deeds of Settlement (application of legislation and Deeds).
83. The Trust Board is willing to work with the Council to assess applications from providers to ensure the persons are capable of delivering training to Council staff.

SUBMISSION 12

84. Three Waters Reform

Relief sought

85. The Trust Board must be actively engaged and partner with Council on:
 - a. implementation of the water Services Bill [in particular but not limited to Te Mana o te Wai];
 - b. design of any new entity [to deliver drinking water and manage stormwater and wastewater];
 - c. transfer of any existing functions or services held by the Council relating to:
 - i. existing infrastructural assets;
 - ii. existing permits held under the RMA to take water and discharge contaminants to land or water;
 - iii. delivery of drinking water, wastewater and stormwater more generally as an outcome of Three Waters Reform.

Rationale

86. The Trust Board has previously advanced their views to the Department of Internal Affairs in relation to the Three Waters Review and to Taumata Arowai on the Water Services Bill. The Trust Board maintains that any conversation involving the design of any new entity [whether singularly by the Council or involving multiple agencies including Taumata Arowai], the transfer any existing functions or services held by Council in respect of: (i) existing infrastructural assets; (ii) existing permits held under the RMA; and (iii) delivery of drinking water, stormwater and wastewater more generally, must include the Trust Board.
87. In September 2020 the Waikato Regional Council transferred its water quality monitoring functions for the Lake Taupō catchment to the Trust Board. Key rationale for the transfer included recognition of Ngāti Tūwharetoa as kaitiaki of Taupō Waters and acknowledgement of the expertise and knowledge that is held within the iwi.
88. As noted in previous submission points the titles for the beds of certain waterways collectively known as Taupō Waters are held by the Trust Board. The majority of Councils infrastructure network to convey wastewater, stormwater and drinking water are located on land owned by the Trust Board. This includes infrastructure that is located in, on, or under Taupō Waters and that will require extensive engagement with the Trust Board.

89. The expectation of the Trust Board, as owner of Taupō Waters, will ensure the Trust Board is actively engaged with Council on the design of any new entity, transfer of any functions or services relating to existing infrastructural assets, existing permits held under the RMA and delivery of levels of service for three waters.

SUBMISSION 13

90. Southern trunk sewer

Relief sought

91. The Trust Board supports the option of retaining the existing location of the southern trunk sewer main and install larger diameter pipes to increase capacity.

Rationale

92. The Trust Board understands the capacity of the southern trunk sewer needs to be increased to convey wastewater from the Taupō southern growth area to the Taupō wastewater treatment plant. The Trust Board is aware the Council is considering multiple options to undertake this work, including installing a second trunk sewer main that will be located adjacent to Lake Taupō.
93. While the Trust Board supports projects that ensure the network has sufficient capacity to avoid failure and for resilience, the alternate location for the new trunk sewer located adjacent to Lake Taupō is not supported. The Board's preferred option is to retain the existing location of the southern trunk sewer main and install larger diameter pipes to increase capacity.
94. In the event the Council wishes to progress the new trunk sewer main option, the main should be located as far as practicable away from the margins of Taupō Waters and within the road reserve.
95. The Trust Board notes the request for a new project to fund the identification of inappropriately located existing infrastructure and suggests it would be perverse for "new infrastructure" to be located in a way that puts waterbodies at risk in the unlikely event of network failure.

SUBMISSION 14

96. Taupō wastewater overflow risk reduction

Relief sought

97. The Trust Board supports upgrading pumping infrastructure at the Taupō wastewater treatment plant to avoid the risk of overflow events occurring that result in the discharge of wastewater into the Waikato River.

Rationale

98. The Trust Board is aware that overflow events at the Taupō wastewater treatment plant occurred in 2008 and 2011 and resulted in large volumes of untreated wastewater being discharged into the Waikato River. The best available science suggests a rapidly changing climate is likely to mean more frequent storm events of a similar scale and magnitude to the 2011 storm.

99. The Trust Board considers the pumping infrastructure at the Taupō wastewater treatment plant should be upgraded to avoid the risk of overflow events. The Council should use the 2011 storm event as the baseline to guide the necessary upgrades that will be required.
100. The Trust Board notes that the wastewater network infrastructure, more generally, should be prioritized for upgrade to avoid risk of failure during storm events of a similar magnitude and intensity to the 2011 event.

