

Emma Rae

From: westland@pattern.co.nz
Sent: Saturday, 7 May 2022 8:36 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

Sub # 1

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The following feedback has been received:

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Anthea Keenan

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240 Kaniere Road
 HOKITIKA 7811

Organisation**Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023**

Council & CCO elect, staff, and appointed including external chairperson for Finance Audit Risk are failing in every area to meet Council Vision, but have divided and discriminated. Have cost us dearly by using litigation without any delegation to do so. Those costs are excessive on Council and us as rate / tax payers due to us calling Council out for malfeasance.. lists have been submitted as too has submissions and ratepayers signatures to reduce rates by 30%. Council has a mule like attitude with poor communication continuing to exclude or harm long term people as us. We have not received Audit Management Report for June 2021, interest rate figures going up to over \$1 mil and borrowings up near \$40 mil is excessive. Auditors have in the past been concerned about Council workings, so where is AMR!! which ratepayers pay dearly for Audit (not for staff to hold onto or FAR Committee to be slow in release!!). As we have asked Council must stay with Core Business Function : Council Pakiwaitara purchase should NOT have happened, nor should have Revell St ONE Way system full stop!! It is like the spending for Freedom Camp sites TIFF Sunset Point (when Lake Ianthe toilets are messy), the Racecourse, also the Wilderness Trail and Tourism Promotion Rate = cut them all out when we all realise the Country is indebted up to our necks !. Where is the consultation/accountability for tax grabbed grants - you are employing more staff = no sense in economics from our taxes (high debt loads). You are selling us out!. All extra costs over and above the long term plan should be put on hold - unless Special Consultation. No CEO Committee making decisions of litigation or any other projects without ratepayers and tax payers, those who have most interest and Council elect proper and full decision making. Staff are our servants not to dictate - Asset Management Plans (that being Core Business) are essential for proper budgeting without all any any fanciful spending as Makariki, Te Reo, fairy lights, Pakiwaitara. which are of little use but increasing debt loads. Makariki is Seven Sisters Stars world reknown - don't make another public holiday at our expense!! Ratepayers should not be misled, but given real information, All RISK should be well identified, reduce triplicated policy/bylaws and unify with other Councils now!! as our application to Local Government Commission. DO NOT make any increases to the Long Term Plan which was already altered by way of purchase of Mountain

Jade Building (Pakiwaitara already named before ratepayers aware!), DO NOT increase rates at this time. DO NOT increase targeted rates CUT BACK as we asked and spoke within in previous submission 28 September 2020. DO NOT Use litigation on good long term ratepayers who are criticising you in public office who have failed. Our democracy has been eroded - we Westland Anzac Descendants will not put up with dictatorship. We also see that Reserve Funds have been depleted - we well remember having to claw back Reserve funds as Council failed in process. Reduce immediately and unify to one or two West Coast Councils (for just 23k rateable properties) as four and CCOs is excessively undemocratic, uneconomic.

From: Andrew Wiffen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 9 May 2022 8:28 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Feedback/submission

Sub # 2

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Hi,
The council needs to seriously have a good look at itself and reflect on their choices and what is providing ratepayers bang for their relatively high rates compared to other areas.

1. The Lions fund raised and have created an amazing playground at Lazer Park only a couple of blocks away from Cass Square. There is absolutely zero need to spend \$500,000 on a new playground at Cass square when the Lions facilities are available.
2. The skatepark is for a very small group of people, perhaps some fundraising by this group and support by Lions Club would contribute to the majority of the funds instead of ratepayers spending another \$500,000
3. As a father of an infant, the state of footpaths around the town of Hokitika are a disgrace and a second-term mayor and councilors should be embarrassed that they are overseeing this for the elderly and pushing infants around in prams. Perhaps not spending money on 1 and 2 above would free up funds for fixing the footpaths, a core activity of council.
4. The Pakiwaitara Building should be sold. Stop pouring money into bad!!! spending \$1.3m plus \$4.5 gives a cost of \$6m allowing for \$200k of overruns (probably not enough). Is the building going to be worth that when completed? I highly doubt it. it would be cheaper to demolish and build brand new..

Thanks
Andrew Wiffen
[REDACTED]

Emma Rae

From: [REDACTED]
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Sub # 3

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Allan MacGibbon

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Kahikatea Kottage
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Organisation

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

The Statement - "12.5% is the increase indicated in our LTP for year 2. We are achieving this by smoothing any additional increase into years 4 and 5. However, in the longer term smoothing increases into later years is unsustainable as continual smoothing would result in the need for short-term loan funding for operational costs resulting in an increase in rates". Is a concern.

It is clear that the council is living beyond it's means and a process to continually increases rates to recover funds to satisfy the community's "WANTS" is not the answer. As we all must do there has to be a complete relook at what WDC does, and does not, provide in terms of services and resources/assets. There has been some good work done however there have also been some reckless activity which is being reflected in rates increases that are simply not acceptable.

Year on year 10% increases cannot be sustained - the WDC must look critically at what is NEEDED versus what is WANTED and a process to rationalise activities and spending, In addition the statements regarding the CHALLENGES fails to identify the most important one: Large district/Low population - the nub of the issue.

We are not a community that can afford the same levels of services and resources of larger districts which means the foundation needs attention - the challenges identified are simply challenges we all face - with the possible exclusion of 3 Waters (a diversion really).

Regretfully I am unable to attend or "zoom" in as I due to be away on business. I will spend a bit more time to make a submission more fully.

Allan MacGibbon

Name: Abby Sullivan

Sub # 4

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: 51a bealey Street Hokitika
Organisation

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Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I don't think a increase of rates is very helpful for alot of people as the cost of living is very high.

Name: Dr. Diane Gordon-Burns

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: 6415c Otira Highway State Highway 73

Organisation: Ōtira Responsible Community Association Board

Please select one of the following:

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As part of a small district in an isolated region, a very important historical part of the region notwithstanding, community members in ŌTIRA object to tourism signage at \$75,000 in Kūmara and entrance banners at Hokitika with no consideration given to ŌTIRA, the gateway to the west coast, SH73. Concerned ŌTIRA members wish to be included in all discussions/consultation about this matter. We object to +\$40,949 increased budget for the beautification of Hokitika and maintenance of Kūmara facilities while ŌTIRA, with a very real need for public toilets, copes with feces and other materials on their roadsides and driveways. We would like to see clear accountability to ŌTIRA community for rated funds in the 'tourism promotion' and 'emergency management contingency fund', and indicate here our availability for consultation around those funds. Those of the ŌTIRA community who pay into the rating base note fixed amounts go towards 'community development' and 'assistance', 'democracy' and 'public toilets', ŌTIRA community members wish ŌTIRA to be included and consulted in these matters. Please note ŌTIRA community members are not complaining about the suggested rate rise, rather, we request that ŌTIRA environs benefit from that rate rise. We request access to 'township maintenance funds' for 'better services'. Thus far, the draft annual plan benefits mainly Hokitika where Council Headquarters are, and areas from Kūmara onwards, there is no consideration at all for the main gateway to the west coast, ŌTIRA. We like very much the Council Vision: "We work with the people of Westland to grow and protect our communities, our economy and our unique natural environment". ŌTIRA wants to be part of and included in Te Kahui o Poutini WDC Annual Plan vision.

From: Charlie McBeath [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 19 May 2022 9:53 AM
To: Mark Dixon [REDACTED]
Subject: Power and gas to Ross Recreation ground shower block.

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Good morning Mark

I cannot recall if I have mentioned this to you in the past. Presently Evan Birchfield is still paying for the power and the gas water heating to the shower block. It has been many years since it was handed over to the Westland District Council after the completion of the replacement building after mining of the area. With the previous building the power was paid by the Westland District Council. When the showers are needed to be used, Evan supplies the 45kgm gas bottles from his workshop. I have mentioned this on a couple of occasions over the years to Westland District Council staff and nothing has happened. Does this matter need to be raised for consideration in an annual plan to go before the Councillors?

Regards,

Charlie McBeath

Name: Loraine Haworth

Sub # 7

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: 14 Sanctuary Place RD2 Hokitika

Organisation:

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Any increase for 2022/2023 is unacceptable at this time, there is a saying "one must cut the cloth to suit" it is therefore suggested that you do so. All ratepayers are feeling the pinch, why should the ratepayers give more to a local government that at a whim pays councillors an extra \$6,000 remuneration from previous years budget. That "saving" could have gone elsewhere. The LT plan at this juncture should be put on hold, allow the people of Westland to catch their breath and have the ability to calculate how they can make the original payments before increasing them. As for getting the right people for the job, there are already 26 people receiving over \$100,000 per annum, seriously believe this needs to be addressed. A small amount of households cannot sustain Westland District Council ever increasing projects with expectation all ratepayers will just roll over and pay it because basically you will do whatever you like. Where are the checks and balances of this council? Where is the accountability, where does the buck stop!

Limits on rates increases

In 2013 Council recognised that its financial position was not sustainable and that with perennial deficits core services could not be maintained. There were significant rate increases over a two year period, however Council acknowledged that continued rates increases of this magnitude are equally unsustainable and imposed a ceiling of 5% on annual rates increases, and this has been continued for the life of this Plan. page 146 Long term plan

The above is from the long term plan, please note that you as in Westland District Council put a cap on rates increases due to a higher rate being unsustainable!

Also within the LTP is the upgrading of all things covered by the 3 waters debarcle so to say that these increases is because of the three waters is a piece of nonsense.

During Covid your staff, where possible, have been working from home, yet you have deemed it necessary to take on extra staff to clear the backlog -that makes no sense whatsoever!

Yes they are lovely little towns in Westland, some have been hit very hard dues to Covid no one can deny that - tourism has taken a huge hit due to the lack of international travellers. However, ratepayers have been severely impacted too, so now you want to take the heart and soul from ratepayers - no it has to stop at some point Westland District council has to take responsibility and reasonable action in an effort to keep costs down. The excuse of unable to get the staff with the pay offered, a piece of nonsense - people from other areas of New Zealand where they are paid substantially more for similar jobs here on the west coast should not be allowed to demand the same level of pay here on the West Coast and Westland District Council ought not to pay them so highly. There are people on or below the breadline already, for whom another substantial increase is going to be the last straw. Then there are the business - it could wind up with fewer choices within this "cool little town" of Hokitika. Then there is all this business with land being, for want of a better description, confiscated - you're pushing people to the wall very rapidly it's not fair and it's not right

Emma Rae

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Sub # 8

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The following feedback has been received:

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Ann Scott

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Fox Glacier 2859

Organisation

Fox Glacier Glacier Community Development Society Incorporated

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

Since the role of the community development officer's inception in the early 2000's, the allocated funding has never been increased to keep up with inflation.

The Fox Glacier Community Development Incorporated Society (Fox Inc) is writing to you with a request, regarding the funding for the Fox & Franz Josef CDO and the Glacier Country Promotions Officer.

The Management committee of Fox Inc would be interested in finding out if this is at all possible along with how and what we would need to do to implement this proposed plan.

We have noted that the targeted community rate along with the targeted tourism promotion rate is set to increase again in the 2022/2023 year. It is hard to tell from these figures as the units for Fox were wrong on the 2021/2022 year but on viewing rates online it looks like Fox Glacier's targeted rate is set to increase by about \$80.00 per year on residential and \$160.00 or there a bout's for commercial, with the Tourism promotional rate going from \$501,362.00 to \$615,045.00 so an increase of over \$100,000.00. And my guess is that none of this increase has been targeted to come back into the Glacier Country communities.

What I would like to propose is the Glacier Country Promotions Officer funding comes from the Tourism promotions rate (under community development and assistance) rather than the Fox/Franz Josef community rate -the current contribution from this targeted rate to the Country promotions group is \$13,000.00.

This would then leave \$6,500.00 that each community contributes via the Fox/ Franz targeted rate to come back to these community's and enable them to be able to employ staff at slightly more than the living wage for the number of hours need. Attached you will find the Community Development Officer Job description for Fox Glacier.

The Fox Glacier community currently is seeking a person to take this role on, below is a calculation of 2022/2023 Income to fund role CDO Role Fox Glacier at a proposed living wage of \$23.56 or a more realistic working visa rate of \$27.76.

The costings/hours per day for the two wage rates.

From WDC per year now = \$26,000

Costs of the role per day:

- 52.143 weeks in a year x 5 days per week = 261 days (including sick leave, annual leave, or any other leave, and pay for public holidays not worked)
- Staff cover for up to 10 days sick + 4 weeks (20 days) annual leave (doesn't include any other leave such as bereavement, domestic violence, any unpaid leave such as exhausted sick leave, or jury service) = 30 days
- Total working days per year to be paid (excl. leave types above) = 291 days
- Income \$26,000 divided by number of days 291 = \$89.35 per day

Calculation of wage costs to number of hours per day:

- wage \$23.65 per hour plus 3% Kiwisaver Employer Contributions (doesn't include ACC or Employer Contributions Superannuation Tax)
= 23.65 + .70 Kiwi = \$24.35 per hour
- \$89.35 per day divided by \$24.35 = 4.6 hours per day
- The more realistic working visa Rate of \$27.76
- \$89.35 per day divided by \$27.76 = 3.2 Hours per day

There is no allowance for:

- future increases in Wage;
- potential future increases in pay following positive performance reviews;
- needing to arrange staff cover for any other leave types including long-term unpaid leave;
- accumulation of funds for any future increase in tourism or other customer demand;
- overtime worked if needed, e.g. to write minutes for Fox Inc meetings 6 x per year, to run a fundraising event or other ad-hoc projects;
- advisory or consultant fees (we are not eligible for government funding for these services as we are a charitable trust) for employment (or any other appropriate) matters;
- any external training and professional development for the role (incl. travel and accomm.);
- ACC and ESCT; and/or
- any other unexpected costs.

Background

As a temporary fix for the last 10 months, this role has been contracted out to a local businessperson to be the Acting CDO at \$22.10 per hour plus GST 8% Holiday Pay and 3% KiwiSaver. (This income has gone into the Acting CDO personal business to help them keep afloat.) The Acting CDO has only been billing Fox Inc for 3 hours per day 12 hours per week, but they have been regularly donating up to 5 hours per week. Fox Inc has been advised by employment NZ and an independent HR consultant that we need to be offering an Individual Employment agreement. Fox Inc is very aware of the financial hardship that some enterprises in this village are suffering. The Fox Glacier Community Centre is running at a slight deficit which is being propped up with some Town Development Funding (\$16,000. Insurance bill), given these constraints these communities cannot at present be asked to contribute more.

After talking with some business owners, they are concerned that they might not be able to recruit staff and are budgeting that they will have to be offering \$27.00 + per hour to attract staff once they are back into a position where they need to employ people.

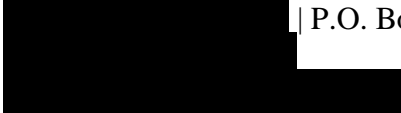
Because Fox Glacier is an Incorporated Society, we have been unable to find funding that can be used for salaries.

Yours,

Ann Scott

| Fox Glacier Community Development Officer

| P.O. Box 154, Fox Glacier 7859



Fox Glacier Community Development Officer (CDO)

Reports to:	Fox Glacier Community Development Society Incorporated (Fox Inc.) Chairs and Management Committee via any support persons appointed by Fox Inc.
Direct reports:	Supervises Cleaner
Responsible for:	Helping Fox Inc. fulfil its vision which is that Fox Glacier is: <i>A delightfully vibrant and spirited town that is attractive to live in and to raise children in, a town where the advantages of the rural life style is complimented by services and events that people would be surprised to find in a small, isolated community, and where the Community Centre is the hub providing opportunities for recreation health, learning and playing together.</i>
Functional Relationships:	Fox Inc. Chair and members of the Management Committee, Westland District Council and the Fox Community.

