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Thank you to all 59 submitters and those that wish to speak at the Hearing 22 May 2024.

Council asked the community for feedback on the following consultation topics:

1. Keeping the current levels of service with a 15.1% rates increase
2. Reviewing and amending some levels of service to reduce the rates increase
3. Increasing the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) to \$950 per property
4. Hardie Avenue dewatering project – Council is budgeting \$250,000 and has applied for Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) funding of \$750,000. If funding is not successful - should Council fully fund or reassess the project?
5. Funding of \$150,000 for further viability studies of the Asbestos Containment Site?
6. Any other feedback.


	NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
1	Ripeka Lessels	YES	Q1. No - Cost of living has increased for everyone, this just adds to an increase in poverty.
			Q2. Yes- Some leisure and recreation services. Hardie Ave reassessment of project.
			Q3. No- Why do the cost of option 2 drop for residential and commercial property drop except of 2 categories of residential properties?
			Q4. Reassess the project- How many residents will this project affect. How else can it be funded if NZTA fund is not realised
			Q5. No- Is this venture an income stream? I don't believe we should invest in projects that might have a long-term effect on the environment
			Q6. The separation of rates to EBOP has meant that we have not reduced our rates at all but in fact [ay extra now. This increase may cripple home owners
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2	Heidi Lichtwark	YES	Q1. – Q5. Note: Recipient skipped these questions.
			<p>Q6. Kawerau District Council Annual Plan Submission</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to Kawerau District Council's proposed Annual Plan 2024-2025.</p> <p>Sport Bay of Plenty is a charitable trust focused on informing and supporting our region's play, active recreation and sport sector. We know local councils are New Zealand's biggest investor in play, active recreation and sport and we appreciate your past and future commitments, and collaborative approach, to this vital community endeavour. We work in collaboration with several stakeholders including regional and local sport and recreation organisations, health organisations, local government and Sport New Zealand. This submission aims to reinforce the invaluable role physical activity plays in supporting our community's well-being.</p> <p>The value of investment in play, active recreation and sport</p> <p>A 2022 Social Return on Investment study commissioned by Sport NZ revealed that for every dollar allocated towards play, active recreation and sport, there's a social return of \$2.12 to New Zealand.</p> <p>This figure encompasses both social and economic indicators such as; physical health, subjective well-being (life satisfaction), volunteering, social capital (sense of belonging, community engagement etc), individual development (i.e. income, consumption) and individual safety. This indicates how investment in physical activity effectively doubles in its impact on society. Additionally, this estimate could be conservative, with the real return being even higher, especially for those who currently lack access to opportunities</p>

		<p>for physical activity. Furthermore, data from March 2024 highlights how the sector generates a substantial \$3.96 billion worth of economic activity, solidifying its importance to the New Zealand economy. The same data also demonstrates the substantial social and economic value of play, active recreation and sport - with a combined value of \$20.8 billion.</p> <p>Investment into Sport and Recreation facilities</p> <p>Ron Hardie Recreation Centre</p> <p>The Council faces considerable financial challenges in delivering this proposal in a restricted funding environment. Maintaining an aging asset will become increasingly difficult as demands on capital funding and renewal budgets will increase as assets age. This increases the importance for stakeholders to work collaboratively to improve the delivery of physical activity opportunities. Efforts to sustain proven strategies such as collaboration, physical proximity, and shared resources, in order to prevent redundant and inefficient use of play, recreation, and sports facilities, must persist. A range of insights show indoor sports are extremely popular in across the Bay of Plenty especially with rangatahi. School sport data from Sport NZ shows an increasing participation trend for several indoor sports - including indoor netball, volleyball, basketball and futsal. Across the Bay of Plenty, seven of the 10 activities rangatahi would like to participate in at school have an indoor element. Meanwhile, outside of school, the top three sport and recreation activities enjoyed by rangatahi are indoor pursuits. As well as the established need to provide facilities for rangatahi, increased demand from an ageing population (65+) is also on the horizon. This population group are also regular users of indoor courts and facilities. Further demand for indoor sport facilities may also arise due to climate change and changing weather patterns. Supply and demand of indoor and outdoor facilities Sport BOP's Club Survey 2023 indicated access to facilities as one of the key threats facing sporting clubs across the rohe. The majority (67%) of the clubs surveyed rely on Council-owned assets to function, highlighting the importance of identifying key locations and opportunities for upgraded or maintained facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mere 7 per cent of adults believe they have access to spaces and places where they can do the physical activities they want. • Only 9 per cent of adults are satisfied with the quality of spaces and places to be active in their community. <p>We would welcome an opportunity to work with council and the community on this.</p> <p>The Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre</p> <p>Improved planning for aquatic facilities can have a positive impact on efficient resource allocation, effective operation, and ultimately foster active, happier, and healthier communities. According to the National Aquatic Facilities Strategy 2024, there is a notable shortage of aquatic facilities and aquatic competence pools, now and into the foreseeable future, that cater to the diverse needs of leisure and recreational participants. This scarcity becomes important when considering Sport NZ's latest Active NZ survey which indicates a change in desires of how New Zealanders want to be physically active. While there remains a place and desire for competitive sport, participants are increasingly drawn to active recreation and play aspects of physical activity. Current aquatic facilities across New Zealand may not reflect this trend. More pool space is also urgently needed to promote swimming and water safety skills, crucial for preventing drownings across generations. In previous work with BOP councils around increasing user fees and charges, suggest a phased approach to the rollout of user fees would be preferential. This would allow council to generate much-needed revenue to maintain facilities while not having an immediately detrimental impact on users. It is also Sport Bay of Plenty's position that physical activity should be widely available to all, and not just those who can afford to pay.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Play System</p> <p>Improving play opportunities</p> <p>Sport Bay of Plenty have completed two Neighbourhood Play System projects (a study that looks at neighbourhood features and urban landscape through the eyes of tamariki) in other BOP council districts. In 2024-2025 there is an opportunity for Kawerau District Council to support a Sport Bay of Plenty led Neighbourhood Play System project in Kawerau. This will help determine how local organisations, Marae, schools and community groups could work together to co-design play projects that will suit and benefit the needs and aspirations of the local community. The project will identify barriers to play, including accessibility, safety, and infrastructure, and provide insights from tamariki around improving play opportunities within the local community. The Neighbourhood Play System is a unique and comprehensive opportunity to capture community voice and see neighbourhoods in Kawerau through the eyes of tamariki. Sport Bay of Plenty urges Council to consider this project in its annual planning process to ensure quality play options remain or increase for all tamariki and their whānau. The project will be facilitated by Sport BOP, and we would encourage council to provide support for the project and to consider any recommendations made, in future annual plans.</p>
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	NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
3	Trish Brady	YES	<p>Q1. Yes - I understand the need to budget for additional management staff and operational costs etc, but I need to point out I haven't had a 15.1% pay rise. It is quite steep from past years, but I get it. I wouldn't want to see the current levels of service diminish; some jobs take long enough to get done due to various processes and paperwork you have to do, such as fixing footpaths, drains etc, while other smaller jobs get seen too fairly quickly, depending on workload and manpower. The workers who attend these jobs work quickly and efficiently, and are always hospitable, and I wouldn't want to see any of them lose their jobs. It has been suggested that maybe it's time to start charging the pools...mmm...maybe. I wouldn't want to see it cost too much because like the library, it's a safe place for kids who are too young to go to the river by themselves, to hang out. Maybe under 12's free or maybe just charge a gold coin donation to everyone? Or a weekly pass of \$7 or \$10? it's also been suggested that you just charge out of towners etc... There are a few ideas out there, and it would be good to do a survey of regular users to see if they would still use it, if there is a charge. Would an increase discourage use or would the regulars still use it regardless. Do the benefits of having groups of visitors to town, outweigh the need for an increase etc? A review would help reassess if it would make any difference, and if there are changes that could help with charges.</p> <p>Q2. <i>Recipient skipped this question</i></p> <p>Q3. Yes</p> <p>Q4. Not sure- This is big bill for a job that needs to be done. If Waka Kōtahi doesn't come through with the funding where would Council get extra funding from? I wouldn't want to see Hardie Ave being left in the lurch, so would it mean another rate increase? It would have been helpful to see the various options open to Council for funding this project.</p>

