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Good Morning,

Peter had a conversation with John Robertson and we have been encouraged to submit as attached.

Cheers,

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# Have your say

## Submission Form

Waitomo District Council  
Draft Annual Plan 2025-2026  
Consultation



Send us your feedback  
by 5pm on 30 April 2025

You can share your views by:

**Completing this submission form  
and returning it to us by**

- **Visiting our main office**  
at 15 Queen Street, Te Kūiti
- **Visiting our Customer Service Centre**  
at 160 Rora Street, Te Kūiti
- **Emailing to**  
*haveyoursay@waitomo.govt.nz*  
(scan and pdf or take a photo)
- **Posting to**  
FREEPOST 112498  
Waitomo District Council  
PO Box 404, Te Kūiti 3941
- **Visiting our website**  
*waitomo.govt.nz/council/haveyoursay/*  
and completing the online form

The Local Government Act 2002 requires submissions to be made available to the public. Your name and/or organisation will be published with your submission and made available in a report to elected members and to the public. Other personal information supplied (such as address/email addresses) will be removed from the public copy.

### Your details

Full name H e n r y F - S

Organisation (ResourceCo)

Phone (home/mobile)

Email h e n r y @ d e m o w o r x . c o . n z

Address

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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?



## 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?

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Yes

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Do you agree with Option 2 - Disposing waste outside the district? (Council's Preferred Option)

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No

My comment on the landfill  
Our comment on the landfill

We own and operate a resource recovery business with central government funding called ResourceCo. We also have a farm in Waitomo where we live. Our family operates 8 waste management facilities across South East Queensland and one in Cambridge. These include all classes of landfill.

Trucking all waste out of region will result in the following:

- Loss of WMF Levy
- Exposure to private company rate increases
- Loss of local jobs (indirect or direct)
- Loss of chance to put in landfill gas capture and renewable energy project

Opening a new cell with out of region disposals accepted

- Based on a 173,000 catchment (New Plymouth, Waipa, Sth Waikato, Oto and Waitomo) there is 106,000 tons of class 1 waste available. This represents a possible annual revenue of \$26.1 million. (\$246 a ton)
- Midwest disposals in Manawatu have a landfill earning 15M EBIT (Bonny Glenn) with a similar catchment.
- Half of the waste levy is returned to councils, this will increase to \$3.18M which can be invested into increasing resource recovery infrastructure.(3M annual infrastructure investment creates jobs.)
- Chance to implement a modern landfill gas capture system which provides renewable energy for local homes and businesses.
- New cell costs seem very high, can we look at splitting works into stages and reducing capex loading?
- Ongoing landfill closure, environmental and monitoring cost liabilities halved.

We are concerned that the easy route is being rushed into and propose an investigation into the viability of a partnership with ourselves. This partnership could increase the councils ability to pay down its high debt loading and provide needed jobs and growth for the local community. Energy security is a large issue and landfill gas capture provides baseload, critical when winter energy pricing spikes.

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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.

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**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.

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**Option 1:** Reduce the District Wide Benefit Rates (Council's Preferred Option)

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My comment on this proposal

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# FEES AND CHARGES SUBMISSION FORM

SUB NO: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submissions close at 5pm on Wednesday 30 April 2025**

You can share your views on our proposed FEES AND CHARGES 2025/26 by:

- Completing this submission form and returning it to us by:
  - o Visiting our Customer Service Centre at 160 Rora Street, Te Kūiti
  - o Emailing it to: [haveyoursay@waitomo.govt.nz](mailto:haveyoursay@waitomo.govt.nz) (scan and pdf or take a photo)
  - o Posting to: FREEPOST 112498, Waitomo District Council, PO Box 404, Te Kūiti 3941
- Visiting our website: [www.waitomo.govt.nz/council/haveyoursay/](http://www.waitomo.govt.nz/council/haveyoursay/) and fill in an online submission form

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to speak to Council about my submission

**Y** / N

Hearings are scheduled for 14-15 May 2025. If you indicate 'YES', we will contact you to arrange a time. Attendance can be in person or via Zoom.

Do you have any feedback on the overall increase to our fees and charges by 3%?

no

Do you have feedback on fees and charges that have increased by more than 3%?

no

Do you have any other feedback on the fees and charges?

no