



# **DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN SUBMISSIONS**

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### Formulating your Long Term Plans

PSGR is a not-for-profit, non-aligned charitable trust whose members are mainly science, medical and machinery-of-government professionals. Since the Royal Commission on Genetic Modification made recommendations “to proceed with caution”, PSGR has maintained a watching brief, in particular on scientific developments in genetic engineering (also referred to as genetic modification), as well as other public interest issues involving health and environmental safety where we can offer expert opinion on lawful and authoritative public policy information.

Please consider this information and recommendations as a submission by PSGR to your planning development and consultation 2018. PSGR will speak to this submission.

### In forming responsible and effective governance

The responsibility to ratepayers and the wider community requires informed decision-making, including consideration of new information and peer-reviewed science that may challenge perceived wisdom, or current policy assumptions. In many situations an intergenerational perspective is required.

In this submission regarding your Long Term Plans we ask Council to consider the following issues to be addressed:

- Providing drinking water free of fluoridation;
- Protection against contamination of land and waterways by genetically engineered organisms;
- Urgent reduction of public, crop and animal exposure to glyphosate-based herbicides.

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Appropriate policy and planning responses to these issues are also provided in PSGR's recommendations at the end of each following section.

## 1. Drinking water free of added fluoride and associated bio-accumulative, toxic contaminants

We refer you to our letter recently sent to MPs, attached here for your convenience.

Further to that letter, a paper has just been accepted for publication concerning the cost-benefits of water fluoridation.<sup>i</sup> Unfortunately, the authors have made seriously flawed assumptions together with erroneous statements of fact. As an example, they claimed that fluoridation has resulted in a nationwide 40% reduction in decay and thus by extension, huge cost savings. This was an inappropriate extrapolation from an isolated cohort of deprived children mentioned in the 2009 Sapere Report that specifically stated that its findings should not be used to evaluate any fluoride benefits. The authors appeared to have ignored another and much more detailed paper.<sup>ii</sup>

In that more detailed paper, there are direct quotes from those involved in running fluoridation plants:

In 2010, amid a budget crisis, the City of Sacramento, CA, instructed all departments to review programmes and services. Mr Marty Hanneman, then Director of the Department of Utilities, wrote in a memo to the City Council:

*The City of Sacramento has been fluoridating its water supplies just over 10 years. Within that time, the actual cost of operating and maintaining the fluoridation systems has proven to be considerably more than the initial estimate. . . . The fluoridation infrastructure at the E A Fairbairn Water Treatment Plant is overdue for replacement and will be very expensive to replace . . . Fluoridating water is a very costly and labour intensive process and requires constant monitoring of fluoride concentrations to ensure proper dosages. . . . The chemical is very corrosive, so all equipment that is used in the fluoridation process has a very short life expectancy and needs to be replaced frequently. . . . but also causes frequent and complex systems failures.*

This was echoed by Mr René Fonseca of Carroll Boone Water District in Eureka Springs, AR, which was required by a 2011 State mandate to begin Community Water Fluoridation (CWF)<sup>iii</sup>:

*All of our chemical feed systems require regular maintenance which is routine, but fluoride feed equipment often requires replacement and more frequent attention. . . . I have toured plants and seen in trade publications deteriorating pipes, steel doors and casing, electrical components, etc. There are millions of dollars spent yearly on infrastructure damage caused by fluoride in our industry.*

The realities expressed in these two quotes are not the exceptions.

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A water plant manager in Alberta, Canada, complained that the fumes from the fluoride acid etched the glass, paint, and computer screens of the water treatment plant.

Seven years after CWF began in 2001, Riverton, Utah, spent nearly US\$1.2 million for two new buildings “to get fluoride out of electrical and pump area.”

The international evidence is that the installation and long-term maintenance of water fluoridation is very expensive on the rate-paying public. The rationale is highly questionable.

### **Recommendation**

PSGR recommends that Council does not fluoridate drinking water on the grounds that it is not lawful to put bio-accumulative toxins into people and the environment.

## **2. Genetic engineering**

We refer Council to our letter recently sent to New Zealand Members of Parliament and copied to Councils. This is attached for your convenience.

We refer particularly to Councils in Northland, Auckland, Bay of Plenty and Hawkes Bay that have worked to protect their ratepayers from the risks of releasing genetically engineered / modified organisms into the environment; and the risks to health, horticulture, agriculture and exports. See <http://www.wdc.govt.nz/PlansPoliciesandBylaws/Plans/Genetic-Engineering/Documents/GE-Poll/GE-Poll-Results-WDC.pdf>

Under the new Resource Legislation Amendment Act 2017 Councils retain the right to safeguard their region. Councils have responsibilities and powers under the Act that can add another important layer of protection.