			<p>Q5. No- Well, the korero over the last 7-8 months has been about the Māori wards and fluoride, so out of the blue, this pops up... again, which is a repeat of the last time. And once again we're put in a position of making an uninformed decision... really? It would of been good to have a reminder of what Council was aiming to do and what was involved as are as hazards and safety precautions go. We still don't know, so before you can investigate the viability it would be helpful to fill us in first, thus saving \$150,000 from the budget straight away...</p> <p>Q6. So...chlorine, fluoride, hydrogen sulphate asbestos and dioxins from the mill, all in varying degrees, into Paptuanuku... Scary stuff that I wish KDC/KBC weren't so complaint in their support of, in the past. We are told small amounts it isn't harmful; neither are small amounts of heroin or small amounts of methamphetamine, or small amounts of glue to sniff, or small amounts of THC in your system and so on. However, the long term accumulative effects can be quite toxic. While I understand at times, the Council can be stuck between a rock and a hard place when it comes to government directives; I appreciate the Mayor and CEO investigating, and going for an extension to hold off on adding fluoride to our water. If you go to the supermarket you can chose between fluoride and non-fluoride toothpaste, if it's put in our water, the choice is taken away, so thank you for that. I also appreciate the transparency of the process in arriving at that position, and being able to watch the meeting on the KDC website or Facebook page have been invaluable. Other Councils can learn from your example of grass roots democracy in action, well done all those involved. That's my 50 cents worth Thank you for your time Trish Brady</p>
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4	Norman Lee	YES	<p>Q1. Yes -</p> <p>Q2. No - Pool charges inherently unfair for families and will encourage hazardous swimming in river</p> <p>Q3. <i>Recipient skipped this question</i></p> <p>Q4. fully fund</p> <p>Q5. No- This should be a national issue it applies to all towns and cities</p> <p>Q6. <i>Recipient skipped this question</i></p>
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5	Frances Teinakore-Curtis On behalf of Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group	YES	<p>Q1. yes</p> <p>Q2. no</p> <p>Q3. no</p> <p>Q4. Reassess the project</p> <p>Q5. no</p> <p>Q6. We would like to add our submission to the KDC Annual Plan, which is to further support a secretariat resource for the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group (TARSG).</p>
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6	John Whitehead	YES	<p>Q1. No</p> <p>Q2. Yes</p> <p>Q3.No</p> <p>Q4. Reassess the project</p> <p>Q5. No</p> <p>Q6. <i>Submitter did not enter feedback.</i></p>

NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Heather Kuka	NO	<p>Q1. Yes - I am happy to maintain current service levels with the proposed increase. While times are tough across the board, the reintroduction of 3 Waters to Councils books is a significant cost. Unfortunately, this is the price we all must now bear for the anti-3 waters brigade. That being said I am concerned that fixed income whānau will feel serious pressure with increases in almost all areas of finance, except income.</p> <p>Q2. No - I do not support the reduction of service levels as I believe and value the work of Council kaimahi and I recognise the efforts Council takes to reduce costs or stretch budget where they can.</p> <p>Q3. Refer to comments in point 1.</p>