Accept reasonable direction, instruction and/or training as required, including all, but not limited to:

Key Results Areas	Tasks and Key Performance Indicators
Relationship-building and Contributing to, and maintaining, a positive reputation of Fox Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts as a pivotal person for the information gathering, sharing, liaison and networking both within and outside of the Fox Glacier area. Updates are communicated promptly (within 2 business days) to the relevant parties, e.g. the Fox Glacier community. • Maintains excellent relationships with the people he/she works with or interacts with, including customers and those they report to, as measured by feedback received. this includes their supervisor, the financial administrator, and the Fox Inc Management Committee. • Prepares and sends out an entertaining and informative monthly contribution to Community Contact, after submitting to management for final approval at least 2 business days before Community Contact is due to be sent out. • Maintains a positive reputation both within and outside Fox Glacier for being reliable, helpful and easy to communicate with, as assessed by feedback received from all functional relationships. • Is polite and positive in all communications and interactions, only discussing matters relevant to the duties of the role or that are necessary for building or maintaining positive working and customer relationships, e.g. not discussing personal or other unnecessary matters in detail for any length of time.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes any constructive feedback on board regarding their communication and adapts their communication accordingly.
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicates in a clear and logical style both orally and written. • Passes on information in an interesting and timely way in the Wednesday email notices and maintains a monthly events calendar which goes out in conjunction with the Wednesday email. • The monthly calendar along with Posters of events are printed and posted on the Community notice boards (Two in the Community Centre and one at the General store) as required or otherwise as instructed. • The emailing contact lists for the weekly email is added to and deleted on request as per CDO manual. The Fox Glacier Community email contacts are kept current and accurate. • Checks the Fox Inc Facebook page's messenger and notifications on a daily basis and respond to any requests within 24 hours. • Checks the Fox Inc Facebook page's newsfeed daily regarding information about upcoming events in the Community and share or create facebook posts on the Fox Inc Facebook page about any events of interest happening at the centre. (e.g. Hub events). • Digital Hub: advertises upcoming events happening in Te Wheke within 2 days of becoming aware of these (refer Community Development Key Results Area) • Fundraising: takes action as instructed to support, and in some cases lead, fundraising events that are well organised. This may be done with help from Management Committee and other members of the Fox Glacier community. • Ensures that the booking procedures for events rooms at the Community Centre and booking sheets and calendar are well adhered to and kept up to date.
Community Development and Development of the Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising: Actively gathers ideas of how Fox Inc can raise money for the Centre. • Digital Hub (Te Wheke): Actively advertises and promotes the use of the facility. • Keeps the existing website updated on a monthly basis. • Annual plan: Actioning the required tasks from the plan in the timeframes specified. • Promotes the many uses of the Community Centre with relevant groups e.g. West Coast community or business functions, meetings, or for visitors to the West Coast etc.
Administration and Office Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accurately completes all administration duties regarding Fox Inc in the timeframes specified, including all matters pertaining to meetings, and emailing these out within the appropriate time scale. • Produces a monthly report including, a record of her Community Centre activities, gym memberships, upcoming and past events, issues and concerns and any recommendations or ideas. Presents the report at the Fox Inc meetings

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes responsibility for the accurate taking and writing up of the minutes. These are to be written up and distributed within a week of the meeting. The minutes and reports are then to be filed in their respective folders. • Community Centre accounting, daily balances/invoices for the till to go on Xero as per CDO manual and filed at the end of the week in the reconciliation folder. Invoicing for the hire of the events rooms/Hub bookings in xero as per the CDO manual. Incoming invoices are sent to the financial administrator, date stamped, and then filed. • Any changes to pricing need to be updated on the till to go. Poster's advertising prices need to update also. • At the time of quarterly and annual stocktakes , postcards are counted, as well as any other items for sale to the public • Completes paper timesheets and scans through to the financial administrator. This also includes scanning the cleaner's timesheet as well. If any extra hours are worked, they must be discussed and signed off with the Supervisor beforehand. Timesheets are to be filed regularly. • The CDO manual, is a living document and is to be kept current. • The CDO diary is used as a daily planner and records upcoming events, daily activities and items of interest that can go into Community Contact. • Gym: Maintain an organised filing system on the computer and in the membership folder. • Gym sales and membership renewals as per the CDO manual. • Carry out regular checks of the gym and report any issues to management. A clipboard is available for gym members to write comments on. • Book the annual gym service around Oct/Nov and communicate with Franz Josef CDO to tie in with them sharing travel costs. • Maintain and manage an organised filing system on the computer and the filing folders. • The CDO supervises the Community centre cleaner and sends off their timesheet to the financial administrator and reorders supplies.
Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • takes responsibility for their personal safety, as well as that of others they interact with, and their mental and emotional well being while at work. If an issue arises, in the first instance refer to their employment agreement and discuss with their manager • Takes responsibility for Health & Safety for the cleaner and products as per information in the cleaner's cupboard. Ensures the cleaner is following Health and Safety protocol • General public. Identifies any potential hazards that may impede public safety. These issues are either rectified or reported in the CDO report. If urgent contact Centre management. • Checks and records health and safety concerns (red book in shelf) regularly, including accidents, hazards and near-misses and report to management promptly (within 2 working days).
Additional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any other reasonable tasks as requested

Person-specifications

Our CDO must have the following attributes:

- Self-motivated
- Excellent time management skills
- Use initiative
- To be able to work unsupervised
- Is unafraid to ask for help
- Organised
- Good communicator
- Being able to work independently and autonomously
- To respect that the Management committee is made up of volunteers. There are a lot of volunteer hours committed to the running of this facility.
- The supervisor and the CDO liaise weekly on Tuesdays at a mutually agreed time, unless otherwise arranged.
- The supervisor will support the CDO in their role

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Sub # 9

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Organisation

Westland Basketball Association

Please select one of the following:

I would like to speak to Council about my submission in the meeting in the Council Chambers

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

Basketball Court Proposal

Westland Basketball Association would like to propose a partnership with WDC to supply 2 x half basketball courts in Hokitika on Council land. One next to the Skate park at Cass Square and one at Sunset Point. This proposal is for Cass Square.

What is the need?

Currently in Hokitika we have no public basketball courts, only courts at schools. Basketball year on year has exploded in Hokitika from barely 8 junior teams to 11 and 12 teams in 21 and 14 teams in 22. This growth has seen a need for good quality public facilities of which we have none in Hokitika.

Where would they go?

Cass Square is an obvious choice with enough room next to the skate park for a half court or even a small full court. Sunset point would be a great location for a half court, adjacent to the new toilets.

Who will pay ?

Westland Basketball Association proposes that we supply the heavy duty backboards, hoops, nets and the line markings at a cost of \$5,000+GST and that Westland District Council be responsible for the groundworks in either concrete or asphalt at the cost of approximately \$15,000+GST.

What are the benefits ?

Basketball is the fastest growing sport in NZ and is a great participation sport that encourages fitness, cooperation and fun. These courts will be another option for families and friends to get outside and have fun.

Recommendations

That Council approve a Basketball Half Court be added to the Northern End of the Skatepark at Cass Square.

That Council allocate \$15,000+GST towards the cost of the Basketball Half Court at Cass Square.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Sub # 10

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Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

Just want to register my displeasure at continuing double digit percentage rate hikes, pretty much for the last 8 years I've owned property. It's time this council started to live within its means.

Share your Feedback – Annual Plan 2022/2023

Submissions close: 5pm, 6 June 2022

Sub # 11

Submissions hearing: 9am, 14 June 2022

We would like to know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Draft Annual Plan 2022/2023.

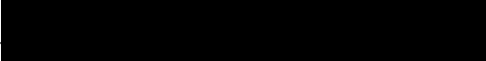
Please **scan and email** this form to the Council. **Email:** Consult@westlanddc.govt.nz

You can also **call** us with your submission and use the form to help you.

Phone: 03 756 901

Freephone: 0800 474 834

Name Lindsay Bone Organisation (if applicable) _____

Email  Address 62 Lake Kariere Rd

I would like to speak to Council about my submission In the meeting in the Council Chambers

NO because there will be no charge anyway!

Through a remote option (Zoom link or telephone)

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

The rates increases need to slow down because they are becoming a household budget issue. The council should be doing what ratepayers have to - tighten the purse strings. As a council the increase in borrowing is ridiculous.

Dump fees are excessive already and an increase will only lead to more fly tipping.

The council is top heavy for such a small council area and they don't listen to ratepayers - they just pay lip service to them. I have lived here all my life as did my parents etc but I am seriously considering selling up and moving away. The last few years the costs just don't stop!!

More pages can be attached if necessary

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From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Sub # 12

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The following feedback has been received:

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Organisation

Ratepayer

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Your proposals are all well and good but Otira is not a beneficiary of any of it, yet we pay our rates, with hope that something may come back to us. In the last few years we have only had things removed from Otira eg rubbish removal and toilets.. We don't even have a sign of welcome to the public ie (Gateway to the West) as do other towns have theirs, and yet International and National tourism flows through our township and stays here to appreciate the beauty of this unique valley. We as a small community are feeling the neglect of council and would like to know why, unfortunately this seem to be historical bias against our town.

I wish to raise our obvious need here for public toilets and public rubbish bins and will further add to this when I have my chance to speak. I would like to see you uphold your 'VISION' for ALL Westcoast communities.

In anticipation of having my say Gerard O'Malley

Emma Rae

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Our thoughts: That Ōtira is not mentioned throughout the document illustrates that our community is ignored and isolated from WDC plans, funds and services. This area has a very real need for urgent attention, it has been neglected over the years by successive Councils. As the gateway to Westland on SH73, Ōtira has a pressing need for public/visitor access to public toilets. This has been a long-standing issue for our environment and community, known about and disregarded by WDC for many years.

Emma Rae

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Hello,

Please find attached the LTP submission on behalf of Heritage Hokitika Inc. The Summary is on page 6, followed by the diagrams.

This report was adopted at Heritage Hokitika's May 2022 meeting where it was asked if this could be submitted for inclusion in the 2022 WDC LTP consultation.

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I would like to speak to our submission in person.

Best regards,
Charles Cowie

The Historic Stafford Cemetery

History

The town of Stafford rose up during the gold rush period of the 1860s and 70s in conjunction with, though slightly later than, that of Goldsborough. It was named for Thomas Stafford, an early storekeeper and the town's first Postmaster. The first major payable gold strike was at Liverpool Bill's Gully, named after William Kirkman of Liverpool, England, who was also a pioneering prospector involved in several other earlier rushes. These included the ones at Ahaura and Napoleon Hill, where he is buried.

The Waimea Valley from Awatuna to Dillmanstown had a total population of around 17,000 souls at the height of the first goldrush. The main population centres were Waimea (later Goldsboro, now Goldsborough) and Stafford, which each had a population of around 7,000 at their heights, along with smaller hamlets at such places as Callagan's, Greeks Creek, Italian Hill, Big Dam Hill, Two Tunnel Terrace, Piper's Flat, Gillam's Gully, Hatters Terrace, Ballarat Hill and Auckland Beach (now Awatuna). Other settlements near Stafford, such as Pretty Woman's Gully, German Gully and Scandinavian Hill were populous enough to support up to half a dozen hotels and Staffordtown itself boasted at least twenty eight in its heyday.

The burials for this area were primarily carried out at Stafford Cemetery at the top of Scandinavian Street with the first recorded burial in July 1869 of a "little child, who had died at Pretty Woman's Gully". There appear to have been burials predating this however, as it was already described in the article as "Cemetery Hill". The oldest headstone still readable is for John Metcalf, an infant who died in December 1869 aged 7 months. Other places were also used informally for burials, such as behind the police camp (now DoC camp) in Goldsborough, but when these areas were mined the bodies tended to be disinterred and reburied at Stafford.

Cemetery Layout

The "new" cemetery was laid out to the rear of the existing one in 1872 to provide a more orderly arrangement for burials of the various denominations present at the time. Stafford had three churches within its boundary, Church of England (Anglican), Roman Catholic and Wesleyan. The cemetery was laid out to reflect this with the new section being divided up into the main Christian religions of the area, namely these three denominations and another section for Presbyterians (See appended map).

When walking over the site today this division can still be seen. The Old Section was used for all burials prior to 1872 and afterwards as Neutral and Government Ground. These included burials for religions outside the four stated above, such as Jews, Chinese, non-believers and paupers. This area is immediately inside the gates to the left, including the area around the large Japanese Red Cedar. Behind Dr Bunter Matthew's grave is the remains of a tar-sealed path that marks the division between this and the new Anglican section.

The "new" section is divided by the main road going from there to the back of the cemetery and by a path beside the Rhododendron tree about half way along this road. This forms a large crucifix, when viewed from above. On the left side of the main road are the Anglican and then Wesleyan plots, on the right the Catholic and Presbyterian plots, going from front to back in both cases. The most numerous burials are for the Catholic section which had an annex joined to it towards the gate, as well as an overflow into the Old Section. The next most numerous were the Anglicans, followed by the Presbyterians and Wesleyans respectively.

This arrangement uses denominations, rows and plots to identify where each burial took place. The rows were each taken from the central road to the boundary fence i.e row 1 ran along the main road, row 2 behind it etc, through to row 6 which ran parallel to the boundary fence with a 6 foot buffer between the two. The gaps between grave rows generally alternated between 18 inches and 3 feet each. The plots in all cases started with number 1 being on the corner of the main road and the dividing path by the Rhododendron and continuing towards the front gates, in the case of the Anglican and Catholics sections, or the back fence in the case of the Wesleyan and Presbyterian sections. On reaching the end of the first row the second row began immediately behind the last plot in the first row and continued back toward the number 1 plot for each denomination. This pattern continued through the remaining 4 rows for each section.

From discussions with various old timers from the district over the years and looking for the most logical answer, I surmise that Chinese were buried in the old section along the two rows near the boundary, behind where the Chinese memorial now stands. Although this is only conjecture, what is known is the approximately two dozen buried there were exhumed by the Chinese Cheong Sing Tong for return to China and were on the ill-fated Ventnor when it sank off Hokianga Heads in 1902. All the same I would not recommisnd attempting any new burials in the old section as there are too many graves of unknown whereabouts here. The unregulated method of burial in the first days is evident from the sporadic placing and orientation of the remaining gravestones in this area.

A practical solution to the current burial problem

To the south of the cemetery was the town sports ground. The difficulty of this location was that Scandinavian Hill, along the slope beside Staffordtown, had been sluiced to recover the gold it contained from Scandinavian Street near the cemetery boundary southwards to Rafferty's Creek, leaving a 20 meter bluff along the side of the hill. This meant that the only access way to it was via a narrow walking track up the steep slope beside Rafferty's or through the cemetery. To facilitate this no burials were made in the centre of the Anglican section, to allow access without requiring people to tread on graves. As the sports ground is now overgrown and has been returned to Ngai Tahu, this access is no longer required and would be capable of containing over 60 graves based on the standard size of the existing graves. I have spoken to the local Vicar and she sees no problem with this area being utilised for general burials.

Background to current maintenance

In 2016, after many years of neglect, an interest was taken in bringing the historic cemetery back into good order. Following one couple from Kaniere doing a weekend's tidy up and grass mowing, a sub-committee of Heritage Hokitika was formed to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Richard John Seddon arriving in New Zealand, where he initially set up residence in Stafford. He was at times the librarian of the Stafford Literary Institute, a gold miner, store and hotel keeper, advocate and a travelling merchant in the district, before becoming Mayor of Kumara, MP and Premier of New Zealand. Two of his daughters are buried in one plot, next to his uncle Nathan Seddon and his family. Nathan was instrumental in encouraging a young Richard to emigrate to New Zealand.

The HH committee resolved to tidy up the Seddon family graves and enlisted the aid of the late engineer Mort Cruikshank of the Westland Industrial Heritage Park (WIHP) to straighten and strengthen the wrought iron grave rails on these two graves. While there he noticed the state of the main gates and received permission from the Council to restore these. He showed me the work he had done which involved removing one of the bottom plates and replacing it completely. All the other repairs were made with the usable parts of the piece he had removed. These were then powder coated to protect them.

War Memorials

I had been shown the remains of a Boer War memorial to Oscar Bottom, a young man who had grown up and been schooled at Stafford and who had died of his wounds sustained at Ottoshoop, South Africa. The memorial, which was made of Italian Carrera marble, had been installed at the Stafford School in 1901, but was relocated to the cemetery by persons unknown for safekeeping when the school building was moved to Awatuna. It was broken into several pieces and one corner was missing. In 2016, through the actions of Heritage Hokitika and the help of the Hokitika Lions Club, WIHP, Hokitika Westland RSA, Westland Medical Center and WDC this monument was restored to original and mounted on a plinth with a replica of the rail around his grave in Kimberley, South Africa. This was unveiled by His Worship the Mayor, Bruce Smith on 10th November 2016. Also present was Lt-Colonel Hamish Gibbons O/C Queen Alexander Mounted Rifles, the descendant unit of the 3rd Contingent, in which Oscar had served. Colonel Gibbons unveiled an interpretation panel on the back of the plinth which was sponsored by the local RSA.

There are also two headstones that record family members, Charles Pool and William Masciorini, who served in the armed forces of New Zealand and perished and were buried overseas during the First World War. These cenotaphs are watched over by the local RSA.

Chinese Memorial

During restoration work a Chinese headstone was discovered. This was incorporated into a memorial to the Chinese settlers of the district and was unveiled by the Chinese Consul General, Mr Wang Zhijian, on 5th April 2019.