SUBMISSION 15

101. New wastewater piping infrastructure across the Waikato River.

Relief sought

102. As a principle the Trust Board does not support the existing wastewater piping infrastructure across the Waikato River on the Control Gates bridge.
103. The Trust Board is opposed to the construction of a separate river crossing structure that would convey new wastewater piping infrastructure from the northern side of the Waikato River to the Taupō wastewater treatment plant.
104. The Trust Board would also like to work with the Council to progress future project to construct new wastewater treatment plant on northern side of Waikato River to service future urban growth in the Nukuhau and Acacia Bay residential areas in the long-term.

Rationale

105. Wastewater on the northern side of the Waikato River is pumped across the Control Gates bridge to the Taupō wastewater treatment plant. Urban growth in the Nukuhau and Acacia Bay residential areas means the network pipes along the control gates bridge are no longer sufficient to convey wastewater without risk of overflow in other parts of the wastewater network.
106. The Trust Board is aware that overflow events at the Taupō wastewater treatment plant occurred in 2008 and 2011 and resulted in large volumes of untreated wastewater being discharged into the Waikato River. The Board's firm view is that this is unacceptable under any circumstances.
107. The Trust Board considers the Council should be planning for new urban growth on the northern side of the Waikato River in the Nukuhau and Acacia Bay residential areas. This includes ensuring that existing infrastructure has the necessary capacity to support new urban growth in the short-term, and to plan for the commissioning of the new wastewater treatment plant and disposal field on the northern side of Waikato River to service the Nukuhau and Acacia Bay residential areas in the long-term.

SUBMISSION 16

108. Taupō wastewater land disposal expansion.

Relief sought

109. The Trust Board supports in principle the expansion of the land disposal area to comply with lower nitrogen discharge limits for the Upper Waikato FMU in Proposed Plan Change 1 (PC1).

Rationale

110. Ngāti Tūwharetoa is one of five Waikato and Waipā River iwi working alongside the Waikato Regional Council to jointly decide on the content of Draft Plan Change 1. The Trust Board lodged submissions, further submissions, attended hearings and appealed parts of PC1 to protect the integrity of giving effect to Te Ture Whaimana in 80-years (2096).
111. The Trust Board notes that PC1 requires 20% reduction in the discharge of nitrogen, phosphorus, sediment and microbial pathogens in the 10-year period following PC1 becoming operative. The 20% reduction target is applicable to both diffuse source and point source discharges of the four contaminants. As such, the Council will need to ensure the Taupō wastewater treatment plan and land disposal operation demonstrates a reduction in the discharge of the four contaminants [that are applicable].
112. The Trust Board notes the Council will in the future need to invest in technology to reduce the nitrogen and phosphorus load from the Taupō wastewater treatment plant that is disposed of to land at the View Road site to comply with future plan changes to give effect to Te Ture Whaimana by 2096.

SUBMISSION 17

113. Resource consenting process for Tūrangi wastewater treatment plant.

Relief sought

114. The Trust Board supports Ngāti Tūrangitukua working with Council to co-design options for upgrading the Tūrangi wastewater treatment plant to treat wastewater to a high standard and options for land-based disposal of treated wastewater.
115. The LTP should include sufficient funding to enable the co-design of options, including necessary resourcing of technical expertise/reports [ie, mātauranga Māori performance indicators and outcomes, cultural impact assessments etc]

Rationale

116. The Trust Board agrees a sustainable wastewater treatment process and land-based disposal system is required to service the communities of Tūrangi and Tokaanu in the long-term.
117. The process of working in partnership with Ngāti Tūrangitukua to co-design the necessary upgrades to the treatment plant and land-based disposal options is important. The Trust Board considers the LTP needs to appropriately fund the joint working group process to achieve outcomes that are consistent with the values, interests and aspirations of Ngāti Tūrangitukua. This would include the use of mātauranga Māori technical expertise to assist with shaping the land-based options to dispose of treated wastewater.
118. To be clear, the Trust Board agrees with Ngāti Tūrangitukua and opposes an option that would attempt to reinstate the existing level of treatment and disposal.

SUBMISSION 18

119. Increase capacity of Motutere wastewater treatment plant and connect the Motutere community.

Relief sought

120. The Trust Board supports:

- a. upgrades to increase the capacity of the Motutere wastewater treatment plant; and
- b. connecting the Motutere community to the upgraded wastewater treatment plant.