		<p>Q4. Reassess the project- It is my belief that if external funding is unsuccessful, Council should reassess and reconsult with the community on the scope of the project and costs. Finances are a moving target at the moment and with a downturn in economy and change of Government, it's my opinion it's too unstable to predict based on the information we currently have.</p> <p>Q5. Yes- If Council believes this work could lead to the safe establishment of a revenue stream such as the containment site, I support the further exploration of this providing such revenue would then further go to ease rates burden on residential communities.</p> <p>Q6. I request that Council considers an amendment to Pool opening hours whereby (Monday to Friday) 2 days a week, the pools would open later in the day to stay open for the evening. A potential option could be that on the chosen days the pools open at 12 til 8pm with the pools being cleared 30 mins prior. I believe this would be popular with locals, especially full-time workers who may ordinarily miss out on the pool's weeknights.</p>
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Alinka Lindsay Urban Effects	NO	<p>Q1. – Q5. <i>Note: Recipient skipped these questions.</i></p> <p>Q6. Mayor and Councillors Submission to Long Term Plan</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. We understand that budgets are tight, and that cost cutting is the order of the day. We agree with cost cutting, which is operational, but this should not be confused with wise intergenerational investment in your town and city centres, suburban centres and parks and recreational facilities. Towns, cities and suburbs are judged by their centres. Investing in public spaces, streetscape and making them more usable and vibrant is an investment in economic development as well as community development. If you want to attract new businesses to your town or city, and retain the ones you have, and if you want to attract good people to work in these businesses, you have to appeal to the decision makers. High up on their list will be “do I want to live there?” Is there a nice attractive town/city centre with outdoor public spaces? Is there a good selection of cafes and restaurants? Are there good recreational facilities? Is the place vibrant? Are there events and attractions? These factors attract or repel business owners and the good people who work in these businesses. This is on top of the more obvious instant benefit of locals and visitors spending money in your town or city if there are nice public spaces to enjoy while they are doing so. It may be a break while shopping, enjoying a performance or a place to enjoy a coffee or lunch. Stopping investing in such public spaces is a false economy. The investment has a long-term life over several generations so should be paid for by intergenerational loan which reduces the short-term effect on rates increases. The effect on rates is very modest, particularly when compared with the benefits to the community and local economy. We know that wise public investment in streetscape and usable public spaces attracts private investment in buildings and businesses. Shutting up shop by not investing in public spaces will significantly and detrimentally affect business growth and economic development in your patch and leave your centres tired and unappealing. While your community is doing it hard with high interest rates and cost of living, a modest investment in usable public spaces shows that you care for your local community. Our Company, Urban Effects, is the natural partner for your Council to create usable, affordable and attractive public spaces. Partnering with the right people is money well spent. We can design or customize your streetscape furniture to reflect your place and your people, and also have an off-the-shelf product range. Our ‘placemaking’ approach means that we collaborate with you to help our clients reimagine and revitalize their spaces. We are a New Zealand company with local manufacturing hubs in both the North Island and South Island. Please see some pictures of a few council led projects we designed and manufactured plus a project for Hamilton Airport we designed and manufactured.</p> 

Timaru District Council – Caroline Bay Playground – 2nd Parklet



Selwyn District Council – Rolleston Town Library – Kai Table



Invercargill City Council – City Streets Upgrades Stage 1 – Custom Benches



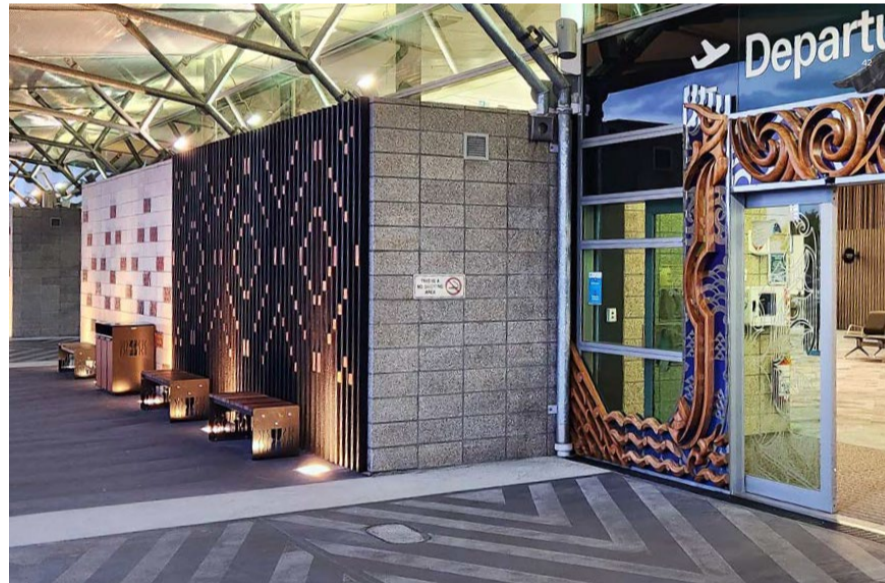


Christchurch City Council – High Street Upgrade – Custom platform benches



HAMILTON KIRIKIROA AIRPORT

Location: Hamilton, New Zealand
 Contractor: Livingstone Building
 Architect: Adrian Morton Landscape Architects Ltd
 Products: Legend Bins Triple - TimberImage™ and Legend Steel & Hardwood Benches with logo cut-outs



KAIKOHE MEMORIAL PARK 

Location: Kaikohe, New Zealand
 Council: Far North District Council
 Products: Urban Contour Single BBQ with Stainless Steel Wing, Hydrate Accessible Drinking Fountain, Metro Enclosure Bin, Double, Parkvale Pedestal Table Setting, and Liffiton Seat with arm rest.



LORENZDALE PARK

Location: Whanganui, New Zealand
 Council: Whanganui City Council
 Partner: Stone Soup Community Group, IAD
 Products: Skillion Shelter, Urban Double Gas BBQ, Woodlands Deluxe Pedestal Table Setting, Woodlands Deluxe Benches, and MODD100 Steel Tilt Rubbish Bin

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or by going to one of our websites - www.urbaneffects.co.nz or <https://logicstreetscene.co.nz/>

Thank you for your time in reading our submission, we look forward to being of service to you in the future.