Rare Tree

In 2018 an arborist from Amberley, Mr Jamie Gibbs, volunteered to help with the high up and dangerous tree pruning that needed to be accomplished. He brought his team over for the weekend and on inspecting the Western Red Cedar at the western end discovered that it was rotten and unsafe. Subsequently the local Lions club informed WDC and one of their members felled it to prevent damage to the surrounding graves.

Mr Gibbs advised me that the Japanese Red Cedar near the gates was probably the largest in New Zealand and larger than most in Japan. His opinion is that if it were more widely known it would attract tourists to inspect it. He recommends that this tree be given appropriate protection.

“The Iron Coffin”

In the middle of the Catholic section is an old iron coffin shaped piece of metal with a flat flange on its open end. There have been many theories about this artefact over the years from it being a template the grave diggers used to determine the size of the hole required and then used to prevent rainfall from filling the hole before use, to an Italian device for allowing the gases to escape from the grave or even a coffin shaped piece of metal from an old dredge that someone put there as a practical joke. If it was a practical joke it has certainly lasted well as I remember it being there 50 years ago and one man I spoke to remembers it being there when he was a child over 70 years ago.

Perhaps the most practical answer, in terms of its placement and construction, was offered by Michael Fitzgerald, a local now living in Australia. His research showed that a French priest who pastored the parish of Waimea died in 1872 and was buried under the alter at the Goldsborough Catholic Church. In the 1920s he was exhumed for burial at Greymouth. He had been buried in a three layer coffin, namely a wooden coffin, a lead-lined coffin and a sandstone mausoleum. Mr Fitzgerald believes this is the remains of the lead-lined part. As its construction is by riveting and forging, not welding which wasn't invented until 10 years later, this theory seems to stack up.

Having survived remarkably well for 150 years, it has started to deteriorate somewhat in the last couple of years. Several of the large rivets have let go and the top has come loose. Mr Ken

Lightwood, a local engineer and RNZAF veteran, has volunteered to look at and restore the rivets if permission can be gained. He has done several engineering jobs for the local RSA and an example of what would be required is shown in the plinth he has made for the RSA clubrooms to hold the WW2 roll of honour boards. This features similar rivets for part of the naval theme of the plinth. I would recommend that Council and the local Catholic priest give permission for this to proceed. I am happy to facilitate the Catholic permission and restoration if Council approval is forthcoming.

Current Maintenance

Dr Anna Dyzel QSM has taken an interest in restoring this cemetery to its former glory and as such undertook the project of having the encroaching bush and invasive weeds removed, in conjunction with Heritage Hokitika, Lions Club, the Student Volunteer Army and Westland Medical Center with funding and technical assistance from the Department of Conservation. She has also had various graves restored or made safe either at the request of or with the permission of the families concerned. This is an ongoing project being undertaken through the Hokitika Community Trust and the last ones that need to be made safe in the Old Section have now been rectified. There are still some to be done in other sections. The Trust is also erecting identifying wooden crosses on as many unmarked graves as possible.

Mr John Houston, who has several ancestors and family members buried there, requested permission to provide further up keep, such as keeping the lawns mowed, weed spraying, de-wiring the fence line and removing rotten posts etc. In this he has done a marvellous job, which was recognised by WDC last year. It should be remembered however that Mr Houston is in his 80s and won't be able to continue this work indefinitely. As WDC currently has no budget set aside for maintaining this cemetery, I would recommend that this be investigated as soon as possible and a fund set up for this purpose.

Further upgrading of the cemetery

There are several areas that could be improved for a one-off cost that will ensure the cemetery is at it's best as an inviting, safe and appreciated place.

1.) Fencing. While some of the old silver pine and totara posts are still useable, the various stretches of old Number 8 wire and sheep netting that comprised the fence were well past serviceable and in some places dangerous. As such it has been removed. A new post and wire fence would enhance the look of the cemetery by clearly defining the boundaries. This is also important from a health and safety perspective as it will stop people from wandering into the surrounding bush and risking falling into any of the numerous hidden mineshafts in the area, some of which are quite nearby. A new fence here would probably last at least 50 years with minor maintenance.

2.) Backfilling the rear vacant land. The southwestern (back left) corner is quite boggy and needs shaping and backfilling to make it a useful area. For example, once we have funerals here again it would be useful for such things as parking and turning the hearse or any other vehicles without risking damage to gravestone. This area could also potentially be used for burials in the future as no one was buried here.

3.) Lime chip the main road and cross path. As I mentioned earlier, the new section is shaped like a crucifix when viewed from above. It is also directly under the flight path to Hokitika Airport (those old timers thought ahead!). If this part of the cemetery was white lime chip it would be come a landmark from the air and may invite more tourists to investigate it.

4.) Interpretation panel. At the latest meeting of Heritage Hokitika it was agreed that an interpretation panel should be erected at the cemetery. I envision this being something like the one at Kumara Cemetery. It would show the layout and locations of graves and tell the story of the cemetery, as well as paying tribute to those who have helped restore it. This could be done at no cost to the Council, both in terms of erection and maintenance. All that would be required is permission.

The Future

By the early 1980s the permanent population of Stafford had plummeted to one; Nancy Merewether, my Grandfather's sister. She had lived in Stafford since 1923 and her and husband Bill had built a new house on the site of the old Catholic church in the 1950s. Bill died in 1964 and was buried in the family plot at Stafford and was joined by Nancy, as the last official burial, in 1999 at the age of 98.

While that has been the pattern in most old gold mining towns on the Coast, for example Goldsborough no longer has a permanent population, just a DoC camp, Stafford has been different. In the late 80s the population doubled when the late Rob Wanrooy bought Nancy's old house across the road. Since that time there has been a lot of development in the area. There are now 10 permanently inhabited properties within the old surveyed boundary of the town, with more just outside it and a couple of holiday homes. It has an art studio and several formative cottage industries.

The Stafford cemetery catchment area was traditionally from the Kapitia Creek to the Arahura River with those North being buried in Kumara and those South in Hokitika, with Tangata Whenua being buried at the Arahura Urupa. In the last few decades there has been a lot of development from Chesterfield south and inland along Stafford Loop and Gillam's Gully and this looks set to continue. There are currently three new houses being erected that I know of on Stafford Loop Rd alone.

Although the cemetery has never been officially closed, since around 2002 WDC has refused to allow burials at the site for several reasons that were included in a report that was prepared for Council. These were refuted at the time and since then WDC's CEO and I have inspected the site along with other WDC staff.

In the time these burials have been refused several people with strong links to the district have been denied a final resting place that was most appropriate to them. Some people have had remains buried there informally as they could not do so officially and this means that these are unrecorded officially. I would ask, bearing all this in mind, that burials again be allowed at Stafford cemetery subject to whatever conditions Council might think prudent.

Summary:

As has been detailed, there is a lot of interest taken and work being done to preserve and restore the historic Stafford Cemetery by a variety of local, national and international individuals and organisations, .

In brief I believe the following should take place:

- 1.) Stafford cemetery is of both local and national historical interest due to its Seddon and early war links, as well as the many local connections with those interred there. It should be recognised as such.
- 2.) A budget needs to be set by WDC to provide ongoing maintenance to keep up the current standard of the grounds.
- 3.) To encourage tourists to visit and prolong their stays in the district the Japanese Red Cedar should be officially protected and listed. The “crucifix” part of the paths should be laid with white limestone. The “Iron Coffin” should be repaired and left there for display. Better signage from the main road would also aid this aim.
- 4.) The back left corner should be backfilled and a new fence erected as a safety measure.
- 5.) Interpretation panels should be erected to tell the story of the cemetery and some of its artefacts and to show the location of graves.
- 6.) Apart from the Old Section, the areas where there have been no burials can be clearly identified. These include large areas of the Anglican and Wesleyan sections
- 7.) Westland District Council should rescind its policy of not allowing burials at Stafford. Amongst other things a “living cemetery” would give motivation to the rising generations to take an interest in the resting place of their forebears and to ensure it remains one of the jewels in Westland’s crown.

As stated earlier, most of these requests would be either a one-off cost to Council or wouldn’t cost anything. Some, such as reopening it to burials, would actually pay. At the current rate of \$1,400 per plot, the most easily identifiable 60 would bring \$84,000 over time at today’s rates. Although it would take considerable time to realise that, it would keep it as a “living” cemetery which would encourage individual care for plots which would have a knock on effect for both Council maintenance and possible tourism spend. And that in turn could encourage other tourism and related businesses in the area.

I trust that this report meets with your approval and support.

Charles Cowie

Project Lead: Stafford Cemetery

Heritage Hokitika Inc.

Appendix. Not to Scale



Overview of Cemetery



Cemetery by Demoninations showing unused ground

- Black= Government and Neutral
- Red = Anglican
- Cyan = Wesleyan
- Blue = Presbyterian
- Green = Catholic
- Yellow Shaded = Unused Ground



Cross of Road and Path



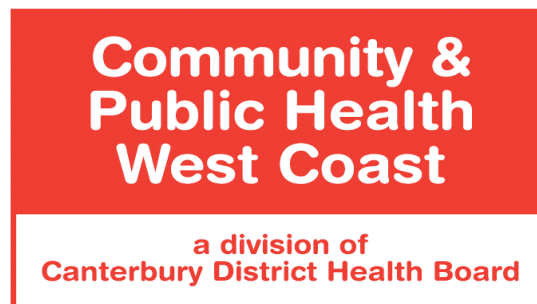
Approximate location of Sports Ground and Access Way



Japanese Red Cedar and Old Section



Reverse Angle



**Submission from
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**Te Kahui o Poutini
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Please note we do not wish to speak to this submission.

Introduction

Community and Public Health West Coast is a regional office of the Community and Public Health Division of the Canterbury District Health Board and provides a regional public health service to the West Coast. We welcome the opportunity to comment on Te Kahui o Poutini Westland District Council Draft Annual Plan 2022-2023.

The goal of our organisation is that of improving and protecting the health and well-being of the people of the West Coast. However, while health care services are an important determinant of health, health is also influenced by a wide range of factors beyond the health sector.

The Dahlgren and Whitehead 1991 model below illustrates how individuals are influenced by factors that generally lie outside their control. These factors; often referred to as the social determinants of health and well-being, can be described as the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age; they are affected by environmental, social and behavioural factors.

As depicted in the diagram, the sphere of influence is very wide and, in many instances, beyond the health sector. Furthermore, changes in any of these factors can affect health and wellbeing dramatically (both positively and negatively). In order to maximise people's wellbeing, these factors need to be taken into account by policy and decision makers, including Councils. The Annual Plan provides Westland District Council with an opportunity to influence the determinants of health for the people of the Westland District through prioritising funds for activities that support health and wellbeing.



Another way to incorporate wellbeing into Council’s decision making and planning is to use the 5 Ways to Wellbeing developed by the New Economics Foundation in 2008. The five ways are a set of evidence-based public health messages aimed at improving the mental health and general wellbeing of the whole population.



Auckland University of Technology researchers recently published the results of the Sovereign Wellbeing Index project. The report found that the five **Ways to Wellbeing** were all strongly associated with higher wellbeing. People experienced higher levels of wellbeing when they:

- were connected socially with others (**Me whakawhanaunga-Connect**)
- gave time and resources to others (**Tukua-Give**)
- were able to appreciate and take notice of things around them (**Me aro tonu-Take notice**)
- were learning new things in their lives (**Me ako tonu-Keep learning**)
- were physically active (**Me kori tonu-Be Active**)

These five ways are being used by councils in the UK to build stronger communities:

‘It is conscious planning in a way that will actually promote wellbeing. If we have wellbeing in mind at the point of planning, we have a better chance of building resilience in communities to enable them to survive in difficult times.’ (Ashton, Leigh and Wigan PCT in the Five ways to wellbeing, New application, new ways of thinking 2011) p.30

Investing in wellbeing benefits more than just the individual. For example, people who report higher levels of wellbeing tend to be more involved in social and civic life, are more likely to behave in environmentally responsible ways, have better family and social relationships at home and are more productive at work. (*Five ways to wellbeing, New application, new ways of thinking 2011*) p.6
http://dnwssx4l7gl7s.cloudfront.net/nefoundation/default/page/-/files/Five_Ways_to_Wellbeing.pdf

CPH encourages Council to consider the 5 Ways to Wellbeing in its decision-making processes to support the district and its residents to flourish. CPH is happy to work with and support Council to do this.

CPH made a detailed submission to Council’s 2021-2031 Long Term Plan (LTP). As such we mostly confine the following comments to the variations on the LTP outlined in the 2022-2023 draft Annual Plan. However, we have reiterated our previous comments on Class 4 gaming, smokefree and alcohol.

Specific topics referred to in the Draft Plan	Discussion/Comment	CPH's suggested amendments to the Plan /suggested action points
General comment	<p>We appreciate the rising costs of materials, as well as inflation, have put pressure on Council to increase funding for maintenance, infrastructure and other services.</p> <p>We are pleased to see that Council intends to seek external funding and partnerships to support sharing costs as this will reduce the burden on the ratepayer.</p> <p>We also acknowledge that many activities, and costings scheduled for the previous financial year, have been carried over to this year.</p>	
Council Activities		
Community Services	<p><u>Community Development and Assistance</u> We support the new funding for lighting, banners and further work under the Hokitika Revitalisation Plan.</p>	
Leisure Services and Facilities	<p><u>Cemeteries</u> We support increased funding to develop a new lower level site at Ross cemetery.</p> <p><u>Parks and Reserves</u> We support Council's proposed activities under this section as provision of parks and reserves promote physical activity, learning and connectedness. We particularly support the increased funding to upgrade playgrounds in Haast, Kumara, and Whataroa, as well as the carry over funding to upgrade Ross playground.</p>	

	<p>There is a growing trend across the world to include equipment in parks designed for use by older people as they are often the ones taking their grandchildren to the park. As older people will make up a growing proportion of residents, and visitors to the district, in the future, having low-impact equipment within playgrounds would provide opportunities for older people to be active. We encourage Council to consider installing some low-impact equipment (along with seating and handrails), as part of the playground upgrades.</p> <p><u>West Coast Wilderness Trail</u> We support the intention to develop a wet weather route at Wainihinihi. As the Trail continues to attract increased numbers of visitors, provision of an alternative wet weather route will increase safety and enhance the user experience.</p>	<p>Encourage: Council to consider installing equipment suitable for older people when upgrading playground equipment.</p> <p>Support: the development of a wet weather route at Wainihinihi on the Westland Wilderness Trail.</p>
Land Transport	<p><u>Footpaths</u> We endorse Council's increased investment in footpath renewals. The existence of a safe and well-maintained footpath network is essential to the safety and wellbeing of the district's residents, particularly for older people, people with disabilities, and children.</p>	
3 Waters	<p><u>Drinking Water</u> We support the proposed increase in investment in drinking water supplies, (i.e. the new water monitoring equipment and treatment systems), to meet and support the new Drinking Water Standards.</p> <p>This investment will protect the wellbeing of both residents and visitors.</p>	
Solid Waste	<p>We acknowledge the purchase of carbon credits to trade and/or offset emissions from landfills.</p>	
Fees and Charges	<p>We notice under 'Corporate Service Charges, Customer Enquiries',</p>	

	<p>that the Plan says, ‘first 30 minutes of staff costs, after that pro-rata \$58/hour’. This could do with some clarification. Does it mean that the customer is not charged for the first 30 minutes of staff time?</p> <p>We are pleased to see there have been minimal or no cost increases for the Library, Museum and Hokitika Swimming Pools. These community facilities support individual and community wellbeing, and cost of entry or use should not be a barrier to residents.</p>	
<p>Planning and Regulatory</p>	<p><u>Local Alcohol Policy</u></p> <p>As we have stated in previous submissions alcohol is a psychoactive substance that continues to cause significant harm in our community. For example, the West Coast has higher rates of alcohol involved road traffic crashes compared to the national average with alcohol was a factor in 34% of death and serious injury crashes on West Coast roads between 2016 and 2020.</p> <p>Local alcohol policies are a tool which can help to address alcohol-related harm in our communities. We understand that Council has been unwilling to proceed further on the development of a Local Alcohol Policy (LAP), at least in part because of the very real prospect of legal challenge from the alcohol industry. We encourage Council to consider the development of a joint LAP with the two other West Coast District Councils as a way of sharing this risk. Many other Councils have successfully adopted LAPs in recent years and attitudes, behaviours and awareness of alcohol harm in our communities have also changed. A joint LAP would also have benefits for the local hospitality and tourism industries by bringing consistency to licensing requirements across the Coast and a “level playing field” for new entrants to these industries, regardless of where they set up on the Coast. A joint LAP would be supported by NZ Police and the Medical Officer of Health as reporting agencies.</p>	

