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I wish to speak to Council about my submission

No

Introduce a targeted or differential rate on the District Roothing Rate -

Which option do you prefer? :

Option 1

My comments on this proposal

A differential factor of 12 for roading rate - forestry exotic, is unfair, when you compare the tonnage across rural roads associated with other land uses. Cumulative damage from heavily laden stock trucks & fertilizer over 25 years far exceeds the damage incurred, once only, at harvest time. Forestry is suffering an unfair negative public image particularly in a traditional farming Council area and it would be easy to achieve your preferred option change to the LTP. But I would like to remind Council that as a public authority they have a responsibility to encourage the capture of atmospheric carbon and to protect our waterways. Both the Waikato Regional Council and MPI's One Billion Trees programme encourage the planting of trees, particularly on grade 6 & 7 land, with these goals. Ben Smit (CE Waitomo District Council) has communicated with rate payers that CVs of forestry properties currently have a much lower CV than pastoral properties. Does this mean that a historically pastoral farm that is subsequently covered 30% in trees has a proportional drop in CV? Maybe we are in for a rates rebate? While I appreciate that residents maybe complaining about the logging trucks terrorizing drivers and wreaking the roads I would suggest that it is the change they are reacting to. Living on a rural road drivers accept large stock trucks as everyday occurrences but logging trucks can be novel - although short lived. Finally I would like to comment on the consideration of a targeted rate to be charged to the forester at the time of harvest. While this seems fairer and more, "user pays", we would like assurance that the levy would be spent on our specific road and not just go into the general roading fund.

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 2 - Transfer ownership of Council halls to community groups (preferred)

Your comments on the funding and future of our Rural Halls

Elder persons housing - how should we fund it?

Option 2 - Council increases rental levels (preferred)

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

Option 2 - Explore options to transition elder persons housing to a provider (preferred)

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 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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