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Requirement
I wish to speak to Council about my submission

No

The future of Waitomo District Landfill
I agree with Option 2 - Disposing waste outside the district

My comments on the Landfill
Barely sufficient information available to make informed decision. Why do Ruapehu & Otorohanga Districts choose not to use our landfill. There is no mention of the 'after care' costs once the landfill is closed, and how significant they may be.

The future of the Council Owned seawall at Mōkau
Option B - Rate Option 4 : Not replace the Mōkau seawall with General Rate /UAGC District Wide

My comments on the Mōkau Seawall
Was the consent term for only ten years, to provide sufficient time for Point Road residents potentially affected by erosion, to organise their own 'managed retreat'. There is no 'District wide' benefit that the seawall provides to users. The benefit primarily is only to erosion threatened residents. Waitomo District has far more important requirements that could use $900,000 of borrowing. The remaining rocks could be sold to local residents for 'garden features', or whatever use they may wish to put them to.

Reduce the District Wide Benefit Rate for water and wastewater
Option 1: Reduce the District Wide Benefit Rates (Council's Preferred Option)

My comments on reducing the District Wide Benefit Rates for water and wastewater
The 'Benefit' has run its course in view of the impending installation of water meters and the transfer of 'water assets' and operations to the CCO entity.

Do you agree with our amendments to the Rates Remission Policy?
Yes

Feedback

I have concerns over what may happen to the ' remission for the Piopio Retirement Trust Board' under the new waters entity, 'Waikato Waters Done Well' ?

Do you agree with our amendments to the Revenue and Financing Policy?
Yes

Any feedback?
The Fee increases proposed under the 'Sale and Supply of Alcohol' are significant so have the processes that contribute to the costs to be recovered been reassessed to reduce those costs. The term 'User Pays' is appearing more frequently as a justification for fee increases to reduce Rates burden, so will that be shortly applied to the Library and Swimming Pool. Your greater implementation of 'Users Pays' rather conflicts with the Communities heavy reliance on volunteer contributions, mainly from increasingly ageing members of this community.

Would you like to make any further comments?
Three years ago Council approved the $900,000 project for the new reservoir and rising main for Te Kuiti as critical to Te Kuitis water supply resilience. It seems to be taking a long time to get started. Is the search for an alternative water supply for Te Kuiti still underway? The Mangaokewa and Mokau River monthly flows are running well below long term averages so could that affect the Te Kuiti and Piopio water extraction rates under their existing consent conditions?

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