

# SUBMISSION FORM

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Please tick as appropriate. If neither of the boxes are ticked, it will be considered that you do not wish to be heard.

**I WISH TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL ABOUT MY SUBMISSION**       **I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF MY SUBMISSION**

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WAITOMO DISTRICT COUNCIL  
QUEEN STREET, PO BOX 404, TE KUITI 3941

## INDICATE WHICH OPTION YOU SUPPORT FOR OUR SIX PROPOSALS:

### 1 SAFE COMMUNITIES

MY COMMENT:

Council proposes the local establishment of an accredited Safe Community programme using the Safe Communities model. Refer page 9.

Which option do you choose?

#### OPTION 1 (PREFERRED OPTION)

Council should pursue Safe Communities accreditation to support the development of our communities.

OPTION 1

#### OPTION 2:

Council should not pursue the safe communities accreditation.

OPTION 2

#### OPTION 3:

Council should make the Safe Communities initiative an even greater priority and allocate more funding towards it?

OPTION 3

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PLEASE NOTE: Submissions received on the 2018-28 Long Term Plan, will be made publicly available as required by the Local Government Act 2002 and subject to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. This will include name and address of submitters.

**5 PUBLIC TOILETS AT MOKAU AND WAITOMO VILLAGE**

Council is proposing to upgrade the Mokau toilets to more appropriately meet user needs in the 2018/19 financial year (first year of the Long Term Plan).

Council is proposing to invest in public toilet facility at Waitomo Village in 2019/20. However, this will be subject to land ownership being vested to Council for such a facility.

The estimated cost of the two facilities will require an investment of approximately \$320,000 each. Refer page 14.

Which option do you choose?

**OPTION 1 (PREFERRED OPTION)**

Council should apply for external funding from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund (TIF) to cover 50% of the cost of these facilities.

If funding is obtained then proceed with the upgrade at Mokau in 2018/19 and new toilets at Waitomo Village in 2019/20.

OPTION 1

**OPTION 2:**

Council should not proceed with providing the new and upgraded facilities even if the external funding is obtained.

OPTION 2

MY COMMENT:

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**6 FUNDING WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES**

- Council is of the view that the entire District benefits from adequate and environmentally sound Water and Wastewater services and
- these services should cost the same in each community. Refer pages 15-16.

Which option do you choose?

**OPTION 1 (PREFERRED OPTION)**

Council should implement the 'same service same rate' proposal phased in over four years (for water) and include 10% district benefit rate for all rating units across the district.

Under this option the water and sewerage assistance subsidies currently paid by all rating units in the district would be replaced with the district benefit allocation and the Piopio Wider Benefit Rating Area (PWBRA) sewerage rate would be removed.

OPTION 1

**OPTION 2:**

Council should stay with the current funding system which is - you pay for water and sewerage based on where you live and all rating units in the district pay an assistance rate for these services in smaller communities and PWBRA Sewerage rate remains.

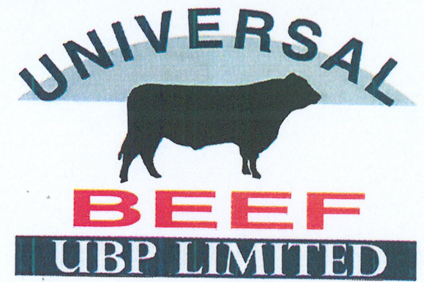
OPTION 2

MY COMMENT:

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ATTACHED:  
NBP LIMITED SUBMISSION  
RELATING TO OPTION 2  
ABOVE:

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### **WATER BY METER RATES**

UBP Limited is totally opposed to the proposal by Council to change the method of funding regarding water under the LTP.

Over the last 10 years UBP has had to endure annual increases on water of 10 % per m<sup>3</sup> from 88 cents 2009 to 215 cents 2018.

When discussing this with the Meat Industry Association we have discovered UBP is paying the top rate for water in NZ.

UBP is in a constant procurement battle with opposition companies within our industry and I can confirm our two closest rivals are paying considerably less for water at 129 cents per m<sup>3</sup> in Morrinsville and 182 in Hamilton..

I have always believed WDC charges were on a "User Pays" criteria however the WDC proposal if adopted completely changes this methodology.

I know first-hand both meat plants in Te Kuiti are just hanging on by a thread and the last thing we need is extra added cost with absolutely no way of recouping any of this back.

After spending 18 years working in Te Kuiti I can report with authority industry in this small town get no concessions whatsoever from WDC even though industries such as UBP employ 250 permanent workers who arguably are the lifeblood of the town.

I don't know whether there are many large companies that employ a lot of workers in the 3 small outlying communities you have sited within the proposal however I suspect very few.

Personally for what it is worth when driving past the Te Kuiti water treatment plant over the last couple of months I get very concerned particularly at the number of workers obviously engaged by WDC standing around?

When considering this one cannot help but think the job has got out of hand and there is a lot of mismanagement going on here?

I have participated in submitting objections to council LTP proposals previously although I was and still am well aware that so called consultation etc was and I suspect still is a load of rubbish.

At least in the past (10 years ago) WDC managers would visit to discuss water or waste-water issues up front unfortunately that has now all gone which makes me and no doubt other local companies very weary of anything WDC proposes.

UBP **will not** be paying for the increase in water when inevitably it goes through and gets signed off by Council which will no doubt force WDC to take action.

When this happens the UBP workforce, public, news media and possibly Shane Jones the Govt Regional Minister will get involved.

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