	<p>We note that Council has indicated it 'could do a LAP if 'required'. We are unsure if this refers to future legal obligations, however, we encourage Council to engage further with its communities to assess what the community would like to see with respect to alcohol control within the district.</p> <p>We acknowledge Council is displaying liquor licence public notices on their website and is no longer publishing applications in print media. However, to ensure equitable access for people wishing to view alcohol licence applications and, where appropriate, make objections, we suggest Council also includes an electronic copy of the full application with appropriate redactions. We commend Council for posting the public notices on its social media page (Facebook) which further enhances equitable access. We are aware that other councils within New Zealand utilise social media and web-sites to fully inform residents of liquor licensing applications.</p> <p><u>Smokefree Environments Policy</u></p> <p>CPH commends Council for its commitment to 'being proactive in promoting a healthier community' (WDC Smokefree Environments – Council Buildings and Public Spaces Policy). We commend Council for extending its policy in 2016 to include dining areas on Council land as this inclusion helps protect the health and wellbeing of Westland District residents and visitors from second-hand smoke, supports people who are thinking about, or in the process of, quitting as well as enhancing the enjoyment of dining outdoors. It is also an indication of support for the Government-endorsed goal of a Smokefree Aotearoa by 2025. We are working actively with Council and businesses to implement this and to provide signage which has had good uptake so far.</p>	<p>Recommend: Council includes vapefree/vaping, events and endorse Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 goal in Councils Smokefree Environments- Council Buildings and Public Spaces Policy. We are able to provide Smokefree/Vapefree signage to assist with implementation.</p>
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	<p>While the number of people who smoke is decreasing we are still not on track to achieve Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 where less than 5% of the population smoke. The 2018 Census indicated that 13.2% New Zealanders aged 15+ years are regular smokers. However, here on the West Coast the rate is significantly higher at 18.1% with the rate for WDC at 18%. Consequently, our population continues to suffer more from smoking-related harm. Reducing the visibility of tobacco products and smoking and supporting smokers to quit are important elements of the Smokefree 2025 goal.</p> <p>Policy is a good intervention to improve the health and wellbeing of communities and the wider population. To further protect people from the harms of smoking we encourage Council to review and extend its Smokefree Environments-Council Buildings and Public Spaces Policy, to include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vaping/Vapefree in all instances in line with its inclusion in the amended Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 and similar Council policies across New Zealand. Vaping is a quitting tool and is not for non or ex-smokers therefore its inclusion will help to prevent the uptake of vaping by young people and non-smokers and decrease normalisation.• Inclusion of events owned or sanctioned by Council to be promoted as smoke free and vape free events with advertising material promoting such events clearly indicating that it will be smoke free and vape free. This is in line with other Councils policies and its inclusion will provide positive role modelling behaviour for our tamariki and rangatahi and reduce harm from second-hand smoke.	
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	<p>Creating smokefree environments reduces visibility of tobacco products and smoking which prevents uptake by non-smokers while supporting smokers who are trying to quit. Other steps for implementing the policy could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifying areas that would benefit from having more visible smokefree/vapefree signage, • agreeing on the look of any proposed signage, stickers or stencils, • installing smokefree/vapefree signage • Ensuring there is adequate signage outside Council owned buildings, particularly the building entrances and exits to inform individuals in your community of the policy • Keeping the community informed about the smokefree/vapefree spaces through a variety of channels including media articles, social media platforms and within the Council's newsletters. <p>Community and Public Health is happy to work with the Council to assist with implementing the policy changes and to provide advice and assistance on smokefree matters, including support with signage.</p> <p><u>Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy</u> Council's Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy was due for review in November 2021. We are aware that \$4818, \$4005, \$4348 was lost each day in the 'pokie' machines within Westland in 2019, 2020 and 2021 respectively. Also, when allowance is made for the venues being closed over the 5-week lockdown period during 2020, the daily spend during the second quarter of 2020 (when lock down occurred) only dropped by \$1676 compared to the 2019 second quarter.</p>	
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	<p>There has long been an assumption that much of the expenditure is from tourists, however, using the information above, nearly 60% of the money lost to machines comes from local communities.</p> <p>The recent BERL: Assessment of the effects of Class 4 gambling on Wellbeing in New Zealand Final report May 2020 concluded that 'Class 4 gambling has a tendency to magnify community disadvantage. The evidence strongly suggests that it transfers wealth from more deprived communities to less deprived communities.' The Westland District has a high number of venue and machines compared with the rest of New Zealand. The BERL finding suggests that our most vulnerable communities are further disadvantaged by Class 4 Gaming. This is alarming given that five of the six Class 4 venues in the district are situated in medium-high deprivation areas. We have assisted Council with previous reviews of the Class 4 Gaming Policy through applying a social impact assessment lens. We again offer Council our assistance with review of this policy.</p>	<p>Recommend: Council utilise a Social Impact Assessment process when reviewing its Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy. We offer our assistance with this process.</p>
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Emma Rae

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Sub # 16

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Sarah Heney

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Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I object to a rate increase! With mortgage rates also going up and covid still high on the coast a lot of people are still struggling, give us all a break!

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Karen Lopez

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Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not agree with the proposed 12.5% rate increase.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Cassandra Colman

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193 Revell St. Hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not agree with the proposed rates increases. Proposed works to our town are too ambitious for our small rating population. We are driving our locals out of town and causing hardship on families who need to provide the basics.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Di Clendon

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Brickfield Road

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not approve of investing ratepayers \$ into the mountain jade building, You need to reduce or stop the rate hikes for the next few years until the country recovers from the current recession due to covid. Please cancel or delay any new capital expenditure including upgrades until people's incomes have had a chance to catch up. Between power bills, heating fuel costs, rates, vehicle costs and mortgage there is nothing left. Please just focus on infrastructure maintenance.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Nick and Anita Bennett

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20 Reg cox drive Hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

While we haven't finished our new build, I know once we do we will feel the full force of the new rates. 12.5% is such a huge increase and with interest rates getting higher and higher, general cost of living getting beyond a joke - these huge increases are just adding to the stress of families trying to put food on the table. We have one of the highest rates in the country per household as it is.

We really need our council to stop and think before going ahead with projects that are insignificant to the majority of people. Yea it's nice to save a building - but when you share the costs to do so, most will think twice whether they want to "pay" for that.

Westland rate payers that I have spoken to collectively want to stop paying their rates and I've heard of some even trying to plan a group "protest", getting as many to stop paying them as possible to try and get someone in power to listen.

Most of us are on minimum wage ... we are not all on council salaries!

Too many staff employee at council compared to other districts too - we don't want to be paying excess wages. This is one of the first things that needs to be addressed!

Thanks for your time

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Brittany Stevenson

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80 Hokitika Kanieri Tramway

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I strongly disagree with the plans to increase our rates even higher. It is rude and quite frankly it is becoming a joke.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Mellinda Packham

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20 hokitika-kaniere tramway rd, hokitika

Organisation

N/a

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I oppose to the rates increase. I believe that in the last budget WDC has around 10 million dollars unallocated. Why would you then increase our rates during a time that many people are already financially struggling?

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Ashleigh Kersten

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163 Keogans Road
Hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not approve the 12.5% raise to rates

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Emily breen

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21 Davie street hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

The continual increase in rates are beyond a joke .

When they are exceptionally high already .

Maybe look at reducing the staff on the council to cut costs, more people doesn't always equal more productivity .

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 8:11 am
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kristen marken

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15 Stewart st, Rosa 7812

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not agree with the proposed 12.5% rates increase

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Paula Henderson

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14 Brittan Street
Hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

Good morning,

The 12.5% rate increase is not supported by me. We pay more in Hokitika than people in Auckland and Canterbury on lifestyle [blocks.It](#) is simply unacceptable to increase by that amount when there is currently a cost of living crisis.

Regards

Paula Henderson

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Sub # 27

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Jasyn Van Vliet

Email

[REDACTED]

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185 Kaniere Road

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I would like to speak to Council about my submission through a remote option (Zoom link or telephone)

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

Hey team,

Firstly, on the reply, an email will suffice as other than the weekend, I have no time inside the hours 0700 - 1700.

I can appreciate its always hard when talking money and increases in costs but 12.5% rate increase is ridiculous and will make it very difficult with the current settings of mortgage rates and inflation. Would love to know how much of a pay increase everyone at the council has had with the rise in the OCR/ cost of living, \$189k increase in salaries and wages is quite large so would be good to know in more detail what that gets us.

As for capital projects, whats the go with the Jade building, from my point of view, that was a waste of money and now I hear that it may be a library in the future... wheres the business case for this? How often is the current library used? Whats wrong with the crruent library? It seems the council is getting good at wasting money on terrible improvement ideas.... What was the cost of the one way street upgrade?.

With the way the economy is going, my opinion would be to hold off on any capital investment that isnt mandatory or required by regulation for 1 year, also a chance to build capital and develop a more robust plan that you can get buy in from the community... an ideas box at new world would be great.

Thanks for reading

Cheers

Jasyn Van Vliet

Emma Rae

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Simon Gill

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20 Hokitika - Kaniere Tramway Rd

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I strongly oppose the rates increase.

This will add increased financial pressure to already struggling family's.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 8:26 am
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The following feedback has been received:

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Loren Watson

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102 Gibson Quay

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

No increases. There is no justification for increases - you can't even cut the grass on the side of Gibson quay and rubbish and recycling is a joke - we are a family of five with one small rubbish bin for two weeks.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Maegan Cameron

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729A Ruatapu Ross Road

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not agree to the proposed 12.5% rates increase

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Marty

Email

[REDACTED]

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6 brickfield rd

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

Not keen on another increase in rates. Stop spending money you don't have. Stop giving yourselves pay rises. Concentrate on looking after the local people not the tourists..

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Hera Parker

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86 Bealey street Hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

As a rate payer/home owner/mother of 3, there is no way I'm going to be able to afford to give my 3 young children a great quality of life if the rates continue to rise the way they are. The price of living is already high enough with food, petrol and mortgage prices going through the roof. My partner and I both work full time and we are still living pay check to pay check making sure all the basics are being taken care of. Please think of the mental well being of the people who are already struggling to provide.

Emma Rae

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Megan thompson

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150 Stafford street hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not agree with a 12.5 rates increase. We are struggling as it is. Stop spending our money on stupid things that aren't needed and realise most of your region is going broke trying to pay basic living costs.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 8:53 am
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Kim

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Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not agree with the increase in rates, this is totally unreasonable and not manageable for many incomes on the west coast. Everything is going up and an increase of this amount will mean some families will have to look at selling, others will see impact on the amount they can spend of food, fuel and basic needs and others will no longer be able to afford the nice things in life which in turn impacts the amount spent in the community and income for many small businesses. The increases have got to stop!

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Corey Fanselow

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86 Bealey Street, Hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

Bit of a joke really.

Proposed rates rises, yet can't even give us ratepayers a decent sized waste bin.

Factor in also, as a family of 5, the cost of living is already so high (paying for food, fuel, mortgage, plus utilities etc) that there's no way my kids are going to have any quality of life, as we are already living pay check to pay check as it is. That's without adding your proposed rate increase. You also need to start thinking of the mental well being of the people who are already struggling to provide for their families.

How about giving something back to the people for a change?

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Shirree Thomson

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60 Butlers road Ruatapu

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I disagree with the rate increases over the next 2 years. As for the 3 waters what about people that have there own tanks and waste water. I do not understand how the council can increase the rates on rural properties that are not on the town supply.

I think the council need to reassess how many people they employ and the use of their time effectively. The rates in the Westland district are becoming so expensive that people are struggling to pay them. The covid pandemic has not only affected the council, think of the people. Homelessness and not being able to afford food or basic necessary should be top of the list. Not the worldliness trail or the Jade factory. In my opinion the rate increases will just cause more stress on already struggling families that will have to chose between rates and milk in the fridge.

Emma Rae

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Olivia Cain

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147 Lake Kanieri Rd

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I am not happy with the 12.5% increase in rates.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 9:10 am
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Kate Veale

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Hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

Totally appalled at the rates increase. They are getting way out of control compared to other rates in New Zealand for the services we get. As for the one way street I am still yet to come across someone that was actually in favour of that

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Hannah

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Bowen St Kokatahi

Organisation

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I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

Unhappy

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Hamiria Hutana

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11 Arahura Pa Road, Arahura Hokitika 7882

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not approve of the 'proposed' 12.5% rate increase.

Enough is enough, living costs are already so high that our people can't afford to have healthy kai let alone any kai at all, utility bills are sky rocketing - the costs of electricity is ridiculous now home owners have to battle to not only keep their homes warm, dry and safe but have our rates increased by 12.5%!!!!

I do not approve the renovations of Pakiwaitara.

Where is the business case that was put forward for it?

What is the rationale for moving the Library from a building with rent of \$49k pa plus some maintenance costs into a building which will conservatively cost \$225k pa?

Based on the debt servicing alone. (On \$4.5mill) without paying down any debt.

Will the museum be moved into Pakiwaitara too, after we have just spent a couple of million to renovate it.

We all know about 'projected' costs and for every million that runs over budget the risk of another \$50k per year in servicing.

Please reconsider this proposed increase, times are really tough for our people as it is!

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 9:25 am
To: Consultation Submissions
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Holly Fanselow

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214 Hampden Street
Hokitika 7810

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not agree on rates increase!

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 9:25 am
To: Consultation Submissions
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Glen Mason

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

44 jollie Street hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I simply can't afford to be paying more rates . The current rates are very high when compared to other areas of higher value with more services.

Submission to Westland District Council Draft District Plan 2022-2023

Name: Paul Elwell-Sutton

Address: 6, Opuka place, Haast, Westland 7886.

Email: [REDACTED]

I do not wish to be heard

Submission

Section 31(1)(b)(iii) of the Resource Management Act (1991) states that a function of the WDC under the RMA is the maintenance of indigenous biological diversity.

The proposed plan is silent on this function and consequently may be in breach of that statutory requirement.

There is no mention or provision for the protection or mapping of Significant Natural Areas (SNAs).

I request that the final Plan includes measures and funding to comply with the provisions of the aforementioned section of the RMA, and to progress the mapping and protection of SNAs, on all land tenures, and within a prompt timeframe, throughout Westland.

End of submission.

Haast, 5 June 2022.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 9:28 am
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Sub # 44

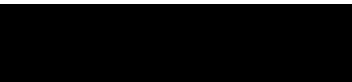
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Belinda Conn

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233 Davie Street

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I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not want a 12.5 percent increase. Its astronomical. Rates are out of control at a time when people struggle to put food on the table. There should be no increase after the amount it has risen in the last few years. Give rate payers a break. You can't keep flogging them before your rating base moves away as they can't afford to live here.

Emma Rae

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Amanda Downs

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140 Sewell St Hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

Do not approve of proposed rate increase

Emma Rae

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Mick

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[REDACTED]

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17 Camp Street, Kaniere.

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

Hi

"Other changes to the capital works programme

Where we are continuing our capital programme as planned, we now have to account for greater costs due to inflation.

We have also included some new projects at the request of elected members."

Over \$400,000 to be spent on these projects seems to be excessive. How much are these projects going to help the general community? Thought about getting sponsors for these projects from the people who will benefit from them.

Mick

Emma Rae

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LeeAnn Owen

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162 Gibson Quay Hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

DO NOT APPROVE OF THE 'PROPOSED' 12.5% RATE INCREASE!!

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Cori Owen

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Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I DO NOT APPROVE OF THE 'PROPOSED' 12.5% RATE INCREASE

Emma Rae

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Amber Blacktopp

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[REDACTED]

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189 hampden street

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I DO NOT approve of the proposed 12.5 rate increase. We have incredibly high rates with minimal services and the rates for such a small community are an absolute joke.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Kodi Schroder

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[REDACTED]

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137 Bealey Street, Hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not approve of the proposed 12.5% rates rise

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

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Mike

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[REDACTED]

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272 Sewell street
Hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

It is unrealistic for you to continually rise our rates year after year. You need to look at how your are spending and where you can save money, or even better generate your own income. You are making it very tough on the rate payers to come up with this extra money. Put yourself in our shoes, what would happen if one of your employees came to you and said look I'm spending more money than the salary your are paying me, you will increase it by \$10,000 a year so I can continue to live how I am. That is how everyone who I have spoken to about the council rates rise feels. Please make sensible and economical decisions for our future otherwise you are giving us a very bleak outlook for our future, that will force people to look elsewhere to live.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Amber Staton

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[REDACTED]

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175 Park Street, Hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

Absolutely ridiculous sinking 3million dollars into a building that has constantly needed repairs since it was built. Use a portion of that money and put it towards fixing Sewell street. These rates increases is massive! How do you expect pensioners to pay that sort of money?! Your supposed to be looking out for our elderly population, instead your planning to rip them off

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Sonja Barker

Email

[REDACTED]

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105 Weld Street

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I would like to speak to Council about my submission through a remote option (Zoom link or telephone)

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not agree with your proposed 12.5% rate increase.

