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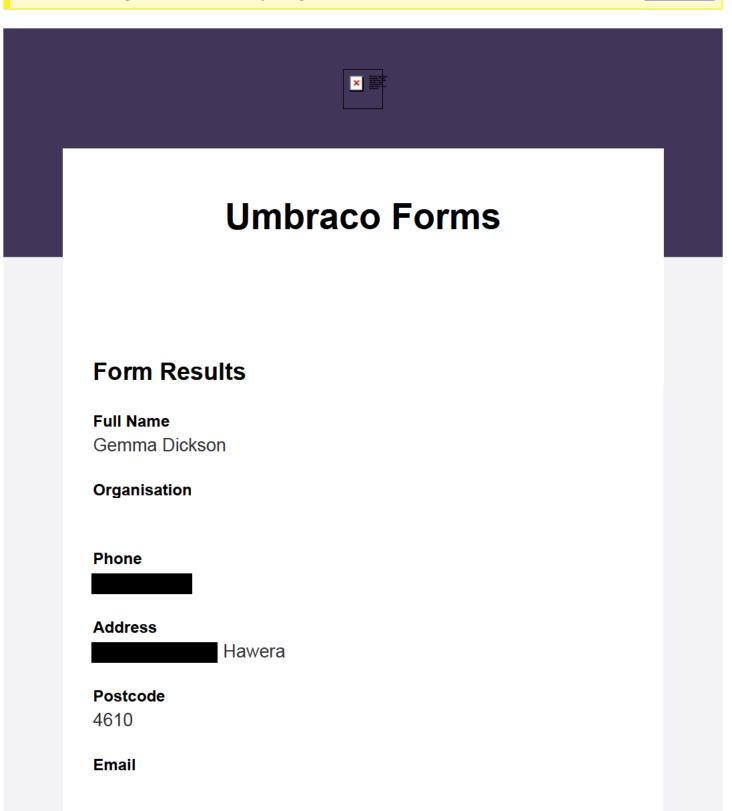
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I wish to speak to Council about my submission

Introduce a targeted or differential rate on the District Roading Rate - Which option do you prefer? :

Option 1

My comments on this proposal

There must be no change to rating structure for forestry. The benefits of long term investment in forestry for the country's carbon neutral/carbon negative future are vast and numerous and must be protected. Any differentiated district roading rate will drive down investment in a green future. Forestry investors are doing you, Council, and the whole of New Zealand, a huge environmental favour. Any additional costs associated with use of the roads by logging trucks are completely offset by the positive benefit to the environment that these forestry trees provide to the community and nationally to New Zealand as a whole. Forestry trucks drive not only on roads managed by this Council, but by many councils by the time they drive to their destination, including nationally maintained roads. Given the national environmental benefit to New Zealand provided by forestry, as Council, instead of increasing rates differentially, you instead need to offset any additional roading costs by obtaining funding from national government. It's that simple.

Te Kūiti flooding remedies

Option 2 - Build retention ponds, storm- water modelling and capacity improvement planning long term (preferred)

My comments on Te Kūiti flooding remedies

Funding and future of our Rural Halls - what should we do?

Option 1 - Status quo. Minimal rate funding with no provision for required repairs

Your comments on the funding and future of our Rural Halls

Elder persons housing - how should we fund it?

Option 1 - Status quo - ratepayers subsidise elder persons housing

Elder persons housing - is Council the best provider for elder persons housing?

Option 1 - Status quo - Council continues to own and operate elder persons housing

Your comments on elder persons housing

Update the Te Kūiti Stormwater Rating Area

Option 2 - Extend the Te Kūiti Urban Rating Area (preferred)

Your comments on updating the Te Kūiti Stormwater Rating Area

Simplifying the rates structure

Option 2 - Simplifying the split of rating costs between General Rate and UAGC. (preferred)

Your comments on simplifying the rates structure

Conversation: Impact of retaining 3 Waters

I agree with keeping the status quo with investing "as and when needed"

I agree with installing water meters

Your comments on our approach to how we will deliver our 3 Waters services

What do you think about our plans for projects and activities?

What do you think about our plans for finances and rates?

Do you have any other feedback on our Draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034? (for example our landfill and sludge disposal)

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