Kind regards,
The Team at Urban Effects

NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Elaine McGlinchey	NO	Q1. Yes
		Q2. No
		Q3. Yes
		Q4. Reassess the project - \$1 million dollars (if I have done my sums right) is a lot of money to spend on a very small area in the town.
		Q5. Yes-
		Q6. In the challenge and future opportunities section, I see that review of the Aquatic Centre has come up (again), incorporating the isite into the complex. This option was brought up and

		rejected a few years ago. With the major upgrade of the pool entrance and staff facilities (2022?) is there no room for the isite unless you propose a pod out the front. And what about toilet facilities – these were upgraded a while back in the isite. Also, having buses in the same area as the public carparks, with children running to cars etc., - recipe for disaster.
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Jocelyn Stephens	NO	<p>Q1. No- This is an outrageous and unacceptable burden placed on a community that does not have disposable income on hand meet this rates increase. You are bringing additional hardship to families who are already doing it rough.</p> <p>Q2. Yes- This is not the time for additional staff to be hired at KDC. This is a time to trim the fat and work within confines of a reasonable budget, like the rest of us have to. Work smarter with what you have.</p> <p>Q3. No</p> <p>Q4. Reassess the project - If central government is not coming to play for the \$750K, we absolutely should NOT be putting that cost onto the rate payers of this community.</p> <p>Q5. No - Why now? Why when inflation is pushing costs sky high and you need to spend less?</p> <p>Q6. You cannot get blood from a stone and though you've painted \$8/week as being reasonable, it is the straw that breaks the camel's back for many. You need to be prudent and wise in prioritising your spending and delay projects that can be delayed. How many staff have you hired in the past year? Project to hire? Why have you hired a fulltime museum curator? What raises have the CE and Council given themselves? Is it necessary to staff the Isite full time when most things are now done online? Why do we subsidise non locals using our pools? Time to work smarter with what you have instead of further impoverishing your community. 15.1% is criminal.</p> <p>Do we need Isite in the capacity it exists now? Most people do everything online. Why do we need this cost?</p> <p>Do we need to provide free hot pools to people from outside of our community? Why are we subsidising non locals to use our facility?</p> <p>What funding streams can you demand from central government to lessen the burden on Kawerau ratepayers?</p> <p>Why have you just hired a full time curator for the Kawerau museum? Is this money well spent?</p> <p>If we receive the extension to hold back on fluoridation of our water, will the projected water treatment costs go down and therefore allow for a more reasonable rates increase?</p> <p>Times are tough. Yes improvements need to be made but KDC needs to use wisdom in prioritising what is urgent, and delay projects that can be reasonably delayed.</p> <p>We have already had our EBOP Regional Council part of the rates split out of our rates bill, so really this increase would amount for more than the 15.1% stated. It will be 15.1 + whatever their increase will be.</p> <p>As you know, many families are at crisis levels. You must take this into consideration in your planning and be both prudent and creative instead of trying to get blood from a stone. Our children need to eat. We need to be able to drive to get to our jobs. You may boil it down to a measly \$8 a week but that \$8 may well be the straw that breaks the camel's back.</p>
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Gillian Laing	NO	<p>Q1. No - It's a little town seems to me that the town centre is not very good looking. And you are worried about the outside looks. Start in the middle and get landlords to make the place look better.. No butcher still.</p> <p>Q2. No- Is the pool still funded by the pulp mill. If not why not have a charge to use the pools, even if it is only \$1 per.person . Don't tell me the homeless can't afford it. They get a benefit, I am sure they can pay \$1.dollar. family of 6 is only \$6 a day. A good fee</p> <p>Q3. No</p> <p>Q4. Reassess the project</p> <p>Q5. Yes - Is there that many asbestos contaminants here. I understood, asbestos has to be contaminated and removed by authorised licenced companies, notify the council where they require the containment. Isn't there a site already.</p>

		Q6. Why pay Whakatane for me \$300.00 a year if we have to have a rate increase. To top it off it is the same rate cost as If you lived in Tauranga.
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Amanda Wilson	NO	Q1. No- I think the current level of services should be retained but not at the huge increase in cost given the current economic climate, we don't get a lot for our rates, rates in Kawerau are already very high Q2. Yes - Q3. No - Again 11% increase is much higher than CPI at a time when people and businesses cannot afford it Q4. Reassess the project Q5. Yes - There are no facilities nearby for the safe disposal so it seems like a good idea. Although the proposed budget for feasibility seems high Q6. Council seems to be using consultants more and more is this a place that the spending can be reduced. Kawerau rates are so high already without these proposed increases.
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Gary Griffin	NO	Q1. <i>Note – Submitter skipped this question.</i> Q2. No- Leave the isite where it is Q3. – Q5. <i>Note – Submitter skipped these questions.</i>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Jacqui Roberts	NO	Q1. Yes Q2. No - This will impact the community and be more work for Kawerau District Council Q3. No Q4. Reassess the project Q5. Yes Q6. Charging for the pools will not only backlash on the Kawerau District Council workers but also be huge it is a hazard in itself.
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Nikau Morice	NO	Q1. Yes Q2. No Q3. No Q4. Reassess the project Q5. Yes Q6. isite is fine where it is
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Karamia Williams	NO	Q1. Yes Q2. No Q3. No - If need be \$850 per property Q4. Reassess the project Q5. Yes Q6. Moving Kawerau isite to Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre does not improve health and safety. Merging two separate departments who have different customers base services can cause more stress and hazards, with the car park area alone the space will be shared with public transport (2 different types of buses) motor-home vehicles visitors wishing to get permit access to falls and visitors to the pools etc. That is not enough space
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Iraia Nuku	NO	Q1. Yes Q2. No Q3. No Q4. Reassess the project Q5. Yes Q6. Keep isite where it is
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H.O. Schraishuhn	NO	Q1. Yes - Would be interesting to know what council is projecting for potential rates increases beyond 2024/25.

