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I wish to speak to Council about my submission

No

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

Which option do you prefer? :

Option 3

My comments on this proposal

Submission in support of Option 3. Funding the additional operating rate deficit The proposal to impose a targeted or differential rate on the District Roding Rate seems to disregard the impact and the employment opportunities that exist in the greater Waitomo District that will be created by the harvesting of forestry blocks. I wish to draw attention to the Waitomo District Council Vision (WDC).

“Creating a better future with vibrant communities and thriving business”. To achieve this vision we plan to make our District an attractive place that people will want to come and visit, work and live in. From this statement and in line with the strategic direction, the WDC aims to:

- Economic Development opportunities
- Community connectivity and development - including employment partnerships
- Good asset stewardship and management

With an estimated 15+ years of harvest production of woodlots and forestry assets in this area, the revenue created for local contractors, transport, harvest crews, quarries, mills, accommodation, pest control and the additional spend by all employees is significant. Much of this will be circulated into our local economy by those directly involved in the harvest and by way of employment.

Providing youth employment and a career pathway is exactly what we need in the greater Te Kuiti, Piopio district. All these roles can be engaged on site or trained within our region; Tree fallers, Forestry and Harvest Mangers, Engineers, Machine operators, Logistics, Environmental planners, Silviculture roles, Mechanics and the list goes on. Engaged youth ultimately reduces crime, unemployment and social issues. It's evident in industry circles, other businesses are assessing the viability and are investigating in pilot programmes to review the prospects of renewable resources of bi products for energy generation. Innovation in this space is

limitless and an area for private and iwi partnerships to further explore. To date the early harvest production has enabled many local operators to provide secure employment with long term plans to invest further in workforce agreements and purchase machinery to support harvest operations. It is with frustration to hear the imposing of this targeted rate. The investment into forestry blocks is a calculated risk some 25 years ago and it's this foresight of investors, many who reside in our community that had a long term vision both as a financial investment and also a district wide to create an industry of employment. Collaborate with these groups to find a resolution to benefit both parties. A Differentiated District Roding Rate annual charge over the lifetime of landowners property is unjust considering no income is made until the harvest period. It would be unfair to think properties would be sustainable during the long term if this was imposed. Option 3 - Funding the additional operating rate deficit should be given. An equitable agreement at the time of harvest would provide a fair reflection of infrastructure and associated costs. This would be yet another employment opportunity for local contractors to tender for. As a community and CFO of the WDC we need to think collectively and broaden the scope of vision instead of imposing restrictive costs which ultimately will see such investments be diverged to the Emissions Trading Scheme, where by no benefit are received by the people of our community. Whilst asset stewardship and management is one of the directives of this council, we also need to align this with the Economic Development opportunities and Community connectivity and development and the value of Employment partnerships. This community for some time has called for valuable employment opportunities for our youth, iwi groups, and local people. Consider a fair resolution for both parties and not to the detriment of our people.

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 1 - Status quo - ratepayers subsidise elder persons housing

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 1 - Status quo - continue with current rates structure

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”

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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