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To: haveyoursay
Subject: Submission to LTP

Dear Waitomo District Council,

Please find below my feedback regarding the Long Term Plan.

1. Dogs

- a) WDC dog bylaw needs to be brought into line with the Dog control Act 1996 when review time comes around - and then ensure compliance by council staff.
- b) Clearly advertised off leash dog exercise areas need to be assigned and advertised.

2. River walk:

One of the scenic delights of Te Kuiti is the river running through it and yet it is not developed as a destination walk. One side has a path along some of one side but is not linked up to continue the length. I would love to see a plan for further development of the town section of the river.

3. I agree with Council's preferred option to postpone the harmonisation of water supply rates until Year 4 (2024/2025).

4. Waste Minimisation.

I support further education on waste minimisation and recommend the WDC look at a compost bin third bin option such as has been trialled successfully in some areas of Auckland.

5. I support the introduction of a Maori Ward on the basis that for a number of reasons - our elected councillor mix has not and does not represent the demographic of Te Kuiti.

6. I support investigation in to a secondary water supply in consultation with Iwi.

7. I support investment in upgrading IS hardware and software to ensure council have current equipment and systems to deliver an efficient service. Continued development and engagement in digital and multi media is a given.

8. Upgrading community facilities over and above standard renewals remains imperative. Further to those planned in the LTP document, it would be great to investigate how to extend the seasonal use of the municipal pool. This might include solar heating and/or cover over the pool. As with other parts of NZ, the local electricity supplier (Lines company) could be approached to assist with funding.

9. WDC need to contribute into the development and maintenance of Brook Park.

10. I do not support Council funding of the Caravan Park or the Aerodrome, and would like to see these move in to the hands of commercial or Inc Soc hands. Neither do I support council investment in the Morokopa Holiday Park which should be in commercial private ownership.

11. I do not support any further funding of Timber Trail for marketing or otherwise, nor do I support any funding to any other commercial tourist destination in the region.

12. I strongly disagree with Grant funding of the Stadium. Given the proposal that the stadium will be commercially viable, the 1.5 million earmarked should have been a loan to the trust and not a grant. As is the case for instance with Auckland Councils multi million dollar loans to the Bruce Pullman Trust for the Bruce Pullman Park. Therefore the current review of the business plan for the Stadium would have to report back robust financial projections based to justify the funds being granted. Have the conditions for this grant already lapsed?

13.

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I support the development of a marketing plan to further promote Te Kuiti as a destination. Although having been through a similar process in Papakura and as a Marketing Professional - a lot of preparatory work needs to take place before a plan can be put together - and that can take a couple of years of meetings. But the journey needs to start. All stakeholders need to be included in a structured process facilitated by an experienced external facilitator. This would include determining what is existing about TK, how do we describe our town now, how do others describe TK; what do stakeholders envisage as desired outcomes and why/who etc. This is the largest piece of work. The why and what, research and testing the assumptions various stakeholders may have. All before a marketing plan can be developed. Stakeholders should include urban and rural rate payers, tourism, business owners, Iwi, elected members, community service providers(churches, govt bodies, food banks) etc.

14. I support provision for development of Laurence Street land subdivision asap.

15. Rate payers have born the brunt of water and wastewater infrastructure build and will continue to do so. As such I am concerned that a central body could just come on in and takeover water, wastewater and stormwater assets without any financial contribution back to the rate payers who funded them in the beginning. And then control what they charge rate payers going forward. Given a whole new bureaucracy is being established in the three waters reform program, I sincerely doubt there will be financial benefit to either our council or rate payers. It will be interesting to see what comparative impact will be between WDC's continued ownership and asset management V's Central Governments. Generally I do not support centralisation of 3 water services unless their is declared financial benefit to councils and councils remain in the management process. I also question the legality of central government taking over existing assets owned by councils. I am keen also to know how WDC think the centralised model would impact rates given the large amounts of necessary 3 water expenditure as outlined in the LTP.

16. I am unsure of the benefit to Te Kuiti of the sister city relationship with Tatsumo. It does not seem a 'fit' for Te Kuiti at all. Irrespective, instead of council being engaged and funding this, I would prefer consideration that Legendary Te Kuiti take over the lead and financing on this if they see the value. I would rather see that 6 k funding be used to boost events that attract people to the area. See next point.

17. I would love to see further event funding made available in the budget to expand community led initiatives. A regional Kapahaka festival as one suggestion, could be driven by community, with the infrastructure costs funded by council, and supported by funding from elsewhere.

18. Mangoakewa Reserve is a beautiful area and also a freedom camper destination. I walk these tracks regularly but they are quite dangerous compared to other reserve ares in the region, an unwalkable at times in winter. Is there funding or works planned to improve the walking tracks? If not then I would recommend this be added to the budget load.

Thank you for consideration of the above points.

I do not wish to speak at hearings.

Kind regards
Katrina Winn