		<p>Q2. No - The aquatic centre is great for the local community and a drawcard for others who will likely spend locally while here. No entry fees should be considered. The Ron Hardie Recreation Centre. Do we need it? What are the options?</p> <p>Q3. Yes</p> <p>Q4. Reassess the project- If funding is not successful the priority given to this project should be reassessed.</p> <p>Q5. Yes - What are the potential outcomes of this (asbestos) study and what options would be available?</p> <p>Q6. The services currently provided by council are more than adequate. Nevertheless this is a small one town district with limited revenue streams. We somehow need to attract further industry and quality retail to increase the revenue stream, provide jobs and encourage local spending. The town centre looks old and worn out. There are too many vacant commercial buildings. The potential for increased council borrowing is of concern.</p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Paia Kingi	NO	<p>Q1. No</p> <p>Q2. Yes</p> <p>Q3. No</p> <p>Q4. Reassess the project</p> <p>Q5. No</p> <p>Q6. I oppose the increase and would like the council to reassess the levels of service.</p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Phillip Davies	NO	<p>Q1. No - Majority of residents in Kawerau are "renters" an increase will put pressure on landlords to increase rent- No increase so leave as is and amend</p> <p>Q2. Yes- 1. Stop big green waste collections but leave dump ins at Transfer Station free (green waste) 2. Start charging small fee for pools 3. stop cutting down big trees etc - very costly</p> <p>Q3. No- option 2</p> <p>Q4. Reassess the project - Is this absolutely necessary?</p> <p>Q5. No- Absolute waste of time and money- an overly exaggerated subject and means very little to most residents</p> <p>Q6. This is a massive increase and must be about the 3rd time in my short time owning a home in Kawerau- please sharpen your pencils</p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Anna	NO	<p>Q1. No - Times are very hard as we all know, but I think especially for our small town of Kawerau. Please don't raise the price of rates this is going to put more stress on people in very stressful times.</p> <p>Q2. No</p> <p>Q3. No</p> <p>Q4. Reassess the project</p> <p>Q5. No</p> <p>Q6. Can these things wait, why do this in a time where we are all feeling the financial stresses. Is this needed and 15 percent is huge.</p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Shannon Vanstone	NO	<p>Q1. No</p> <p>Q2. Yes- I don't honestly know, but am willing to listen and discuss. All I know is people are struggling big time.</p> <p>Q3. No- People are struggling, I don't have all the answers but I am willing to listen to ideas.</p> <p>Q4. Reassess the project</p> <p>Q5. No- I am absolutely against this. We should not be having this in our town. No money should be spend on this. \$150,000 for a study 🙄</p> <p>Q6. Yes please don't go ahead with the fluoride it's a poison. Look after your people they elected you.</p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Courtney	NO	<p>Q1. No- Why is there an increase of rates without the increase of services. How about decrease the wages of the Higher paid District employees.</p> <p>Q2. Yes- Everything is going up and this is just a headache adding on to the struggles of living, we don't need flowers in gardens to be changed all the time, stop planting trees</p>

		everywhere next to pipe lines that can cause future damages. Kawerau has a lot of new residents that are old Karen's they are ringing council for services and wasting time they should be charged per call for Karen calls.
		Q3. No - no
		Q4. Reassess the project- Reassess
		Q5. No- Don't have a site here
		Q6. Learn to budget better or find a new accountant.
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Allan Clarke	NO	Q1. No - Rates affordability is the first priority for ratepayers. Ratepayers expect elected councillors to manage this prudently.
		Q2. Yes - Use the Asbestos allocation fund and subscription used for the socialist LGNZ membership to offset these costs. Reassess increase on depreciation on replacement infrastructure by running with a programed maintenance program with the view of lowering replacement / extending the infrastructure life costs
		Q3. Yes- To fund operational costs
		Q4. Reassess the project. Unless this project is funded by Waka Kōtahi, Council should reassess the project and fund long term.
		Q5. No- Use the funding to finance operational costs.
		Q6. Statically 4 out 5 enrolled on the Māori roll do not vote at LGNZ elections along with 5 out of eight council representation are of Māori ethnicity the need for Māori wards is diminished.
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Daniel Roberts	NO	Q1. No
		Q2. Yes - Make pools charged
		Q3. No
		Q4. Reassess the project
		Q5. No
		Q6. <i>Submitter did not enter a response.</i>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Te Aroha Reha	NO	Q1. Yes
		Q2. No
		Q3. No
		Q4. Reassess the project
		Q5. No
		Q6. <i>Submitter did not enter a response</i>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Mario and Jeanien Van de Geer	NO	Q1. No - With everything becoming more expensive (food etc.) it is becoming increasingly hard for people to make ends meet. If government continues this way the country might go bankrupt!
		Q2. Yes- Recreational services i.e pools. Locals free (or small fee) visitors/non-residents pay.
		Q3. Yes- everyone pays the same general charge
		Q4. Reassess the project
		Q5. No - This is probably not a priority right now! don't know enough about this
		Q6. Create more job opportunities to attract people to Kawerau. New housing estate(s) etc. Government should pay for new water project/pipes etc. - Don't understand subsidy decrease. We feel water and roads should be priority for government subsidy.
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Peter and Jane Simmons	NO	Q1. Yes
		Q2. No
		Q3. Yes
		Q4. fully fund
		Q5. Yes
		Q6. <i>Submitter did not enter a response</i>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
		Q1. Yes