Why was the old Mountain Jade building purchased and where is the business case that supports its purchase?

Secrecy surrounds purchases like this leaking building and other projects in Westland.

Council is not and should not be getting into business it should be left with private investment.

As a business owner/operator we are doing our best holding out for International tourism however our recovery will be long and difficult. We have received NO relief from local government over the last two/three years while we navigate through this pandemic. WDC have continued taking from us....increasing staff numbers.....buying property....neglecting our three waters, wasting the rate take along with sinking us all further unrecoverable dept.

Why do the elected members sit in compliance when they should represent community sentiment?

Emma Rae

From: s millington [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 10:20 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Draft Annual Plan

Sub # 54

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Dear representatives of the ratepayers of the West Coast our Westland District Council,

Enough is enough.. our rates keep getting pushed higher and higher. I DO NOT APPROVE of the 'proposed' 12.5% rate increase.

Times are hard enough at the moment and there is no quick fix, so surely as a responsible council, you should be being as conservative as possible with the spending that we as ratepayers will ultimately have to pay for.

I would have thought that the best interest of your ratepayers should be first and foremost when considering massive council spending. There will always be infrastructure spending to keep everything running smoothly but considering the 'tough' times that lie ahead, I believe the WDC should be thinking very carefully about every dollar they spend on behalf of their ratepayers.

I copy pasted the below from a post on Facebook, thought it had some valid points.

What is the rationale for moving the Library from a building with rent of \$49k pa plus some maintenance costs.. into a building which will conservatively cost \$225k pa.. Based on the debt servicing alone.. (On \$4.5mill) without paying down any debt. Are they still going to move the museum into there too.. after we have just spent a couple of mill to reno it..

And that's the best case scenario.. We all know about 'projected' costs.. and for every million that runs over budget you can add another \$50k per year in servicing.

Kind regards,
Clare Millington
Haast resident

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Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Moreen Evans

Email

[REDACTED]

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100B Keogans Road, Hokitika, 7882

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not approve of the proposed 12.5% rate increase.

It is Council's responsibility to be fiscally responsible and an increase that is 2.5 times more than the rate limit is no acceptable or responsible.

Council should manage their rate increase within the limit of 5%, which they set.

I do not agree with \$189802 for increased remuneration or increased staff numbers.

I do not agree with \$40949 increase for Specific activities Parks and Reserves.

I do not agree with \$86612 increase for Township development.

I would like more details of the \$338331 proposed increase for Repairs and maintenance.

I do not agree with \$423461 increase for the Capital projects, \$45000 on entrance banners to Westland is excessive and wasteful in tough and challenging times for your ratepayers.

I do not agree with the proposed changes to fees for the Resource management

I would like more information on the calculations undertaken to justify a proposed charge of \$150 per hour for administration staff charge out, is this based on qualifications, experience, type of work?

I do agree with the waste management charges.

I would like more information on the update of the library and proposed changes.

I would like more information on the Pakiwaitara building and is business case study available, assuming one has been done?

These are tough times for many ratepayers and many have suffered significant financial impact from covid-19 (South Westland), I do not believe as a council you are being responsible financially for your ratepayers, or representing them in the best possible way.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 10:45 am
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Name

Sharyn and Butch Symons

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

146 Gibson Quay
18 Sale Street
Hokitika

Organisation

Amberlea B&B ltd

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

We oppose the major increase in our rates. Our new rates are now hitting a combined total of \$16250 for our B&B and holiday homes. You are trying to promote tourism but with rate increases it is not worth perusing offering this services as we are going to up our prices and people are going to think twice about staying in our town. We are not getting extra services and are also not even permitted to have rubbish disposal drums for each property.

We are also annoyed at the waste of council money on unnecessary purchases like the Jade building when the library was satisfactory, the upgrades at Cass Square for Playground, Revell Street downgrade and other beautifications within the borough.

We need money spent on roading and footpaths. Next council meeting do a walk around the town and inspect the uneven footpaths.

We are getting an increase in people moving to Hokitika but they are not going to stay here when they find out their cost of living is going to be more that they were paying elsewhere.

Consult with the public and use funds appropriately

From: Annie Breeze [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 11:07 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: We disagree to the proposed rate increases.

Sub # 57

This email is from an external sender. Be careful when opening any links or attachments. If you are unsure, please contact IT for assistance.

Kia ora koutou councilors,

We disagree with your planned rate increases of 12.5% and thanks to a friend I attach the following:

"It is Council's responsibility to be fiscally responsible and an increase that is 2.5 times more than the rate limit is not acceptable or responsible.

Council should manage their rate increase within the limit of 5%, which they set.

I do not agree with \$189802 for increased remuneration or increased staff numbers.

I do not agree with \$40949 increase for Specific activities Parks and Reserves.

I do not agree with \$86612 increase for Township development.

I would like more details of the \$338331 proposed increase for Repairs and maintenance.

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These are tough times for many ratepayers and many have suffered significant financial impact from covid-19 (South Westland), I do not believe as a council you are being responsible financially for your ratepayers."

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou

Annie Breeze and Geoffrey Perry

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 10:55 am
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Name

Anna Kruhlak

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

3 Hokitika-Kaniere Tramway

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

We do not approve of the 'proposed' 12.5% rate increase..

We are concerned about the plans for the old Mountain Jade building - is there a solid business case that has been put forward and critically reviewed for this project?

What is the rationale for moving the Westland District Library from a building with rent of \$49k per annum plus some maintenance costs, into a building which will cost \$225k per annum (on the low side), which is paying interest only on borrowing of about \$4.5million. Are there still plans to move the museum into there also even after the millions that have just been spent to renovate it?

It is easy to spend other people's money. We cannot afford to keep paying increased rates, and for your poorly thought through projected costs and time frames we can expect to pay even more in the servicing of budget and project over runs.

Emma Rae

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Amy Breeze

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592B Lake Kaniere Road

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I oppose to the rates increase. Why would you increase our rates during a time that many people are already financially struggling?

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 11:09 am
To: Consultation Submissions
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Katie Rae

Email

[REDACTED]

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34 Bonar Drive

Organisation

House owner

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

You guys are just a joke.. who at this stage can afford a 12.5% rate increase..... I am usually a silent person but for goodness sake your spending is out of hand.... Revell St, The Tip, Kaniere Road.... and now that new building you want to go into..... a lemon. You have streets, footpaths that need fixing, Trees on your green belt that needs cutting back.... we pay high rates for half a view.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Ann Kieran

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39 Arthurstown Road

Organisation

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I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not approve of the 'proposed

I have concerns about plans for the old Mountain Jade building.

what is the rationale for moving the Library from a building with rent of \$49k pa plus some maintenance costs.. into a building which will conservatively cost \$225k pa.. Based on the debt servicing alone.. (On \$4.5mill) without paying down any debt. Are you still going to move the museum into there too.. after we have just spent a couple of mill to reno

Emma Rae

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Kate

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231 Sewell st Hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not agree with the 12.5% Rate increase

Most of us are struggling already with paying our high rates

I currently pay the most in Hokitika and have the worse road and footpath and I think our whole street will agree

Start focusing on the simple of things instead of worrying about the Jade building and the one way street

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Rachael Roberts-Carter

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119 Park Street Hokitika

Organisation

Stella Cafe

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not agree with the proposed rate increase. Many businesses are struggling to survive in this covid environment and the worst is still to come.

I think WDC should immediately adopt austerity measures. This includes canning the plans to rebuild the old Mountain Jade.

While a new skate park is definitely needed it is a community project, but one that should be funded by the rate payers at this time.

The ever increasing number of Council staff should be addressed. Many businesses would like to hire more staff but can not afford them - why should the Council be any different. Perhaps it would be more pertinent to review effective systems. E.G. Ridiculous double handling of paper applications.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Wayne & Daryl Davidson

Email

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Address

64 Hokitika-Kaniere Tramway
Kaniere
Hokitika
7811

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do NOT approve of the proposed 12.5% rates increase! Many households/businesses are struggling already with the last 2 years and a rates increase like this now is very irresponsible and rude to the rate payers of Westland.

I do not agree with the \$189802 for increased remuneration or increased staff numbers, I understand that staff should be paid more but feel this amount is ridiculous when all the other chargers have increased (hourly rates/fees) doesn't this increase off set the increase in pays? so the extra amount that the council have asked for is that just extra and wasted money? I wish my hourly rate was \$180! (admin staff) then maybe I would be able to pay this much of a rates increase!

I do not agree with the \$45000 on entrance banners to Westland this is wasteful and could go to something else, like wavering all costs to burring your child at the cemetery?

I do not agree to the waste management charges! If this is implemented (they are already expensive) don't complain about fly tipping as that is what is going to happen!

I do not agree to most of the new fees to the cemetery's, this is a very hard time for the families, show some compassion in this area. Westland go on about the men & women that sacrificed their lives for NZ but we charge their families to bury them!

I do understand with the times that materials, resources etc are difficult to obtain, but the WDC are not only the ones in this predicament! All of Westland is! I am sure the council have been around small and large businesses in Westland (if they haven't how are they sure these costs are correct and going to benefit the ratepayers) I would also hope they have talked to the small business in South Westland that have either closed or are struggling,

Yes we voted the council and Mayor (I did not) in, in the good faith that these people would listen to us and be our voices in the council and especially in these hard times! I am sure all of them has been

impacted in some sort of way in the last couple years!
All we ask is that you listen to the people that had faith in you to do the right thing!

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 12:42 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

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The following feedback has been received:

Name

Stuart Paul

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

19 Park Street Hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

It's time that the elected members start delivering for the ratepayers. The Mountain Jade Building strong public opposition yet you pushed ahead, The Revell Street one way system strong public opposition yet you pushed ahead with it, without proper budgets planning and an absolute disregard for the costs being put onto rate payers. Now you sit there on the top floor in election year proposing 12.5% rate increase?, What are you going to deliver for this increase?, More staffing higher wages and in a time when inflation is soaring interest rates are rising and yet you all think this is business as usual. It's time you start putting the hard word on the man in charge. Deliver an efficient streamlined service within the bounds you currently have and achieve what you have been employed to do at a great salary rate. It's time the ratepayers start seeing value for money. Enough of the excuses and outside factors. We are all living through a post covid world and doing it hard. Even Jacinda Ardern is trying to make it easier by reducing taxes on petrol etc. Your satisfaction rating is through the floor! Why is that? Is it because you don't listen to rates payers and just push ahead with fanciful ideals, with no regard for how this affects lower income families within our district. 12.5% is 2.5 times the level of increase agreed by council to maintain. STOP go back to the drawing board reprioritize spending and start leveling the playing field. Skateparks and the Mountain Jade big white elephant. A sensible business ceo would be looking now and reducing overheads and delivering options for selling the mountain jade building and lessening the loss. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH you can't keep flogging the ratepayers every time you want to push ahead with a nice to have.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 1:03 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

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Lez Morgan

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

239E Keogans Rd
RD 2
Hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

In relation to WDC Long Term plan i find it difficult to accept the excessive rate increases the community has to incur due to WDC failing to cap its own spending in this current councils term.

This current council has been more than willing to spend ratepayers money on frivolous projects like Revell St and the Mountain Jade building without any real thought to the ratepayer.

The Mountain Jade building was rash purchase completed without any thought to its structural integrity for future use, which as were now aware will fall upon the ratepayer to fund bringing it up to standard.

More wasteful spending that council could have avoided by a more sensible and considered approach when using ratepayer funds.

Revell St, yet again council using ratepayer funds on a vanity project to massage the ego of council.

Despite a consensus from ratepayers that the project was unwanted and unnecessary the council continued, yet again placing more stress on council funds that come from the ratepayer.

During CVD 19 the council, yet again against advice, proceeded with a 0% rate increase with the full knowledge that this would have a extreme effect on rates in following years. So yet again the rate payer pays for councils failure to be prudent with rate payer funds.

These are just three of the many issues that council has bought upon itself and yet now expects the ratepayer to fund.

Rate increases of 25% are not justified when ratepayers continually suffer a down ward spiral of services provided whilst unnecessary and wasteful spending is promoted.

Council needs to adapt itself without trying to hide its failures behind CvD 19, inflation(projected) and inability to recruit staff that are superfluous to its requirements.

Rate increases projected or otherwise are nothing but hopeful statements, we the ratepayer know that this council will never keep to them.

Council needs to reduce its staffing levels, reduce the amount of "hangers" on who continually see a

council as a gift that keeps on giving. Council has become a bloated entity focused entirely on its own self worth via ratepayers rates.

Council needs to cut the excessive spending, cut its staffing and return to the very basics like delivering core services to the ratepayers which is what rates are supposed to pay for.

Does each ward within Hokitika require 3 councillors? The Green team, another woke entity that's unnecessary and just highlights how bloated this council has become at the ratepayers expense.

Rate increases to the percentage your proposing are unjustified in today's world.

I personally don't wish to see councillors galavanting around the country when obviously a Zoom meeting could be more acceptable. Travel for egos sake! I also am sick to death to see a parade of council staff visiting the Clocktower cafe like its an extension of the council offices!

Council needs a review of its rate projections with immediate effect. Council needs to focus on value for money for its ratepayers by cutting out excessive waste within council and giving the rate payer actual value for their rates.

The Long Term Plan is nothing more than a disaster for the ratepayer. A bloated council with bloated spending!

The Long Term Plan needs a complete review focusing solely on value for the ratepayer with all vanity and unwarranted spending cut.

Council needs a full review of itself, what and who it actually represents because for this ratepayer your not representing any form of value for my rates.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Sub # 67

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Felicity Jensen

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Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

Dear WDC

I do not approve of the proposed 12.5% rate increase.

It is Council's responsibility to be fiscally responsible and an increase that is 2.5 times more than the rate limit is no acceptable or responsible.

Council should manage their rate increase within the limit of 5%, which they set.

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I do not agree with \$86612 increase for Township development.

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I would like more information on the Pakiwaitara building and is business case study available, assuming one has been done?

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I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not support the proposed increase of rates, it is unreasonably high. I do not support any expenditure on Westland racecourse and Pakiwaitara. I want you to scrap the charges for dumping green waste, it is causing green waste to be dumped illegally in scenic areas leading to pest plant infestations. I believe there should be a targeted charge for mining activity and an increased charge for vegetation clearance. I would like to see a reduction in the amount of area grassed and the associated expense. This should be achieved by plantings of native vegetation in unused areas of grass.

Emma Rae

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Louise Morgan

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Organisation

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Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

Bins and Recycling

Something urgent needs to be done to support local rate payers. Every time rate payers ask for the larger yellow lidded bin to be swapped around and used as our general waste bin we are denied this or ignored completely. We need to have separate bins for glass waste and we also need separate bins for garden waste. Having the Green Team outline that we can reduce waste may be helpful and sure we can all do more. However the practicalities of waste accumulation are obviously a challenge to all of us residing in Westland district because so many people, including myself would like to see some clearer support from council with recycling. The very fact we have mountains of waste piling up in NZ is clearly a problem however discouraging rate payers from getting rid of their rubbish via the council bin collection is not the way to do this. I have noticed more and more often people in my local area are just burning rubbish. How does this help the atmosphere? How does this help our generational health when nasty chemicals in plastics are being burned in the back door? I can understand why people do it but i do not agree with it. Ratepayers do not wish to hear the council continually tell us to reduce our waste - we are already trying hard. This sort of issue should be taken up by government as they are the ones who are not supporting businesses to reduce their packaging nearly enough nor are they supporting and prioritizing waste reduction strategies. As soon as China and Malaysia no longer wanted NZ's garbage we have had people in council stick their noses up at the ratepayer and smugly state we should all be referring ourselves to the Green Team for advice and suggestions to reduce waste. The fact is people are struggling to cope and i am pretty annoyed that the size of the average bin is so small for general waste. And of course i could buy another bin but why should i when council are already paid plenty from my rates to collect and remove my waste bins.

Swimming Pool

I love this pool and i feel there should be more encouragement for this pool to be open longer within the general year. Having the pool shut down annually for weeks to look at the boiler is not good enough in today's modern life. I also feel that although the amenities are being supported through upgrade - phase 2 about to begin this year - that disruption to the Hokitika swimmer should be reduced and kept to a minimum.