Rationale

121. The Trust Board is aware Waitetoko Marae requested that the Motutere community should be connected to the wastewater treatment plant to minimise risk of effluent discharges to Lake Taupō from existing septic tanks.

122. The Council should consider funding upgrades to the Motutere wastewater treatment plant to increase capacity and reticulate the Motutere community. The Trust Board agrees with hapū that connecting the Motutere community to the wastewater treatment plant would allow old style septic tanks and disposal fields to be removed and reduce the risk of effluent being discharged into Lake Taupō.

123. The Council should work with hapū to co-design the project to increase capacity of the treatment plant and understand the timeframe for sequencing reticulation.

SUBMISSION 19

124. New project to identify inappropriately located infrastructure

Relief sought

125. The Trust Board believes the LTP should fund a project to identify infrastructure that, due to its location, poses a high risk to waterbodies in the event of failure.

Rationale

126. The Draft Infrastructure Strategy 2021-51 suggests Council does not fully understand the condition of network infrastructure, particularly infrastructure underground. In the absence of good information on asset condition, Council is forced to make renewal decisions on when the asset is expected to reach “end of life”. This means there is an increased risk of asset failure.

127. The Trust Board considers the problem is magnified where the assets are inappropriately located, for example adjacent to Lake Taupō and waterbodies within the Lake Taupō catchment. If inappropriately located assets fail, the outcome could lead to contaminants being discharged into waterbodies that are of significance to Ngāti Tūwharetoa.

128. The Trust Board suggests the purpose of the project is to identify assets that are located [inappropriately] in close proximity to waterbodies and where failure will lead to a high risk of contaminants being discharged resulting in:

- a. integrity of freshwater ecosystems being compromised;

- b. mauri and mana of the waterbodies being diminished; and
- c. the special relationship between Ngā hapū o Tūwharetoa and waterbodies being degraded.

129. The Taupō District Council Infrastructure Strategy 2021-51 signals a shift to a more proactive philosophy of replacing network assets based on condition assessments, as opposed to replacement at end of life or failure. The Trust Board considers the new project to identify inappropriately located infrastructure and should run in parallel with any project assessing the condition of network assets.

130. The Trust Board also believes the Council should make every effort to avoid the location of new assets in positions where the failure will lead to contaminants being discharged into waterbodies that are of significance to Ngāti Tūwharetoa.

SUBMISSION 20

131. Bilingual signage policy for the Taupō District

Relief sought

132. Council work in partnership with mana whenua hapū to co-draft bilingual signage policy for the Taupō District.

Rationale

133. The Trust Board considers increasing te reo Māori visibility in public spaces throughout the Taupō District will increase awareness and encourage the Taupō community to use of te reo Māori on a daily basis. The adoption of bilingual signage signals that te reo Māori is valued by the Council and sets an example for the wider community and business sectors to also embrace te reo Māori.

134. The Council should, in its role as a Partner, work with hapū to coordinate how a bilingual signage policy can be co-draft. The Board's view is that pukenga experts should be engaged by the Council to ensure the Policy is accurate.

135. The Trust Board supports mana whenua hapū who consider that the authentic use of te reo Māori would immediately resonate with tāngata whenua and sets a positive and respectful foundation for communication and unifies the community.

CONCLUSION

136. The Trust Board wishes to be heard in support of this submission.

137. For any further queries please contact Maria Nepia, Natural Resource Manager, Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board.

Nāku iti nei, nā



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Feedback

Lake Taupo Protection Project hearing

No

Parks, Reserves & Sports Grounds

[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity

Centre: Yes

No comment provided

Attached Documents

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Organisation:

Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group

First name: Kirsty**Last name:** Trueman

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Issue 1: Funding of council water supplies
Option 1

Leasing or owning a CAB
Option 1

General comment
Please see attached submission

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Mangakino Pouakani Rep group

**Submission to the Taupō District Council's Long Term
Plan 2021-2031**

By Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group

To: Taupō District Council
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1.0 SUMMARY

The Draft Long Term Plan (LTP) consultation document sets out Council's vision and goals over the next 10 years from 2021-2031 and how key projects/proposals will be funded within that period.