A and C Polkinghorne	NO	<p>Q2. No</p> <p>Q3. Yes</p> <p>Q4. Reassess the project</p> <p>Q5. No</p> <p>Q6. <i>Submitter did not enter a response</i></p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Naomi Freeman C/- Bronwen Foxx Disabilities Resource Centre Trust	NO	<p>Q1. Yes- We believe it is important that the council considers the rising cost of living into consideration when setting rates. We understand that the council needs adequate funding to provide essential services, maintain infrastructure, and support the community. However, we also urge the Council to explore alternative sources of funding and look for opportunities to streamline operations and reduce costs. By doing so, it can help alleviate the financial burden on ratepayers and ensure that our community remains affordable for all residents.</p> <p>Q2. Yes- We propose a review of the events that are funded by the Council to explore opportunities for cost savings. As the cost of living increases and our community struggle we ask for the Council to prioritise efficient use of funds and ensure that funds are allocated in a strategic and sustainable manner. It is evident that hosting events can be a valuable way to engage the community, promote local businesses, and enhance the overall cultural and social aspects of Kawerau. However, it is important to evaluate the financial implications of these events and consider whether there are more cost-effective ways to achieve similar objectives. Council could investigate events that are currently funded, taking into account the financial resources required, the benefits generated, and the potential for cost savings. The Council could consider alternative or scaled-down options for events that may be more cost-efficient without compromising on their impact or value. This could involve exploring partnerships with local organisations, adopting more sustainable practices, or re-evaluating the scale and scope of certain events.</p> <p>Q3. Yes - We agree with option one, increasing the UAGC to \$950 per year.</p> <p>Q4. Reassess the project- We think that if Waka Kōtahi are not able to fund the \$750,000 then Council should reassess the project. As mentioned above inflation is effecting all of the community. Reassess the project to investigate other funding options or rescoping the priority areas to help reduce any increased costs for the district</p> <p>Q5. Yes - We agree with the investigation of an asbestos containment site. While some may view the presence of asbestos as a safety hazard, we believe that with proper containment and measures in place, this site has the potential to be an asset to our community</p> <p>Q6. The Disabilities Resource Centre Trust are more than happy to support the Kawerau District Council in any way we can and offer our expertise and advice from the disability sector. Together, we can continue to make positive changes and create a more inclusive and accessible environment for everyone. We look forward to working with you to create a better future for all members of our community.</p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTER'S RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Lani Thompson	NO	<p>Q1. No- CPI increase only. People are struggling to make ends meet</p> <p>Q2. Yes- review internal processes and find efficiencies to assist in reducing costs</p> <p>Q3. Yes- Set to the maximum to ensure equitable spread of cost across rateable properties</p> <p>Q4. We have no contest to funding necessary capital works</p> <p>Q5. no preference</p> <p>Q6. Please don't forget we are in a recession. We are seeing job losses and increased reliance on central govt for day to day living costs. It is not the time to increase local govt spending on anything not urgently needed.</p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTER'S RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Rod Hamilton	NO	<p>Q1. No</p> <p>Q2. Yes</p> <p>Q3. No</p> <p>Q4. Reassess the project</p> <p>Q5. No</p> <p>Q6. I am broke, my tenant in Kawerau is broke. We are not an unlimited supply of money for you or BOP Council. Learn to live within your current budget as we have to.</p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTER'S RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Vivienne Anderson	NO	<p>Q1. Yes</p> <p>Q2. No</p>

		Q3. Yes
		Q4. Reassess the project
		Q5. No
		Q6. Recipient did not provide further feedback.
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTER'S RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
WK and P Gibson	NO	Q1. Recipient did not provide an answer.
		Q2. Yes - Put a cap on staff amenities and look to reduce staff providing only what we need to have, not what is nice to have
		Q3. Recipient did not provide an answer.
		Q4. Reassess the project
		Q5. No- Take a lot of chump change to have \$150k back. There may not be that much asbestos left. A lot has already been accepted elsewhere
		Q6. Recipient did not provide further comment.
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTER'S RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Stephanie Tuhoro	NO	Q1. Yes- If this price rise covers all that has been declared by the Council by all means especially the replacement of drinking water pipes.
		Q2. Yes
		Q3. Yes - I say yes but to be used as mentioned due to rising costs.
		Q4. fully fund- The fault lies with the council in regards to the problem of Hardie Avenue. The problem has been there for years and complaints had been made by the residents and nothing was done about it. If the council had attended to the matter promptly the problem would not have eventuated to where is now.
		Q5. No- I for one are very much against the site. We were told that asbestos will be transported from out of town. Why are taking someone else problem and having it dumped in our backyard. This question was raised at a meeting I had attended and we were well assured that there will be no danger with the transportation of the asbestos. My question was, is there a guarantee of no leaks or possible accidents considering that they will be transporting along River Road that has an ECE, High School, Kohanga Reo, Primary School and of course of the residential homes. I was assured this was not a possibility. Remains to be seen.
		Q6. Recipient did not provide further comment
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Wilson L Alley	NO	Q1. Recipient did not provide an answer.
		Q2. Recipient did not provide an answer.
		Q3. Yes
		Q4. Fully fund
		Q5. Yes
		Q6. Recipient did not provide an answer.
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Huia MacDonald	NO	Q1. Yes-Support Option 1
		Q2. Yes - Consider review of rates dollar pays for; 1. Leisure Parks and Reserves - consider reducing from 28c to 25c (a) surplus 3c to be added to increase Storm Water/incl Flood protection allocated funds to address uncertain global weather patterns experienced in 2023 rainfall and cyclones 2. Swimming Pool - for Council to consider applying future fees options for all users, by 2025/2026. Potential opportunity exists for Council to consider; (b) offering internship/s placement to tertiary student/s as part of their academic studies to produce an evidence based research report that better informs Council decision-making and provides the basis for consultative engagement.
		Q3. Yes- Support Option 1 - to maintain all services at current levels
		Q4. Fully fund- Without resolving this issue satisfactorily for Hardie Avenue residents and surrounding street residents, and other frequent road users, this problem will continue to be an ongoing issue for Council and our community. I firmly believe that it is important for Council on behalf of its constituents to apply to access relevant funding sources when available, however if the NZTA funding application outcome is unsuccessful, I support Council fully funding the Hardie Avenue de-watering project, do it once and do it right.
		Q5. Yes-I support the Asbestos Containment Site (ACS) for use by Kawerau ratepayer (community) residents only pending; (c) Funding of \$150k for further viability studies of the