Racecourse

I feel very strongly the racecourse land should be kept as much as possible for the people of Hokitika. It should not just become a concrete jungle filled with housing estate dwellings. Take note council of all the other regions that have experienced population growth and expansion! Drive by shootings, graffiti, drug crimes - this list is not exhaustive. Think very carefully about your current rate payers as we are the ones who will suffer in the future if proper consideration is not given to the future of the land at the Racecourse.

Keep it green and beautiful for the natural wonders it has already. Allow it to be accessible to Riding for the Disabled. Allow local people to enjoy relaxing recreational walks and to be able to take their children there and walk their dogs. We do not need a WINZ housing estate and all the issues that come with that in our town.

Having been born into a working class home and growing up in state housing myself i am more than entitled to outline my views and be knowledgeable on this subject; to be able to advise you how dreadful they can be. Hokitika is beautiful as it is and so is the racecourse.

Council spending

You all need to really pull the strings in folks.

Do we really need all the councillors we have? I would like to suggest that as a six monthly occurrence all councillors are expected to outline via the council website what their main areas of focus have been within each six monthly cycle during their tenure. I think this would be a great way of sensing exactly what our salaried councillors are actually attending to during their time in office. We never hear from those elected from one election period to the next. We all are rate payers and we all deserve to know the work being done by all these approved, elected and well paid officers.

Jade Building for Council Offices

It is really concerning me how much money this building cost to purchase and how much it is going to cost long term to bring up to scratch before it is even operational.

I find it appalling that it was purchased before the full extent of council spending upon it's structure would be fully known or appreciated.

We kept being told it would save money - for example save us paying big rents for things such as the current library building. Yet the way things are going with the Jade building it appears are many light years away from the council having a building to readily move into due to such things as upgrading it first. And may i also add that if the building is not upgraded enough then why was the Covid 19 Vaccination site held inside the foyer of the Jade building for months on end? If it is good enough to use for this purpose then the council should be using it now and saving the rate payer money ASAP. A regular 25% increase over the next few years to my rate bill is not acceptable.

Louise Morgan

Emma Rae

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Leicester Robert White

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Wilderness Accommodation

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Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not approve of the 'proposed' 12.5% rate increase..

Emma Rae

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Emma Rae

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 2:07 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Rates

Sub # 73

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Dear representatives of the ratepayers of the West Coast our Westland District Council,

Enough is enough.. our rates keep getting pushed higher and higher. I DO NOT APPROVE of the 'proposed' 12.5% rate increase.

Times are hard enough at the moment and there is no quick fix, so surely as a responsible council, you should be being as conservative as possible with the spending that we as ratepayers will ultimately have to pay for.

I would have thought that the best interest of your ratepayers should be first and foremost when considering massive council spending. There will always be infrastructure spending to keep everything running smoothly but considering the 'tough' times that lie ahead, I believe the WDC should be thinking very carefully about every dollar they spend on behalf of their ratepayers.

Sent from my Galaxy

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Sub # 74

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Amy Gray

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Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I strongly disagree with the proposed 12.5% rate increase.

The community should have been consulted before the purchase of the Jade building and the creating a section of revell st to one way. Those are both partly to blame for the need to increase our rates and in these times when covid has affected tourism and daily living costs have increased, they were ideal investments for the council to make.

Everyone is struggling and this council is not thinking economically before spending.

Emma Rae

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Linda Ryan

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Organisation

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Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I disagree with the 12.5% proposed rate increase.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Brad Gray

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Organisation

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I disagree with the proposed 12.5% rate increase.

Emma Rae

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Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

Sub # 77

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Verle Kilkelly

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Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

As a senior citizen and single supergold holder already living on a shrinking budget ,I certainly do not approve of the 12.5% rate increase.

In recent times unnecessary monies have been spent, despite opposition from ratepayers on local projects eg. The Mountain Jade building(ongoing) and the resulting shambles of Revell street.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Karl Feyen

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49A Cuttance Rd Okuru

Organisation

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I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

i wish to disagree with the proposed increase in rates of 12.5 % .

For us down here we get nothing in exchange for our rates apart for maintenance of a gravel road . we even have to pay to drop our rubbish off at the dump even though we pay for rubbish in our rates , we have no water or sewerage connected as we do all that ourselves , so what are we paying for ? . I am absolutely over paying of extra administration for nothing in return .

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Judy Wilson

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Organisation

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Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I think its time the councilors selected by those who voted for them start to listen to them, they have been there long enough to know that you are there to represent us and NOT for your own individual agenda

We would all like the best Street and latest skate parks etc IF we could afford them but it's time to face reality and get the basics on track. Latham

your grandiose ideas are on track if we weren't in debt and our rates were having reasonable increases BUT this is not the case. God only knows how some home owners will be able to cover the exorbitant increases we are incurring year after year. Listen to the voter's and ratepayers if you want to get back in next election.

Emma Rae

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Naomi Kilkelly

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348 Woodstock Rimu Road
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Organisation

Resident

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not agree to the 12.5% rate increase, especially when it is 2.5x more than the rate limit. There has been enough money wasted in the community on needless projects of late for example the one way system in Revell Street. Also \$45000 on entrance banners to the town.

There needs to be some more clarification on what the increase in repairs and maintenance is. I also disagree with the increased remuneration and increased staff numbers.

The times are challenging for many residents in the community and these increases are adding to the stresses that many are facing. Rates increasing at such an alarming rate, pensioners will not be able to afford to live especially those on sole pensioner incomes. Low income families and single parent families are also finding it challenging in these times. Incomes do not increase at the rate the expenses are so when you see money that is spent on unnecessary items such as the entrance banners and other silly expenses that the council seem to be creating it puts pressure on the most important asset of the town , the people.

Emma Rae

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Amethyst Cloughley

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Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

A 12.5 percent rate rise would cripple many low income home earners and renters already struggling to pay rising prices of housing and living. This would not benefit the people of the area at all and is a higher rate than a council is allowed to do. The rates here are already more than many cities.

Emma Rae

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Hannah's Clearing
Haast

Organisation

Wednesday Jan 19, 2022

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I "do not approve of the 'proposed' 12.5% rate increase.. With the cost of living rising every day it is hard enough making ends meet without any more expenses.

My understanding is that the Council should be working for its constituent's and don't feel by raising our rates that this is helping anyone especially over the last two years of Covid.

I have concerns about the councils plans for the old Mountain Jade building. I would like to see the business case that was put forward for it..

What is the rationale for moving the Library from a building with rent of \$49k pa plus some maintenance costs.. into a building which will conservatively cost \$225k pa.. Based on the debt servicing alone.. (On \$4.5mill) without paying down any debt. Are you still going to move the museum into there too.. after we have just spent a couple of mill to reno it..

Honestly I am sick and tired of so called Councilors and Politicians wasting hard earned money. Enough is enough.

Emma Rae

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Jo Birnie

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Organisation

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Chris Mathieson

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Organisation

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Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I am totally opposed to the 12.5% rate increase, yet another increase. Soon people won't be able to afford to live in their own homes especially the pensioners.

You need to buckle up your ideas and start working and looking after the people of this town.

Instead of spending money on ridiculous things like its going out of fashion, spend it on the nessesities and only spend when you have the money to do so and not at an extreme cost to the ratepayers.

Too many yes men in this council, it needs a good shake up and wake up call for the good of the people.

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Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 6:28 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

Sub # 86

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Name

Karyn Davis

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

12A Alpine View
Hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not approve of the proposed 12.5% rate increase.

It is Councils, as our elected representatives, responsibility to be fiscally responsible and an increase that is 2.5 times more than the rate limit is totally unacceptable.

I do not agree with \$189,802 for increased remuneration or increased staff numbers. I find this figure grossly disrespectful to your ratepayers in these economic times.

I do not agree with \$40,949 increase for Specific activities Parks and Reserves. What specific activities?

I do not agree with \$86,612 increase for Township development.

I would like more details of the \$338,331 proposed increase for Repairs and maintenance.

I do not agree with \$423,461 increase for the Capital projects.

\$45,000 on entrance banners to Westland is excessively wasteful and an insult to your ratepayers, many of whom are struggling to make ends meet at this time.

I do not agree with the proposed changes to fees for the Resource management

I would like more information on the calculations undertaken to justify a proposed charge of \$150 per hour for administration staff charge out. This is exorbitant and given the amount to time it is projected

to take totally unacceptable.

I do agree with the waste management charges.

I would like more information on the update of the library and proposed changes.

I would like more information on the Pakiwaitara building and is this business case study available, assuming one has been done?

Many of your loyal ratepayers are struggling and many have suffered significant financial impact from COVID-19 and it will take them many months to recover. I do not believe as a council you are being responsible or respectful for your ratepayers.

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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The following feedback has been received:

Name

Phil Barker

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

105 Weld Street

Organisation

Stopforths Motels LTD

Please select one of the following:

I would like to speak to Council about my submission through a remote option (Zoom link or telephone)

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not agree with your proposed 12.5% rate increase.

You all know this is wrong please hold up on any big projects until the next election.

Council is not and should not be getting into business it should be left with private investment.

As a business owner/operator we are doing our best holding out for International tourism however our recovery will be long and difficult. We have received ABSOLUTELY NO relief from local government over the last two/three years.

Its time to be fiscally prudent and keep the rate increase under the inflation rate 6.9 %.

No need for think big please use the top four inches and make decisions that benefit the future of Westland who you all swore to represent. This may change but its not the time for excessive spending now.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 7:32 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

Sub # 88

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The following feedback has been received:

Name

Justine baird

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

Kokatahi hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

We do not agree with a 12.5% rate increase when money is being constantly squandered on things ratepayers are objecting to.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 7:34 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

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Name

Andrew Baird

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

Kokatahi HOKITIKA

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

We do not agree with the 12.5% rate increase

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 8:19 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

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The following feedback has been received:

Name

Miriam mcclunie

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

83 Brickfield Road
Blue Spur

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I certainly do not agree to a 12.5% rates increase.

Emma Rae

From: Reds Mechanical Services [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 8:30 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Rates increase

Sub # 91

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We do not agree with the 12.5% rates increase, we get nothing from our rates as it is, street lights that don't work, moss growing on the road down Awarua Place, they just go up up up and up and nothing more from them, we have all had enough, it would be different if we saw the money put back into the Haast community or town but nothing.

Ash Cron
6 Awarua Place
Haast

Sent from my iPad

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 8:47 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

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The following feedback has been received:

Name

Chris Kruhlak

Email



Address

3 tramway

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

Here is my submission. It's time that the elected members start delivering for the ratepayers. The Mountain Jade Building strong public opposition yet you pushed ahead, The Revell Street one way system strong public opposition yet you pushed ahead with it, without proper budgets planning and an absolute disregard for the costs being put onto rate payers. Now you sit there on the top floor in election year proposing 12.5% rate increase?, What are you going to deliver for this increase?, More staffing higher wages and in a time when inflation is soaring interest rates are rising and yet you all think this is business as usual. It's time you start putting the hard word on the man in charge. Deliver an efficient streamlined service within the bounds you currently have and achieve what you have been employed to do at a great salary rate. It's time the ratepayers start seeing value for money. Enough of the excuses and outside factors. We are all living through a post covid world and doing it hard. Even Jacinda Ardern is trying to make it easier by reducing taxes on petrol etc. Your satisfaction rating is through the floor! Why is that? Is it because you don't listen to rates payers and just push ahead with fanciful ideals, with no regard for how this affects lower income families within our district. 12.5% is 2.5 times the level of increase agreed by council to maintain. STOP go back to the drawing board reprioritize spending and start leveling the playing field. Skateparks and the Mountain Jade big white elephant. A sensible business ceo would be looking now and reducing overheads and delivering options for selling the mountain jade building and lessening the loss. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH you can't keep flogging the ratepayers every time you want to push ahead with a nice to have.

Emma Rae

From: John & Allison Sutton [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 8:55 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Rates increase proposal

Sub # 93

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Dear Westland District Council Planning staff.

Re the
WDC Daft annual plan proposed 12.5% rates increase.

As an owner of a property at 26 Neil's Beach Road I object to the 12.5% proposed rates increase, My wife and I are both pensioners with limited income, we think this added cost is unwarranted being that the only service we believe we use is the Roothing to actually get there and back.

If our Neil's Beach home was close to some major settlement on the west coast where we would have the opportunity to use some of the other services provided we may think differently.

We definitely object.

Thankyou

Regards

John and Allison Sutton
475 Clyde-Alexandra Road
RD 1
ALEXANDRA 9391

[REDACTED]

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 8:58 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

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Jane Brownie

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

45 Hoffman St

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not support the 12.5% rate increase. I am also unhappy about the purchase of the Jade Factory building as I believe it was not a good use of ratepayers money. I also do not believe that Revell St needed to become a one way street with some planter boxes. I believe believe we need to focus on the infrastructure we require for healthy water, waste management and other core services.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 9:23 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

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Lucy Croft

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

74 Seddons Terrace, hokitika

Organisation

N/a

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I strongly oppose to the rates increasing. There is no adequate justification to the increases. The people of Westland cannot afford this and the increase will tip many families over the edge.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 9:41 pm
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Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

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Name

Jonathon Ross

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

152 bealey street hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

These high rate rises every year are getting beyond a joke... there is no need for it.. Just seems like need less spending at best. If it keeps up No one will be able to afford to live here in the future what will you do then. I think there needs to be some reflection done and decide on what is important and whats nice to have. Get it sorted team please before no one can afford to live here..

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 10:35 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

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Name

Rochelle Molina

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

20 Racecourse Terrace Rise
RD2
Hokitika 7882

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

Hello,

First off, these plans should be printed and sent to each house in Westland like a newspaper. We do not know much about this until someone posted on facebook and as someone who has missed to share feedback before, I am a bit sad that I almost missed to share feedback again. Please also state how feedback is handled and send back to each household in a printed manner, if possible.

I do not approve of the proposed 12.5% rate increase.

It is Council's responsibility to be fiscally responsible and an increase that is 2.5 times more than the rate limit is no acceptable or responsible.

Council should manage their rate increase within the limit of 5%, which they set.

I do not agree with \$189802 for increased remuneration or increased staff numbers.

I do not agree with \$40949 increase for Specific activities Parks and Reserves.

I do not agree with \$86612 increase for Township development.

I would like more details of the \$338331 proposed increase for Repairs and maintenance.

I do not agree with \$423461 increase for the Capital projects, \$45000 on entrance banners to Westland is excessive and wasteful in tough and challenging times for your ratepayers.

I do not agree with the proposed changes to fees for the Resource management

I would like more information on the calculations undertaken to justify a proposed charge of \$150 per hour for administration staff charge out, is this based on qualifications, experience, type of work?

I do agree with the waste management charges.

I would like more information on the update of the library and proposed changes.

I would like more information on the Pakiwaitara building and is business case study available, assuming one has been done?

These are tough times for many ratepayers and many have suffered significant financial impact from covid-19 (South Westland), I do not believe as a council you are being responsible financially for your ratepayers.

Thank you and Kind Regards,
Rochelle

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Monday, 6 June 2022 1:38 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

Sub # 98

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The following feedback has been received:

Name

Kate Gardner

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

340 Gillams Gully Road

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I totally disagree with the too high proposed rate increases.

Especially living on a gravel road which always needs grading, it should be tar sealed all the way along not a bit here and there. and lack of other services we get for our money.

I also totally disagree with buying and spending so much money in the mountain Jade building, Revell St one way fiasco, council is spending far too much money with no consultation to its very small rate payer base. Please stop spending all our money before we're all forced to live elsewhere because we can't afford to live here.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Monday, 6 June 2022 2:18 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

Sub # 99

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Name

Jah-vana

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

Beach street

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

Absolutely disgusting. What is wrong with you people.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Monday, 6 June 2022 7:50 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

Sub # 100

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The following feedback has been received:

Name

Glenys Byrne

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

177 Bealey Street
Hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not approve of the proposed 12.5% rate increase.

It is Council's responsibility to be fiscally responsible and an increase that is 2.5 times more than the rate limit is no acceptable or responsible.

Council should manage their rate increase within the limit of 5%, which they set.

I do not agree with \$189802 for increased remuneration or increased staff numbers.

I do not agree with \$40949 increase for Specific activities Parks and Reserves.

I do not agree with \$86612 increase for Township development.

I would like more details of the \$338331 proposed increase for Repairs and maintenance.

I do not agree with \$423461 increase for the Capital projects, \$45000 on entrance banners to Westland is excessive and wasteful in tough and challenging times for your ratepayers.

