

# Have your say

## Submission Form

Waitomo District Council  
Draft Annual Plan 2025-2026  
Consultation

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by 5pm on 30 April 2025

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PO Box 404, Te Kūiti 3941
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[waitomo.govt.nz/council/haveyoursay/](http://waitomo.govt.nz/council/haveyoursay/)  
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I wish to speak to Council about  
my submission

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Yes

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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.

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### 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?

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### 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

*This option makes sense given the potential for improved sorting and recycling and overall reduction in waste to landfill. It is important that the option of returning to Te Kūiti landfill future is kept open if off site costs for the service increase significantly. It is also not clear in the proposed plan what if any impact this will have on existing rural transfer stations eg Awakino, so clarification on any impact is needed.*

### 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

*Movement from status quo could become prohibitive for smaller communities if significant capital projects are needed in future. Spreading of costs across the entire district will lessen this burden.*

### 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

*The entire district gains benefit from this ~~sea~~-wall including tourists, and as such, this should be a district wide cost. The majority of properties at Mōkau are holiday homes and not permanent residents so benefits of the Mōkau ratepayers are not significantly higher than others in the district. Mōkau ~~has~~ contributes to other district wide projects meaning that rate costs are already high and they are already looking at a 12.7% increase based on the rates affected table in the draft plan for 25/26, which is the highest rate impact in the district.*