		<p>ACS should apply if general consensus concurs to proceed with further viability studies, viability studies must include iwi local mana whenua cultural engagement advice.</p> <p>(d) I do not support an Asbestos Containment Site at Kawerau to be utilised by any other external parties i.e. public/industry/regional, national communities to be able to 'dump' their toxic material in our 'backyard' with increased risk to harm our well being and natural environment.</p> <p>Q6. I ask that Council (if not already on schedule of works to replace) consider a review and update of Kawerau Signs specifically the;</p> <p>(e) Kawerau welcome entry sign on Kawerau Road 34 - Tamarangi Drive, this sign needs replacing, old, out of date (pop.) is no longer fit for purpose in 2024-2025.</p> <p>(f) Recommend that Council consider erecting new multi lingual signs 'Welcome to Kawerau' ' Thank you for visiting Kawerau' You are now leaving Kawerau, hoki mai...at major entrance roads entering and leaving the town of Kawerau</p> <p>(g) Opportunity exists to include multi lingual signs around town - reflecting and acknowledging our towns peoples history, cultural diversity i.e Finnish, Gaelic, Samoan, Cook Island, Indian, Filipino, Thai etc. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. Ngā mihi</p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Lawrence Richard Ryder	NO	<p>Q1. No- Too high .Inflation is way below that.</p> <p>Q2. Yes- Dog control, too slow. Noise control. I complained about noise from neighbours 18 times ,enough said.</p> <p>Q3. No- Money doesn't grow on trees,</p> <p>Q4. Reassess the project</p> <p>Q5. No- What's its got to do with us.</p> <p>Q6. There needs to be feedback on complaints about noise and dog roaming. Why ask for phone number from complainant when phoning.18 complaints and no feedback.</p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Walter and Rosetta Araroa	NO	<p>Q1. Yes</p> <p>Q2. Yes</p> <p>Q3. No</p> <p>Q4. fully fund</p> <p>Q5. No</p> <p>Q6.</p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Philip Verry	NO	<p>Q1. No</p> <p>Q2. Yes</p> <p>Q3. No</p> <p>Q4. Reassess the project</p> <p>Q5. No</p> <p>Q6. <i>Recipient did not provide comment.</i></p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Paul Waalwijk	NO	<p>Q1. No- Too much money to spend on roading, we didn't need roundabouts and their maintenance. Speed humps we do not need as they are not doing their job to reduce honing dirt bikes and the likes who use them as jump ramps</p> <p>Q2. Yes</p> <p>Q3. No- why do we need to employ two more people in the Council</p> <p>Q4. Reassess the project</p> <p>Q5. No - Why do we need a containment site for asbestos?</p> <p>Q6. <i>Recipient did not provide comment.</i></p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Gerda Waalwijk	NO	<p>Q1. No</p> <p>Q2. Yes - A lot of money is wasted on mismanagement of projects and 'ad hoc' decisions! To many service are just short term 'plasters' with a 'that will do' and 'she'll be right' attitude. for example: 1. the amount of speed bumps have turned Kawerau into the largest BMX track in the country. 2. Around about for what purpose</p> <p>Q3. No - This is a typical example of the above. Increasing the UAGC is shifting the problem... not solving it. Not helpful!</p>

		<p>Q4. Reassess the project</p> <p>Q5. No- No, Kawerau is not a dumping ground. Yes, Kawerau needs money but what about the cost? Businesses like this one puts people and businesses off to come here. This is far more costly in the long run than the money gained from the establishment of the Asbestos site, short term.</p> <p>Q6. In my opinion,, the main income of any town should come from businesses not from the people who live there. Kawerau out present is not attractive for businesses. That needs to change to create economic growth and income.</p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Shontayia Te Riini	NO	<p>Q1. No</p> <p>Q2. Yes</p> <p>Q3. No</p> <p>Q4. fully fund</p> <p>Q5. No</p> <p>Q6. Cost of living is horrendous and adding extra costs will put our lower income whanau under more stress and worry.</p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Taine Enright	NO	<p>Q1. No</p> <p>Q2. No</p> <p>Q3. No</p> <p>Q4. fully fund</p> <p>Q5. No</p> <p>Q6. Whānau in our community are struggling already as it is and given that this is a significant rate increase its only going to put more stress on whānau, especially the lower income earners in our small town. Cost of living is no joke, we're now paying regional council rates as well, I don't see how this rate increase benefits any whānau in Kawerau?</p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Manmeet Kaur	NO	<p>Q1. No</p> <p>Q2. Yes- that would be good idea. Not sure</p> <p>Q3. No - that too much some household don't generate much income</p> <p>Q4. Reassess the project</p> <p>Q5. Yes</p> <p>Q6. I think Kawerau Council provides best service. You have best town only regional parks clean public areas. Maybe more housing projects to generate more revenue.</p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTER'S RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Bela Ughy	NO	<p>Q1. No - A 15.1% increase is unprecedented, too much I think, way too much to absorb.</p> <p>Q2. Yes- Could do without Annual flower beds, grow something low maintenance, not necessary</p> <p>Q3. No</p> <p>Q4. Reassess the project- Reassess all projects a \$750,000 burden on ratepayers is not acceptable at this time</p> <p>Q5. No- The proposal for this project was 2 years ago, still only at viability? and another \$150,000</p> <p>Q6. We as ratepayers are also all facing increased costs quite apart from Council rates and have to still live within, our means and budget somehow, where ever possible.</p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTER'S RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Slade	NO	<p>Q1. Yes</p> <p>Q2. No</p> <p>Q3. Yes</p> <p>Q4. Reassess the project</p> <p>Q5. Yes</p> <p>Q6. Recipient did not provide any further comment.</p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTER'S RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
		Q1. No - Reduce frequency of some services. Aim for rates increase 10% or less