I do not agree with the proposed changes to fees for the Resource management

I would like more information on the calculations undertaken to justify a proposed charge of \$150 per hour for administration staff charge out, is this based on qualifications, experience, type of work?

I do agree with the waste management charges.

I would like more information on the update of the library and proposed changes.

I would like more information on the Pakiwaitara building and is business case study available,

assuming one has been done?

These are tough times for many ratepayers and many have suffered significant financial impact from covid-19 (South Westland), I do not believe as a council you are being responsible financially for your ratepayers.

Get rid of Destination Westland, bring it in house.

Emma Rae

From: Trisha Nolan [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, 6 June 2022 8:47 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission

Sub # 101

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I submit that I disagree with the proposed rates increase.

Trisha Nolan
Haast

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Monday, 6 June 2022 9:16 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

Sub # 102

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The following feedback has been received:

Name

Gabriel Newton

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

28 tramway street ross

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I would like to see the rates stay the same. People are struggling financially and we should all struggle together.

Not pay more tax to make council continue spending as normal while the rest of us go deeper into dept

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Monday, 6 June 2022 9:53 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

Sub # 103

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The following feedback has been received:

Name

Jacinta Holtrigter

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

Woodstock-Rimu Rd

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

Rates creeping up too much.

Emma Rae

From: Tracey Dinan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 6 June 2022 10:23 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Rate Increase

Sub # 104

This email is from an external sender. Be careful when opening any links or attachments. If you are unsure, please contact IT for assistance.

Dear representatives of the ratepayers of the West Coast our Westland District Council,

Enough is enough.. our rates keep getting pushed higher and higher. I DO NOT APPROVE of the 'proposed' 12.5% rate increase.

Times are hard enough at the moment and there is no quick fix, so surely as a responsible council, you should be being as conservative as possible with the spending that we as ratepayers will ultimately have to pay for.

I would have thought that the best interest of your ratepayers should be first and foremost when considering massive council spending. There will always be infrastructure spending to keep everything running smoothly but considering the 'tough' times that lie ahead, I believe the WDC should be thinking very carefully about every dollar they spend on behalf of their ratepayers.

I copy pasted the below from a post on Facebook, thought it had some valid points.

What is the rationale for moving the Library from a building with rent of \$49k pa plus some maintenance costs.. into a building which will conservatively cost \$225k pa.. Based on the debt servicing alone.. (On \$4.5mill) without paying down any debt. Are they still going to move the museum into there too.. after we have just spent a couple of mill to reno it..

And that's the best case scenario.. We all know about 'projected' costs.. and for every million that runs over budget you can add another \$50k per year in servicing.

Kind regards,

Haast resident

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Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Monday, 6 June 2022 10:34 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

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Name

Kystal-Leigh Sowman

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

219 hampden St hokitika

Organisation

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I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not approve of the proposed 12.5% rate increase.

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I would like more information on the Pakiwaitara building and is business case study available, assuming one has been done?

These are tough times for many ratepayers and many have suffered significant financial impact from covid-19 (South Westland), I do not believe as a council you are being responsible financially for your ratepayers.

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Monday, 6 June 2022 10:35 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

Sub # 106

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Name

Nathan Sowman

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

219 hampden St hokitika

Organisation

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Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

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Emma Rae

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To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

Sub # 107

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The following feedback has been received:

Name

Greg Maitland

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

89 Cement Lead rd Blue Spur

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I would like to speak to Council about my submission in the meeting in the Council Chambers

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

Submission to

Westland District Council Draft Annual Plan 2022 / 2023

Greg Maitland
89 Cement Lead Rd
Blue Spur
Hokitika
5/6/2022

There were several news headlines this past week that should strongly influence the direction that Council is heading towards and hopefully create a serious rethink as to that direction in order to regain any ratepayer confidence, including the ability for low income ratepayers to afford their rates.

Council must recognise the level of both Global, Government and also personal debt in New Zealand and the effect that debt will have moving forward.

The decision to move on the development of the Racecourse at this time certainly doesn't bode well for rate payers .

Westland District Council has clearly not demonstrated the skill set to realise a successful subdivision off Pine Tree Rd that has remained an eyesore for many years. On this basis I have very little confidence that there will be a successful outcome in regards to development at the racecourse. As I understand , and I stand corrected if Im wrong that the property in question is under ownership of Westland District Properties LTD and Westroads. Which if it is the case in reality, owned by the ratepayers.

In regard to the development of the Hokitika Racecourse I would like Council to consider the following important points.

1 What is the cost benefit to all Westland District Rate Payers . Will it in the longer term create a reduction in the cost of rates What return to Ratepayers will be expected? Do you have sound evidence and a guarantee that such a development will result in a rates reduction?

2. what are both the long and short term predictions for “ New Build” property sales in Hokitika.

3 Considering that Westland Milk Products is Hokitika’s largest employer, one must also consider the global price of fertiliser and the impact that will have on WMP business and just as importantly on skyrocketing local food prices.

An article in the CHCH Press last week stated a concerning rise in the shoplifting of such basic items as potatoes.

4 What impact will the NZ Governments “ Emissions Reduction Plan” have on development . This Plan will have a massive impact on costs as the cost of energy is the hinge pin for the entire economy. This Governments propensity to cast willy nilly tax payer money for shovel ready projects that are often no more than a stab in the dark to gain more votes (Cost of Jobs for nature , \$200,000 per job as just one example.) Then there are situations where Government funds half projects leaving councils to fund the other half . Projects that may sound good but not really needed yet can further the burden on ratepayers when there are cost overruns . A risk recently alluded to by an astute WCRC councillor.

5 How will the meteoric rising costs of building materials and the availability of such increase the liability risk to Ratepayers .

Another recent article in the Press had Christchurch City councillors on the blame game for the \$200 million blowout of the “Christchurch City Stadium”,after they had been assured that they had the right people on board to see it through.

I doubt there will be any substantial accountability on anyone should the project fail? It is scenarios such as these that severely erodes the public confidence of ratepayers. I can see the same scenario play out with the Hokitika Racecourse should it go ahead . If there is to be any development of the Race course I want it sold to a commercial developer with the appropriate zoning in place. That will show council it’s true market value and potential without risk to ratepayers.

6. Consultation, The recent damming ratepayer confidence survey resulted in some Councillors stating “ we need to do better at consulting, getting the facts out there”

Therefore I was surprised to hear that a meeting was called for Interested parties to discuss a plan as to what options on the future use of the racecourse site would be.

Considering my previously mentioned concerns I believe it would have been more encompassing of ratepayers if Council had asked for the attendance of any Ratepayers that may have concerns as to how their rate money could be spent and what risks could be involved . Rather it appears that Ideas will be asked for then full steam ahead ,supported by a ratepayer funded “ Master Plan” of \$1,100,000 and accompanied by a \$896,000 Stormwater fund.

I want to see all such proposals stopped. The development is not necessary at this tight fiscal point in time . In fact it simply jeopardises the very livelihoods and existents of many low income families who have the right to live here.

In Regard to the Pakiwaitara fit out.

I want the building sold as is. What has been proposed to date including the \$2,343,200 fit out plus the \$896,000 earthquake strengthening is not in the long term interests or pockets of Westlands rate payers. Council has not demonstrated a viable financial return on proposed investment nor do projections going forward in the current economic climate indicate that there will be any positive outcomes in the near or long term future . With Inflation running at 5.9% Dec 2021 and the Reserve Banks predictions that the OCR will continue to rise does not bode well for Ratepayers or Council .

The building is a nice to have and is not integral to the successful running of Council services .

Museum.

In the past The charm of the Hokitika Museum lay in its simplicity and unique Hokitika Westcoast flavour , The stuffed birds, old Maori artefacts, Gold dredge model and jewel in the crown ,The old Jail complete with ball and chain, A true moment of reflection of our past for young and old . Earthquake strengthening was money well spent . However I totally disagree with the proposed fit out and management by a Trust Board. I don't feel the design has any real authenticity, is merely a recreation, it probably won't even smell musty and as for the proposed "art Works to adorn the lawn outside ,I believe they would easily slip into the Art Pollution basket. Displaying Reproduction garments from a movie would be fine for a temporary exhibition but definitely not for permanent display. Simplicity and authenticity I feel is the key people would be much more inspired by the real deals from the past.

Parks and reserves. \$1,207,840.00

I disagree with spending so much on Cass Square. It was stated by one Councillor that there was a loud and clear message from ratepayers that they wanted an upgrade of facilities at Cass Square. I would be interested to know just what percentage of Ratepayers called for it Could I suggest it was less than 1% of all ratepayers. In My opinion Hokitika seems to get a generous slice of the funding cake in comparison to other communities in Westland and the proposal to spend such a huge amount on Cass Square is testimony to that . I would like the budget for Cass Square reduced to \$350,000 and leave the skatepark as is. I would also like to see the Wild foods rent for the ground reflect the actual cost of remediation . Which clearly to date, it is not, considering money already spent and that it nearly dried out last summer .

Wilderness Trail.

In the past many correspondents to our local newspaper have stated that when the cycle trail was setup that according to Council that "no ratepayer money would be used for it " I believe it is a great asset however until Council finds away to fund it without spending the proposed \$910,000. It clearly has a benefit for some commercial enterprises . But there is no denying the \$920,000 is part of the massive unsustainable rate rise that many Low income rate payers are facing .

I'm not sure if Commercial users of the cycle trail have to pay concessions or not . But they should.

Vegetation Clearance.

Considering the councils rules regarding vegetation clearance. I ask Council to make an alignment with the Buller District plan and allow a within 5 year timeframe, the clearance of up to 5,000 sq meters per property to allow the same right for Westland property owners . until such time as the TTP long term plan is sorted. The present rules of only allowing a clearance of 2000 square metres is onerous and stifles at best land owners who in the face of the looming SNA land theft from being able to do anything meaningful on their own private property.

A moment of reflection.

Growing up in Hokitika since the early 1950's I have noticed little change in both the infrastructure and population . We've always had a Library, a Museum, Cass Square. A swimming pool, Sewerage

disposal. Water, Stormwater. a Council building, Rugby fields. Rubbish dump A small team of parks roads and reserves workers, prior to the the demise of the Westland County Council (often considered NZ's most efficient council)

We still have much the same except for Westroads, maybe better storm water pumps plus a plethora of toilets. and a vast improvement on the dump .

Yet a council staff of over 70 . We must ask ourselves Where is the advantage what really have we achieved with such a top heavy governance and compliance culture? I would have to say , Very little.

In summary

and to coin a term from the past “ to cut the cloth to suit the purse”

and of course

“The success of a society is measured by the status of the least well off”

Thank you for reading my submission

Greg Maitland

Draft Annual Plan 2022/2023.
Consult@westlanddc.govt.nz

Name: **Don Neale**

Organisation: N/A (personal submission)

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: 217 Sewell St, Hokitika

I am not able to speak to Council about my submission.

CASS SQUARE CHARGES: Cass Square charges should be increased to better reflect the actual costs of field provision and maintenance.

The very low charge for sports users of Cass Square continues to astound me (\$175 for touch, softball & cricket, \$953 for rugby & soccer). Especially considering that the sports the WDC subsidises at Cass Square – rugby, cricket and soccer - are among the richest in NZ, and they also remain very heavily male-dominated. As a comparison, our Hokitika Hockey Club (one of the 5 clubs in the West Coast Hockey Association's competition) pays about \$3000 per year for use of the Westurf Stadium in Greymouth.

I do support WDC providing some support for sport and recreation because it's good for our health and wellbeing, but how about supporting a wider range of sports, and more female sports, with some of the Council's funds?

WASTE DISPOSAL: I support the waste management charges. Please resist any pressure to increase the size of domestic rubbish bins or make waste disposal cheaper. I do not want my rates paying for an ever-increasing waste stream. WDC should continue to redirect its waste management efforts towards a reduction of waste. Some encouragement of home composting and glass disposal might be worthwhile.

MUSEUM: I support WDC efforts to establish a board to govern the museum and enhance its future. The Museum is an important asset for the district and for NZ.

RATES INCREASE: I'm concerned about the rates increases under the current economic situation. I accept that Council does need to be adequately funded through rates, but projects need to be carefully considered, and trimmed where possible.

DEMOCRACY AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: I would like to see more community consultation and involvement in some of the projects, especially those relating to community facilities and spaces. The community deserves to know what's planned for the places that they value and use, and to be allowed opportunities to influence those plans.

Emma Rae

From: david kirkwood [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 6 June 2022 11:49 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Rate increase for Westland district council

Sub # 109

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Dear Representatives of Westland District council,
At Haast we get bugger all as it is from Westland District Council therefore we object to any increase at all for the coming rates year 2022/2023.
While we are on the subject how about putting some street lights on Marks Road.
From two concerned Haast residents
[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Monday, 6 June 2022 11:51 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

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The following feedback has been received:

Name

Mauryne and Bob Cannell

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

1964 Haast Jackson Bay Road, Hannahs Clearing.

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

We DO NOT APPROVE of the 'proposed' 12.5% - 13.82% rate increase for residential Haast ratepayers. There should be no increase in rates as we have none or very few services in this area - we have never seen any improvements in any services, yet our rates keep going up. None of the villages, apart from the Haast township, that make up the ratepayer base have any essential services - we provide our own water and sewerage. Hannahs Clearing has a substandard footpath, which is covered in moss and lichen and broken up in places, making it unsafe for elderly residents who live in Hannahs. There are limited dump facilities for the area.

Westland District Council needs to have more responsible spending of our rates not only for the Hokitika area but for all of the ratepayers.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Monday, 6 June 2022 12:38 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

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The following feedback has been received:

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Amanda Pamela Deans

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

16 O'Leary Place Neil's Beach - ratepayer

6 Bob Lee Place, Wanaka 9305 for correspondence.

Organisation

Individual

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

We object to the proposed 12.5% rates increase. Neil's Beach residents do not receive anything from WDC. No water, no sewage scheme, no rubbish collection, no stormwater drainage. In addition we have to pay (via WCRC) additional rates to them for beach erosion control. This additional fee is on top of the residents creating a bund along the beach and paying for it.

We suggest you exclude Neil's Beach residents from any rates increase over 5% for the coming rating year.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Stephen Dalley

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

5 Hokitika-Kaniere Tramway, Kaniere.

Organisation

Private Ratepayer

Please select one of the following:

I would like to speak to Council about my submission through a remote option (Zoom link or telephone)

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

Submission on WDC Annual Plan - 6th May 2022

Stephen Dalley

Kaniere Ratepayer

I wish to speak to my submission.

WDC spending is out of control and there needs to be a handbrake put on non-urgent council spending. Our region has one of the lowest household income rates in NZ and how did we allow rates to become for many households almost their highest annual expense.. I would hazard a guess that for many ratepayers, that rate bill is greater than their fuel, power, heating and in many cases perhaps even food..

This is NOT an acceptable situation.. especially given that it is an expense not of their choosing, and one they seem to have no control over.

The NZ Taxpayers Union 2021 Ratepayers report identifies 59 of NZ's 67 Districts Councils pay lower rates than WDC ratepayers. Not because those councils have a higher rating base over which to spread the burden of community costs.. In fact 12 of those councils paying less than us have less ratepayers. Perhaps these councils have simply learned to manage their resources according to their income. Maybe in these difficult times it would be more appropriate to focus on "need to haves" rather than "nice to haves"

For instance why are we spending \$4.5 million on the Mountain Jade building.. for what?? To relocate the museum after we just spent millions to renovate it. Move the library from a building that costs \$49,000 a year to a building that will cost.. \$225,000 per year.. Where was the business case to support this purchase.. What will be servicing costs on the \$4.5 mill \$6.5 by the time projected budgets have blown out.. given that every million over adds at least another \$50k pa and how is this going to be

covered. This building should be sold off now and save ratepayers from a huge rates drain in the future.

Spending \$45, 000 for entrance banners and \$75,000 on tourism signage!! Our town is not so big that people can't walk around it in an hour or so.. and if some businesses want to put direction signs pointing to their businesses from the main centre then let.. and let them pay for it.. This is what should have happened with Revel Street, ratepayers should not have paid to build FIVE decks on Revel Street.. at \$160,000?? There was already a successful model, at Stella, and all that was needed was to offer the various food establishments the use of ONE car park outside their premises.. If they wanted a deck then they could have built and paid for it themselves.. AND maintained it, and managed it on a daily basis.. it didn't need to cost ratepayers anything..

