

Consultation Topic 3



Reducing the

District Wide Benefit Rates for water and wastewater

Providing drinking water and disposing of wastewater had been considered by Council to benefit everyone and so some of the cost to deliver these services are covered by all ratepayers. It is labelled as "District Wide Benefit" on your rates account.

As decided in the LTP 2024-34, Council will be installing water meters to all connected properties and introducing a 'user pays' model.

The current approach that all ratepayers contribute to these services even though they are not direct users, does not fit with a user pays model. Council is proposing to start reducing the portion of rates for water and wastewater charged to all rating units in the district.

This will give ratepayers time to adjust to the rate changes. Rates will increase for properties connected to Council water and wastewater services and decrease for those not connected.

The estimated rates impact given on the following pages are based on the proposed budget for 2025/26.

Option 1

Reduce the water and wastewater 'District Wide Benefit' rates (preferred option)

What will this option mean for your rates in 2025/26?

Note: These figures are based on the draft budget for water supply and wastewater treatment in 2025/26.

If your property is connected to the Council drinking water supply in Te Kūiti you would:

Pay \$27 less for the Districtwide Benefit Rate and pay \$41 more for the Connected Water Rate, so the net increase is \$14.

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If your property is connected to Council drinking water supply in Piopio, Maniaiti/Benneydale or Mōkau you would:

Pay \$27 less for the District Wide Benefit Rate and pay \$58 more for the Connected Water Rate, so the net increase is \$31.

- Properties not connected to Council drinking water supply would pay \$27 less for the Districtwide Benefit Rate.

If your property is connected to the Council wastewater system you would:

Pay \$28 less for the District Wide Benefit Rate and pay \$55 more for the Connected Wastewater Rate, so the net increase is \$27.

- Properties not connected to the Council wastewater system would pay \$28 less for the District Wide Benefit Rate.

If your property is not connected to either of Council's water or wastewater system you would:

Pay \$55 less for the District Wide Benefit Rates

Option 2

Status Quo

This option means:

- The District Wide Benefit rates for water and wastewater will continue, and will also increase slightly each year as costs to deliver services increase

Debt impact:

No impact to the debt position from these options.

Level of service impact:

No impact.