Angela Kilroy	NO	<p>Q2. Yes - 6 Months odd year, say April - Sept in cooler months reduce rubbish & recycling collection to fortnightly & use larger green bins for (currently green waste bins) green waste can use the smaller rubbish bins & still fortnightly or possible monthly.</p> <p>Q3. No</p> <p>Q4. Reassess the project</p> <p>Q5. Yes - 1 - Mow parks/reserves less frequently over summer, eg. Fortnightly instead of weekly or monthly instead of fortnightly in off-peak growing months 2 - Sponsorship for the free hot pools or gold coin entry koha for all.</p> <p>Q6. Recipient did not provide comment.</p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTER'S RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Phil Kilroy	NO	<p>Q1. No- Reduce some costs somewhere, and try to keep rates increase at 10% if possible</p> <p>Q2. Yes- Look at our waste and green waste costs to see if we can do something,</p> <p>Q3. No</p> <p>Q4. Reassess the project- Got to keep costs down</p> <p>Q5. No</p> <p>Q6. See what areas we can reduce costs if possible as we the rate payers are hurting with the increase costs of living..</p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTER'S RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Christine Pollard	NO	<p>Q1. No- People can't afford rates at that increase</p> <p>Q2. Yes</p> <p>Q3. No</p> <p>Q4. Reassess the project</p> <p>Q5. No</p> <p>Q6. Recipient did not provide comment.</p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTER'S RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Angus Ririnui-Tioke	NO	<p>Q1. No</p> <p>Q2. Yes</p> <p>Q3. No</p> <p>Q4. Reassess the project</p> <p>Q5. No</p> <p>Q6. Recipient did not provide comment.</p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTER'S RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Margaret	NO	<p>Q1. No</p> <p>Q2. Yes</p> <p>Q3. No</p> <p>Q4. Reassess the project- Go back to the where the water originally came from & possibly change its pathway from residents</p> <p>Q5. No</p> <p>Q6. Do job's in a timely manner with all local residents</p>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTER'S RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
NO INFORMATION PROVIDED	NO	<p>Q1. No</p> <p>Q2. Yes</p> <p>Q3. No</p> <p>Q4. fully fund</p> <p>Q5. No</p> <p>Q6. The services are currently very poor since the new Council came into "power". Rooding is worse, water has not improved. Dog control has not improved. The only services that remain great are the library services and staff and girls at the front office. Always wonderful from both.</p>

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Janice Tekii	NO	Q1. Yes
		Q2. No
		Q3. Yes
		Q4. Reassess the project
		Q5. No
		Q6.
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Kristine Windle	NO	Q1. Yes
		Q2. No
		Q3. Yes
		Q4. <i>Recipient did not provide an answer.</i>
		Q5. No - Definitely Not
		Q6. Monika Lanham Reserve- Remove all trees on top of hill and also remove all trees on the side that are above hill height. Nothing has been done about this problem in the last 20 years + No sun until late morning and frost until lunchtime. Take a drive from South School end of River Road and you will notice the change of light and temperatures well as dampness. Stand on Pat Baker Reserve and observe the impact these trees have on the residents living directly underneath the hill. This affects residents from Dump Road to Fenton Mill Road. Spray all the blackberry on the reserve not just the ones on the fence line years ago trees were cut down but the stumps were not poisoned and now they have regrown causing a massive shade problem. It appears Council can remove street trees but not ones causing problems to many people. Please let us get some sun. I am fully aware I have some large trees on my property but they are mostly deciduous. Monika Lanham is only a hill. Climate Change is already happening to us. Somewhere there is a management plan for M.L. Reserve. Can consideration be given to the parking area on Onslow Street from the \$2 dollar shop to the Bakehouse. Maybe a time limit sign, as some days it is impossible to get parking as Caymans Patrons and some business workers park there for long periods. Reveal costs to Ratepayers for Firmin Lodge Depreciation and running costs minus revenue as above for isite as well.
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
D Semmens	NO	Q1. No
		Q2. Yes
		Q3. No
		Q4. Reassess the project
		Q5. No
		Q6. <i>Recipient did not provide comment.</i>
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTER'S RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Lyn Hughes Kawerau and Districts Grey Power Association Inc.	NO	Q1. Yes- The 15.1% rates increase should guarantee that the current levels of service from Council are at least sustained. Grey Power thus agrees to this increase on the grounds that this remains the case. The rates share should remain at 52% : 48% (i.e. commercial / residential).
		Q2. Yes- All services in general need to be regularly and actively reviewed so that issues that are needing fixed are carried out. As a matter of course, Grey Power expects that Council will consult residents in a proactive manner with regard to any changes being considered to services.
		Q3. Yes- The increase in our Uniform Annual General Charge to \$950 per property per annum, seems the way to ensure a more equitable spread of the costs of providing Council services to the ratepayers. On the other hand, many of Grey Power's members depend on a fixed income, so that the annual Rates Rebate Scheme goes some way to thus provide financial relief.
		Q4. Reassess the project- Should the acquisition of funding not be successful, Grey Power would like Council to reassess this project. Members would again like to be kept informed of the project before funding is agreed to from our rates.
		Q5. Yes - Council's carrying out of viability studies, concerning our already-implemented Asbestos Containment Site is wise, considering there may yet be the possibility of more hidden deposits of asbestos within the district. From a resident's point of view, members would prefer that the site be used for our own disposal of this waste, in order to lessen our carbon footprint

		and Council costs. Trucking of our waste to another rohe and vice versa i.e. offering this service to other areas for their disposal here, is not considered preferable.
		Q6. Grey Power appreciates all opportunities to communicate with Council. Thank you to all Elected Councillors and Council staff for these chances.
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTER'S RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Neil Walker	NO	Q1. No - Reduce the Council overheads and staff levels. We are a small community of middle to low income and retirees on fixed income. As a retired 73 year old costs keep on going up but my income doesn't keep pace.
		Q2. Yes- As above
		Q3. No- The community can't afford it.
		Q4. Reassess the project
		Q5. No- Why do we need an Asbestos Containment Site here? Surely there are ones in nearby cities Whakatane, Rotorua, Tauranga with larger populations to fund this?
		Q6. Look around this town. Kawerau is not growing. New businesses are not coming. Where is the inland PORT? Where is the plant to remove the gas's from refrigeration units? With The Pulp mill taking over the assets of the paper mill, have they replaced the million we lost when the paper machines stopped, and if not, why not. How many of the senior staff live in Kawerau? 10% 5% No many ... That says a lot of what the think of living here.
NAME	HEARING	SUBMITTER'S RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
Maree Harding	NO	Q1. Yes- But remember this will put rents up which in turn can put people out of homes!
		Q2. Yes- Rubbish- education needs to be given to address so much waste.
		Q3. No- Council just adjusts capital value to raise rate income land is only part of the value
		Q4. fully fund- Years of rate income has not been allocated to any of cullet upgrades shame on past Councils don't repeat their mistakes
		Q5. No - Wasted money
		Q6. Again think of all your community payers and users as a big increase will only target the renters, elderly and vulnerable.

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