

Submission 026

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From: Kyle Barnes [mailto:kyle.barnes@xtra.co.nz]**Sent:** Monday, 4 May 2015 7:28 a.m.**To:** Brian R. Hanna**Subject:** Submission

Hi Brian,

Sorry I missed the deadline for submissions.

Could I please submit the Tere Waitomo Community Committee Submission below and request to be heard at the hearing.

1 May 2015

The Tere Waitomo Community Trust committee would like to make a submission on the Council's LTP 2015-2025.

The Committee and WDC recently partnered in an award winning Structure Plan for the Waitomo Caves Village.

Council mooted the plan and the community agreed to commit to the plan (funds were garnered from the stakeholders) on the understanding that whilst Beca, the consultants, would not directly address Water and Wastewater, council would work with the owners and come back to community with solutions.

Throughout the development of the Structure Plan and consultation with our community the constant concern was the Waitomo Villages Water and Wastewater system.

Communications with Council always resulted in those concerns being allayed by Council stating that it was working through the delicate process of negotiation with owners and a process of analysing the current system and Council's options. Once this was complete it would return to the community with costs and have discussions about the viability of council taking over those assets.

The committee is concerned that while a clear solution is not apparent the complete lack of funding in the LTP will not give Council the resources it needs to further investigate or purchase the system.

Without this ability we fear the ability to find a solution is compromised.

Our community have committed time and funds to the Structure Plan on the understanding that Water and Wastewater will be addressed.

Tere Waitomo Committee Chair

Kyle Barnes

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