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I wish to speak to Council about my submission

Yes

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

Which option do you prefer? :

Option 1

My comments on this proposal

To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed changes outlined in the ongoing review of the Long Term Plan (LTP) by the Waitomo District Council, specifically regarding the proposed adjustments related to the impact of forestry activities on our road network. While I understand the need to address the challenges posed by forestry operations on our roads, I find the proposed measures to be discriminatory and unfairly burdensome to landowners with over 51 percent of their land in forestry, compared to those with less than 51 percent, even if they could still have substantial forestry area. Additionally, it's evident that the maintenance of our roads has not been adequately upheld, despite the foreseen harvesting of trees within a 30-year timeline, as established 28 years ago. This failure to proactively address infrastructure needs in anticipation of forestry activities reflects a systemic oversight that cannot be rectified by burdening forestry properties with disproportionate rate funding. The current assessment of forestry properties' Capital Value (CV) fails to acknowledge the multifaceted contributions they make to our community. Penalizing landowners with higher rates solely based on the percentage of forestry land overlooks the broader economic and environmental benefits they provide. Furthermore, attributing the entirety of road damage costs to forestry operations disregards the shared responsibility of all road users and fails to consider other factors contributing to road deterioration. It is unjust to impose additional financial burdens on a subset of landowners without equitable justification or consideration of alternative funding sources. The proposed division of the district roading rate into categories based on forestry land percentage risks creating further division and inequity within our community. It penalizes landowners

with larger forestry holdings, undermining collaborative efforts toward effective governance and community development. Moreover, the projected shortfall in covering the forecasted additional costs of logging operations over the expected life of commercial forests highlights the inadequacy of the proposed funding model. Without exploring alternative revenue streams or fairer cost-sharing mechanisms, the proposed changes may exacerbate financial challenges in the future. In conclusion, I urge the Waitomo District Council to reconsider the proposed changes and explore alternative solutions that promote fairness, equity, and collaboration among all landowners. Sustainable road maintenance funding requires a comprehensive approach that acknowledges the shared responsibility of all stakeholders and considers the diverse contributions of our community. Thank you for considering my perspective on this matter. Sincerely, Jonathan Barton Email: arapito@xtra.co.nz

Te Kūiti flooding remedies

Option 1 - Status quo - low level investment, small scale improvements

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 1 - Status quo - Keep the current rating area

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 do not agree with keeping the status quo

I do not agree with installing waters

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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