The LTP includes key proposals for managing and maintaining current facilities and community assets as well as planning for projects and programmes that will promote future growth and development within the District. A key goal of the LTP is to ensure that the Taupō District remains a great place to live.

Scope of activity

1. Providing local input into the development of Council policy that will impact on the MP ward.
2. Maintaining an overview of service delivery, operational and capital expenditure, within the MP ward. Providing local input into the development and review of Council's key planning documents such as the Long-term Plan, Asset Management Plans, Structure Plans, Reserve Management Plans and the annual plan
3. Preparing an annual submission to Council's budgetary process for expenditure within the community
4. Considering and reporting on all matters referred to it by Council or any matter of interest or concern to the ward.
5. Communicating with the MP community, community organisations and special interest groups within the MP ward.
6. Exercising Council's statutory regulatory functions under the following Acts and Regulations (and any amendments) that are not elsewhere delegated to staff and that relate to matters in the Mangakino/Pouakani ward:
 - Local Government Act 1974 – Part 21
 - Land Transport Act 1998
 - Reserves Act 1977
 - Local Government Act 1974 – Section 319 - Road Naming
7. Considering resident and ratepayer appeals to decisions made in accordance with Council's Tree and Vegetation Policy affecting trees and vegetation in the Mangakino/Pouakani ward.

2.0 GOLF CLUB

The rep group supports the request from the golf club's request for a trimax mower that mounts on their tractor. Cost \$15k.

3.0 BASKETBALL COURT

Support the decision to build a basketball court. However, the location site for the court needs to be changed. Location changed from old shop footprint changed to adjacent to existing gym. Due to the change in location the total budget required would need to increase to \$100k. This would include some noise screening.

4.0 MANGAKINO SPORTS AND CHANGING FACILITY

Request \$25k to install heat pumps in the facility. This was out of scope in the original project.

5.0 LAKE FRONT DEVELOPMENT

5.1 Toilet – Support existing funding set aside in 2015/16 for the new 2 cubicle toilet. Increase budget to \$350k to cater for a 4-cubicle facility to meet new increased demands.

5.2 Playground – Request renewal budget be brought forward from year 2 budget to year 1 for Lakefront playground renewal.

5.3 Seal Current road – Request \$35k to seal 80m of existing dirt road. (subject to preliminary designs)

5.4 Footpath extension – Request \$3k

5.5 Boat Ramps – Pour second ramp at existing location \$122k
New ramp at old rowing club site including consultation etc - \$330k
New Vault toilet to service new boat ramp \$40k

5.6 Opex budget – Request \$25k per year in operational parks budget to maintain community assists not on Council land. Totara Tree, Roding, drainage, planting etc.

6.0 CAMPING

6.1 Recreation Reserve – Request access through installing of an entrance to the Lake Road side of the recreation reserve by Te Awhina Hall. Entrance cost \$7k.

6.2 Camping - Request to change camping bylaw - request to remove camping at the lakefront at the reserve area – too congested, especially during events and long weekends.

7.0 WHAKAMARU

Request for additional play equipment for Whakamaru playground, Basket swing at \$15k. More accessible access to the playground, pedestrian let downs required \$2k.

8.0 ISSUES

District Wide Water Rating – Support

Leasing Option for Council Administration Building – Support

Museum and Art Galler – Support Kaupapa further down the track. More korero needed with Iwi and planning required in this space.

Lake Taupō Protection Trust – Support to keep the Trust

9.0 OTHER

9.1 Support the partnership agreement with Waikato River Trails.

9.2 Support the rural road sealing program.

9.3 Support the ongoing work that the Friends of the Totara Tree are doing. Would like to see more commitment and attention from Council around the preservation and promotion of the tree.

CONCLUSION

The Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group would like to see all Lake Front developments, including the playgroup carried out in Year 1 of the LTP. Request that the Basketball court with funds (\$60k approved) that was set aside, increased to \$100k due to the change in the location also carried out in Year 1.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

DATED 15 April 2021

Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group

First name: Sanjay

Last name: Malaviya

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[Admin – Public Survey] Do you support the construction of the Turangi Recreational and Activity Centre: Yes

Yes we need some parents family and visitors attraction and facilities to keep them busy. It also needs some sort of attractions to the visitors and people which will make stop in the town relax and spend time with family and move on.

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