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Requirement
I wish to speak to Council about my submission
Yes

The future of Waitomo District Landfill

I agree with Option 2 - Disposing waste outside the district

My comments on the Landfill

I like the idea that there are people who are utilising our waste as a resource and are finding ways to reuse, recycle, and repurpose. This will prevent an increase of further mining for resources, plastic production, and wasted use of land for rubbish disposal. Although I don't like the idea of transporting waste to be a potential burden on someone else and would love to see innovation lead the way locally, that doesn't seem feasible at this point in time. I would also like to see the Council put a rate cap clause on option 2 so we are not trapped into rising prices to transport waste away.

The future of the Council Owned seawall at Mōkau

Option B - Rate Option 4 : Not replace the Mōkau seawall with General Rate /UAGC District Wide

My comments on the Mōkau Seawall

As Mana Whenua, I do not agree that our Wāhi Tapu (Te Naunau) and our Mana have been ignored. We did not want to see houses built on top of our Urupā in the first place and disagree with new houses being built on Te Naunau when the council knows it is our taonga. The council is in continuous breach of Te Tiriti by allowing consent to build. I would like to see a managed retreat from Te Naunau and our taonga reinstated to its natural state. Until that time, I want the seawall removed along with the unconsented rock walls installed by the building owners. My experience tells me that the major cause of the erosion was the installation of hard engineering walls on the opposite side of the river and if a seawall is built, it will cause more problems somewhere else. If a seawall is rebuilt/repared, knowledgeable Mana Whenua should be engaged as professional consultants to guide the process and be present during all works as cultural monitors.

Reduce the District Wide Benefit Rate for water and wastewater

Option 1: Reduce the District Wide Benefit Rates (Council's Preferred Option)

My comments on reducing the District Wide Benefit Rates for water and wastewater

I know that some rate payers throughout the Waitomo region are not utilising the clean and waste water services but are still paying for it. This is not fair to those trying to live a self-sufficient lifestyle and already reducing the impacts on the mains systems.

Do you agree with our amendments to the Rates Remission Policy?

Yes

Feedback

Do you agree with our amendments to the Revenue and Financing Policy?

Yes

Any feedback?

Would you like to make any further comments?

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