

# Have your say

## Submission Form

Waitomo District Council  
Draft Annual Plan 2025-2026  
Consultation



Send us your feedback  
by 5pm on 30 April 2025

You can share your views by:

### Completing this submission form and returning it to us by

- **Visiting our main office**  
at 15 Queen Street, Te Kūiti
- **Visiting our Customer Service Centre**  
at 160 Rora Street, Te Kūiti
- **Emailing to**  
[haveyoursay@waitomo.govt.nz](mailto:haveyoursay@waitomo.govt.nz)  
(scan and pdf or take a photo)
- **Posting to**  
FREEPOST 112498  
Waitomo District Council  
PO Box 404, Te Kūiti 3941
- **Visiting our website**  
[waitomo.govt.nz/council/haveyoursay/](https://waitomo.govt.nz/council/haveyoursay/)  
and completing the online form

The Local Government Act 2002 requires submissions to be made available to the public. Your name and/or organisation will be published with your submission and made available in a report to elected members and to the public. Other personal information supplied (such as address/email addresses) will be removed from the public copy.

I wish to speak to Council about  
my submission

☒ Yes

☐ No

Hearings will be held on 14-15 May 2025. If you tick Yes, Council will contact you to arrange a time. Attendance can be in person or via Zoom.

### Your details

Full name Keon O'Sullivan

Organisation (if responding on behalf of)

Phone (home/mobile)

Email

Address

Te Kūiti

### Consultation: Amendments to the Rates Remission Policy and Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any feedback on the amendments to the Rates  
Remission Policy and Revenue and Financing Policy?



## Landfill and rubbish bags

There is an increase in landfill charges and the cost of the official WDC rubbish bags due to increasing operating costs and the government's increase in the Emissions Trading Scheme charges and the waste levy.

These costs are incurred for every tonne of waste going to landfill. The tonnage charges will increase by \$15, and the official WDC rubbish bags will increase from \$5.00 to \$5.30.

## Alcohol Licensing

Council is proposing to adopt an Alcohol Bylaw that will allow Alcohol Licensing fees to be set by Council, this will not impact Managers Certificate fees.

[www.waitomo.govt.nz/council/haveyoursay/alcohol-fees-bylaw-2025/](http://www.waitomo.govt.nz/council/haveyoursay/alcohol-fees-bylaw-2025/)

## Elderly housing

Elderly housing weekly rent will increase by \$40 per week as approved in the LTP 2024-2034. Low income earners are eligible for the Central Government funded Accommodation Supplement (AS).

Most of this increase will be covered by the AS. The new prices would be \$190 for a small single, \$200 for a large single, and \$180 for a bed-sit.



## In General

Some of our fees and charges have required more significant increases often due to increased staff time to complete the service or higher contractor costs.

There are some fees and charges that we have been able to maintain at the 2024/25 level as the cost recovery is being met. Slight wording changes have also been made throughout to better describe fees and charges.

Council adopted the Dog Fees and Charges on 25 March 2025. Also some fees are set by legislation such as parking infringements, so are not part of the consultation.



[www.waitomo.govt.nz/media/lotpq1tg/proposed-fees-and-charges-schedule-2025-2026.pdf](http://www.waitomo.govt.nz/media/lotpq1tg/proposed-fees-and-charges-schedule-2025-2026.pdf)





### Consultation: The future of Waitomo District Landfill

We have considered the future of our landfill and whether it is more cost-effective to transport waste outside of the district.

Do you agree with Option 1 - Continued disposal of waste, and expansion of the landfill?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Do you agree with Option 2 - Disposing waste outside the district? (Council's Preferred Option)

☐ Yes

☐ No

My comment on the landfill

Land fill should be kept for future use

eg Sewer waste etc  
Transporting out will cost more over time

Landfill should be self

Supporting been going a long time

### Consultation: Reduce the District Wide Benefit Rates for water and wastewater

Council is proposing to start reducing the district wide rates for water and wastewater charged to all rating units in the district.

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

☐ **Option 2:** Status quo - Continue to charge the District Wide Benefit Rates

users pay

### Consultation: The future of the Council-owned seawall at Mōkau

The Council-built rock seawall at the end of Point Road, Mōkau has degraded and is now irreparable, which means the seawall either needs to be renewed or removed.

We have considered two different options with a range of different ways to fund it.

☐ **Option A - Rate Option 1 :** Renew the Mōkau seawall with a 50:50 rating split (Council's Preferred Option)

☐ **Option A - Rate Option 2 :** Renew the Mōkau seawall with General Rate /UAGC District Wide

☐ **Option A - Rate Option 3 :** Renew the Mōkau seawall with Targeted Fixed Rate to 'Urban Mōkau'

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

☐ **Option B - Rate Option 5 :** Not replace the Mōkau seawall with Targeted Fixed Rate to 'Urban Mōkau'

My comment on this proposal

Leaving door open for

any sea erosion

Mokau Rate Payer problem