The one-way aspect has added nothing to the usability of the street and its decks and eateries. In fact, now with vehicles reversing out blinded by the car next to it, it has only served to make maneuvering down that Street more precarious. There was never a problem to be solved.. and with the angle parking there is also now less room for delivery vehicles to double park outside shops while making drop offs.

While it is good to support local businesses, since when did tourists' needs become more important than ratepayers' needs.. Not everyone is involved in tourism.. and If ratepayers are to fund the tourism industry why not the building industry or the health industry, the automotive industry, gold mining etc..

Spending some of that money on the roads.. and footpaths.. How about a few grand to fix the judder bars that mark the entrance to our town. I.E. the railway crossing. Does anyone know how annoying that is.. bad enough for regular vehicles, but especially so for big motorhomes.. and tourist buses.. I would say that fixing that would provide a more positive effect on visitors than some banners..

In summary, I believe that the council should be fiscally prudent with ratepayers funds and not spend thousands or millions on issues that do not directly benefit the 'majority' of ratepayers. These are tough times and the future for many is uncertain.. This is not the time for frivolous spending..

Emma Rae

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Gwyneth Barr

Email

[REDACTED]

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112 Kaniere Road Kaniere Hokitika

Organisation

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I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I oppose the rate increase of 12.5%, costs are high enough. Rates have already gone up enough. Rates are higher for Hokitika than other more expensive towns or cities.

Emma Rae

From: Dave Rochford [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 6 June 2022 1:31 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Draft Annual Plan

Sub # 114

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I do not approve of the proposed 12.5% rate increase.

It is Council's responsibility to be fiscally responsible and an increase that is 2.5 times more than the rate limit is not acceptable or responsible.

Council should manage their rate increase within the limit of 5%, which they set.

I do not agree with \$189802 for increased remuneration or increased staff numbers.

I do not agree with \$40949 increase for Specific activities Parks and Reserves.

I do not agree with \$86612 increase for Township development.

I would like more details of the \$338331 proposed increase for Repairs and maintenance.

I do not agree with \$423461 increase for the Capital projects, \$45000 on entrance banners to Westland is excessive and wasteful in tough and challenging times for your ratepayers.

I do not agree with the proposed changes to fees for the Resource management

I would like more information on the calculations undertaken to justify a proposed charge of \$150 per hour for administration staff charge out, is this based on qualifications, experience, type of work?

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Emma Rae

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Jacquelyn Cadigan

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

180 Kaniere Road

Organisation

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Emma Rae

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Karrene McCarthy

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Fox Glacier Highway 6 Franz Josef Glacier

Organisation

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Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I do not approve the 12.5% rate increase

Emma Rae

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Rachel Black

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1976A Haast-Jackson Bay Road

Organisation

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I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

No rates increases this year, its madness to do this as things stand!

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Monday, 6 June 2022 3:27 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2022/2023 feedback

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Katrina

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Hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I oppose to the rates increase. I believe that in the last budget WDC has around 10 million dollars unallocated. Why would you then increase our rates during a time that many people are already financially struggling?

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Monday, 6 June 2022 3:42 pm
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Name

Olivia Van Dissel

Email

[REDACTED]

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107 Weld Street

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

Dear Westland District Council

A proposed rate increase of over 12% in one year is not acceptable. The price of inflation per year is just over 2% and there are a lot of house holds whose income do not increase by even that amount per year.

We are living in hard times, I come from the tourism industry where I was working as a manger and my pay reflected that. Due to the pandemic myself and my husband lost our jobs and relocated back to the coast. We were fortunate to buy a house before the prices increased. However we both had to find employment in new industries, taking a pay cut.

We love Hokitika and all the coast has to offer but the council here is a joke. Stop spending money on oneway streets and buildings that will replace services we already have.

Sincerely

Olivia Van Dissel

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Monday, 6 June 2022 3:53 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
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The following feedback has been received:

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Inger Perkins

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

231 Revell Street

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

I recognise the challenges being faced by the Council, external pressures and the need to attract quality people for vacancies.

However I'd like to register disappointment at the high level of increase in our rates, again, albeit flagged in the LTP.

Alongside other increases in cost of living, higher rates bills will impact many.

The Council needs to weigh up additional costs and new projects on a scale of essential to nice to have, and include sustainability in the analysis. Although I support such projects and see the value for our community, the Council could consider seeking other sources of funding for tourism and heritage focussed projects.

My key concern is the higher cost to residents of rates in Westland alongside the higher staff numbers and costs when compared to the other two coast councils. Why is that and are there measures that can be taken to remedy and bring Westland more into line?

It also concerns me that new projects are reported to be included "at the request of elected members". I presume that there will be more to these new projects than a Councillor's whim, but it would be helpful to have that explained and the reasoning for the proposed capex, where the idea came from, what other proposals have been excluded, the value to the community etc.

I acknowledge that times are tough and the whole process is enormously challenging.

Thank you

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
Sent: Monday, 6 June 2022 4:41 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
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Sub # 121

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The following feedback has been received:

Name

Shane Lang and Kim McPherson

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

1203 Old Christchurch Road

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not need to speak to Council about my submission

Please let us know your thoughts about what we are proposing in our Annual Plan 2022/2023

Review of fees and charges - you say above that you are increasing at least at CPI - I don't understand how 33% increases on your fees is any where near the 5.9%?

These increases can't continue. What about our seniors - they get a minimal amount of increase per year in their pensions but are expected to find an additional 13.19% per annum to live in their own houses.

What are our seniors supposed to do? there is no pensior flats available, this is driving people into poverty, when they have worked all their lives and want comfortable retirements.

I think a re-evaluation of what is important in these tough times is needed, and the lists need to be what is "necessary", like water treatment, and what is "nice to have" - for example signage, skate park upgrades (\$496,000), wilderness cycle trail (\$910K), digital interactive in museum (\$505,010) and the list goes on.

How do you expect us as rate payers to have to pay more in rates, year after year when it is quite clear that you can't run the council with the rates intake that you receive each year, as we have outlined above in some of the inappropriate spending going forward and you still forecast to run at a 1.2million dollar loss. This level of over spending each year is no longer acceptable. No business would run in this manner year after year.

Emma Rae

From: Simon Bastion
Sent: Tuesday, 7 June 2022 8:47 am
To: Emma Rae
Subject: FW: Safety issues with Wilderness trail.

Importance: High

Hi Emma - can you please add this to the submissions - it came in on Sunday to my email address - the would like to talk to the submission

REgards

Simon Bastion | Chief Executive
Te Kahui o Poutini | Westland District Council
36 Weld Street, Private Bag 704, Hokitika 7842 |
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Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 1:46 pm
To: Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Cc: Paul Davidson <cr.davidson@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Safety issues with Wilderness trail.
Importance: High

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Hi Simon

Yes I will be happy to come and talk to the council about the safety issues.
Can you please let me know the date and time.

Kind regards
Vonnie Cherry
Manager

1128 Woodstock Rimu Road, Hokitika 7883

[REDACTED]

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From: Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 30 May 2022 8:27 am

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Paul Davidson <cr.davidson@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Safety issues with Wilderness trail.

Hi Vonnie – would you like to consider this a submission to the Annual Plan process? That way you can talk to the whole council about your concerns

Regards

Simon Bastion

|
Chief Executive

Te Kahui o Poutini

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, 29 May 2022 11:04 am

To: Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Cc: Paul Davidson <cr.davidson@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Subject: Safety issues with Wilderness trail.

Importance: High

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Good Morning Simon & Paul

I just want to point out some of the safety issues we have with cyclist riding on the narrow road between where they leave our gate and ride north to where the trail starts again and vice versa direction.

We are seeing an increasing number of cyclists on the trail which is awesome.

Our concern is we are getting more large groups which is very worrying because they don't ride in single lane.

Even if they all did ride single lane there are parts of the road that a car just cannot pass safely as you can't see what is coming towards you. I will attached a couple of videos these aren't the best quality but if will give you an idea.

We are also concerned about them leaving our gate and crossing the road to ride south, the small hill makes it impossible to see any traffic coming south.

We have logging trucks coming over this hill which have truck and trailer on and would have no chance of stopping in time. (The speed limit has been reduced to 80k which may help a little, but I still fear for the safety of the cyclists).

Because a lot of the cyclists can be a little shaky on their bikes ,this is a concern as we watch a lot leaving our café .

I have support from Cycle journeys, Kiwi Journeys and the neighbours on Woodstock Rimu Road, we would like you to seriously consider getting the cyclist off the road before we have a serious accident.

I will sent a separate link with video footage.

Kind regards

Vonnie Cherry

Manager

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Emma Rae

From: Council
Sent: Tuesday, 7 June 2022 8:48 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: FW: Submission annual plan

Hi Emma,

Please see email below for your attention.

Regards Jenny

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jacquie Grant [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 5 June 2022 7:24 pm
To: Council <Council.Inbox@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Subject: Submission annual plan

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Councillors the proposed rate rise is unacceptable, as a Council your job is putting it bluntly "to run the show" it is appearing more and more that you have lost all control and the ability to carry out your role.

You need to take back control and start calling the shots, you need to cap rate rises at no more than 5% in your Long term plan and hold staff to that figure, in your annual plan you should strive to be under that mark.

The Museum is a luxury we just cannot afford in its proposed format.

Even though the building has been done up it still remains a building with limited potential as a Museum, it is like Museums all over this country housed in a building not fit for purpose, it was built as a library.

Turning it into some kind of Te Papa theme park is not something Westland can afford.

While it has been great to have outside funding restore the building the Museum Plan as it stands is neither practical nor affordable.

The Museum needs to be handed to a voluntary org with an annual grant, of up to 100 k, by doing it this way we could save up to or possibly over 10% of rates.

I see an empire being built by staff at the expense of Ratepayers .

Look at this practically for a pensioner 80 dollars a week is a huge chunk of cash and for a single income family with say two or three kids rates are a burden that is unaffordable.

Councillors take back control and start calling the shots if you don't you should question your role.

Jacque Grant ONZM
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Hokitika

Yes I want to be heard and may add to this submission at that time.

Sent from my iPhone



Federated Farmers of New Zealand

Submission on Te Kahui o Poutini Westland District Council Draft Annual Plan 2022/23

6 June 2022

SUBMISSION TO WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL ON ITS
ANNUAL PLAN 2022-2023

To: Westland District Council
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Submission on: Annual Plan 2022-2023

Date: 6 June 2022

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*Federated Farmers would like to be heard in support of this submission via
Zoom link.*

SUBMISSION TO WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL ON ITS DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2022-2023

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The West Coast province of Federated Farmers of New Zealand (WCFF) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Westland District Council's draft Annual Plan 2022-2023.
- 1.2 Federated Farmers has a strong membership base in the West Coast District. These are a mixture of dairy, beef and lamb, lifestyle and young farmer memberships. Beef farming is a significant contributor to the Westland District economy, particularly in the southern parts of the district.
- 1.3 The economic importance of the agricultural sector to New Zealand's economy is well established and recognised. The Dairy Cattle Farming industry is the largest employer in West Coast, comprising 6 per cent of all employees. The top industry (by number of self-employed workers) in West Coast is Dairy Cattle Farming (400 self-employed), followed by employment services and accommodation (200 self-employed each) ¹.
- 1.4 Farmers are facing rising costs across the board. Statistics NZ's quarterly Business Price Indexes showed a 3.2% increase in the Farm Expenses Price Index for the March 2022 quarter compared to the December 2021 quarter. There were hefty quarterly rises for fuel (up 17.7%), weed and pest control (up 9.5%), fertiliser (up 9.1%), and electricity (up 7.2%). There were no quarterly declines. On an annual basis, farm expense prices were up 9.7% compared to March 2021. Prices were up across the board with no declines. There were especially big increases for fuel (up 50.7%), fertiliser (up 36.6%), and weed and pest control (up 13.9%).
- 1.5 In addition to these farm expenses, farmers are also facing increasing costs from nationwide regulations on Freshwater quality, Indigenous Biodiversity and Climate Change. Therefore, it is important to farmers that any additional costs arising from local government are justified and that the benefit can be realised by the rural community.
- 1.6 This submission was developed in consultation with the members and policy staff of Federated Farmers of New Zealand. It is important that this submission is not viewed as a single submission, but as a collective one, representing opinions and views of our members.
- 1.7 **West Coast Federated Farmers wishes to be heard in support of its submission via Zoom link.**

2. Summary of recommendations

2.1 Our recommendations on the proposals are:

- **Recommendation 1** - That Council amend the fees and charges structure for Resource Management to differentiate between staffing levels.
- **Recommendation 2** – That Council reduces the rate increase across the Westland District.

¹ <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/11457-regional-factsheet-west-coast-pdf>

3 Review of Fees & Charges

- 3.1 Council is proposing increasing fees and charges to services provided to the community which are private goods, for example: resource management, photocopying, and cemeteries.
- 3.2 Our view is that fees and charges should always be maximised to support the user pays principle. Private goods are enjoyed by individuals therefore private cost recovery is essential. Maximising user pays also reduces the reliance on utilising rates and helps ensure the Council is not breaching its Revenue & Financing Policy.
- 3.3 On the whole, we are largely supportive of the Council's proposed fee increases but offer a suggestion regarding Resource Management staff time.
- 3.4 The Council propose a blanket increase for Resource Management which does not differentiate between staffing levels. By comparison, the Christchurch City Council has a tiered charge rate for planning staff. It is our submission, that such a structure provides a more realistic cost to the benefitting party and reflects the differing experience within the Council itself. While the Planning Team for Westland is likely to be much smaller than that of Christchurch City, there is an opportunity to differentiate from Planner Level 1, 2 and 3 support compared to management support.
- 3.5 The cost comparison to the Christchurch City Council is demonstrated in the following table:

	Christchurch City ²	Westland proposed
Admin	105	180
Planner – Level 1	155	200
Planner Level 2 and 3, specialist junior/int input from another dept	185	200
Senior Planner, Team leader, Manager and specialist senior input from another dept	205	200

- 3.6 As shown above, the proposed personnel costs are flat and could be amended to reflect the actual costs.

Recommendation 1 – That Council amend the fees and charges structure for Resource Management to differentiate between staffing levels.

4 Rates – General Comments

- 4.1 The proposed average increase of 12.5% will have a substantial impact on the entire Westland community. Federated Farmers do not support any rates increases which exceed inflation.
- 4.2 This is a significant increase in an environment where households are already adversely impacted by inflation rises and the aftermath of COVID-19.

² Online at <https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/plans/long-term-plan-and-annual-plans/fees-and-charges/fees-resource-consents>

- 4.3 Federated Farmers acknowledges that the increase for rural communities is on the majority below the average 12.5% increase. This is somewhat encouraging; however Federated Farmers challenges the Council to take more measures to reduce the overall rate increase.
- 4.4 All councils are facing inflationary pressures, yet many are absorbing these costs through deferring projects and accessing reserves. Cost pressures are felt widely across communities, and agriculture is facing rising costs due to political uncertainty, government regulation and Covid 19. There is a widespread impact on 'ability to pay' and proposing an average rate increase which exceeds inflation neglects to consider the pressures faced by our communities.
- 4.5 Compared to a random sample of other councils' proposed rates for 2022-23, Westland's rates increase of 12.5% is high:
- Thames-Coromandel District Council – 2.21%
 - Waimakariri District Council – 4.3%
 - Waipa District Council – 4.3%
 - Christchurch City Council – 4.96%
 - Marlborough District Council – 5.37%
 - Queenstown Lakes District Council – 5.96%
 - Carterton District Council – 6%
 - Selwyn District Council – 6%
 - Stratford District Council – 6.41%
 - Kapiti Coast District Council – 7.5%
 - Invercargill City Council – 7.78%
 - Ashburton District Council – 9.4%

Recommendation 2 - That Council reduces the rate increase across the Westland District.

Other issues

5 Central Government Reforms - Three Waters

- 5.1 WCFF is pleased the Council has joined Communities 4 Local Democracy - He hapori mō te Manapori.
- 5.2 Many (but not all) of our members and elected representatives view this reform with great concern. There is likely to be a loss of regional knowledge and understanding of the assets due to centralization.
- 5.3 Some farm households are connected to council reticulated schemes, so have a vested interest, while others are not connected but contribute to the cost of council's urban water

networks through general rates. We are also very concerned at what will happen with council operated but community owned schemes.

6 About Federated Farmers

6.1 Federated Farmers of New Zealand is a voluntary, member-based organisation with a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand farmers and wider rural enterprises.

6.2 Our members aspire to:

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

West Coast Federated Farmers thanks the Westland District Council for the opportunity to submit on its Annual Plan.

We look forward to speaking in support of our submission.

Bede O'Connor
President – West Coast Province
Federated Farmers of New Zealand