Although there is a view among some councils that public policy on matters relating to genetic engineering can be safely left to New Zealand's Environment Protection Authority (EPA) there is adequate evidence that shows that EPA's oversight of these matters is biased to industry interests (through being partial and selective) and therefore does not give due weight to public and environmental safety issues – and therefore the public interest.

Therefore, EPA's claimed policy on genetic engineering matters is arguably inconsistent with the purposes and intent of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996. Therefore, such Deficiency suggests that the EPA's policy does not have any statutory authority in law – and cannot therefore be relied upon by councils in giving effect to their statutory obligations.

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## Recommendations

On this issue, PSGR recommends that Council gives weight to the findings of the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) on Food and Agriculture. On genetic engineering in agriculture the UCS found **that** the risks have been exaggerated, but so have its benefits and that we have better, more cost-effective options. You can find their reports on <http://www.ucsusa.org>.

PSGR also recommends that Council draws on the experience of Northland, Auckland, Bay of Plenty and Hawkes Bay Councils – i.e. concludes that the risks involved require responsible legislation to reflect the precautionary principle on any proposed release of a genetically engineered organism into the environment in Council's area of jurisdiction. Such a decision on the facts presently available will indicate to the public that Council exercises its statutory powers reasonably and in accordance with the factual and authoritative information presently available.

### 3. Use of glyphosate-based herbicides (GBH) – unconscionable on the facts

Despite New Zealand's Environmental Protection Authority rejecting a statement by the World Health Organisation's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), that glyphosate is "possibly carcinogenic to humans" (category 2B), there is substantial scientific evidence supporting an IARC statement that glyphosate-based herbicides are a risk to the environment and to human health.

Glyphosate is the active ingredient in the glyphosate-based herbicide Roundup and many other brands of GBH herbicides. Once used, it is pervasive in the environment. Residues were recently found in samples of 45 percent of Europe's topsoils<sup>iv</sup> and in the urine of three quarters of German participants.<sup>v</sup> A previous study by the Heinrich Böll Foundation, in analysing glyphosate residue in urine, concluded that 75% of the target group displayed levels that were five times higher than the legal limit for drinking water, and one third of the population showed levels between ten and 42 times higher than what is normally permissible. Glyphosate has been detected in breast milk and in honey samples taken from sites around the world.

Although manufacturers and other advocates say there is no certainty of the biological significance in the presence of the herbicide in people, this is belied by the latest analysis of cancer risks, glyphosate's action as a registered antibiotic, and findings of its use in agriculture impacting emerging problems with bacteria resistant to antibiotics. See:

<http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/news/2017/new-research-finds-common-herbicides-cause-antibiotic-resistant.html>.

Glyphosate can enter the body through food or drinking water. It can be inhaled through breathing in spray drift. Foraging animals and pets are equally exposed. Glyphosate can disrupt human cellular structure and function, and contribute to uncontrolled cell proliferation (a cancer-like characteristic). The changes brought about in human skin cells by GBH are consistent with the changes that are seen in hepatocellular carcinoma, lung cancer, colorectal cancer, and melanoma.

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Very low concentrations of glyphosate have been found to stimulate unhealthy cell growth, while higher concentrations suppressed cell growth. This indicates that the herbicide is a powerful disrupter of the endocrine system. Such disruptions can therefore potentially disrupt all normal human-body-life-processes. The greatest dangers may therefore be found in extremely low concentrations that are measured in parts per trillion, rather than in parts per million.

In one study, glyphosate residue was recorded in 99.6% of 2009 monitored participants.<sup>vi</sup> Significant values were found in children and adolescents. This study was the largest of its kind ever carried out.

### Links to additional information on glyphosate

- Public Health Concern: Why did the NZ EPA ignore the world authority on cancer? A report released by Jodie I Bruning, B.Bus.Agribusiness and Steffan Browning, MP <https://www.greens.org.nz/sites/default/files/NZ%20EPA%20Glyphosate%20and%20Cancer%202017.pdf>
- A Monograph on Glyphosate from the Pesticide Action Network Aotearoa New Zealand (PAN) <http://www.pananz.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Glyphosate-monograph.pdf>  
<http://www.psgr.org.nz/glyphosate/viewdownload/10-glyphosate/36-glyphosate-pan-mongraph>
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- The environmental impacts of glyphosate, Friends of the Earth Europe [https://www.foeeurope.org/sites/default/files/press\\_releases/foee\\_5\\_environmental\\_impacts\\_glyphosate.pdf](https://www.foeeurope.org/sites/default/files/press_releases/foee_5_environmental_impacts_glyphosate.pdf)

### Recommendations

PSGR recommends Council refrains from using glyphosate as an herbicide in all places accessible to animals and humans including waterways and where spray drift could pose a risk to people and could damage food crops. Less invasive methods are available.

We can supply further authoritative information on fluoride, genetic engineering and glyphosate-based herbicides if that would be helpful to Council.

Please consider this information and recommendations as a submission by PSGR to your planning development and consultation 2018.



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<sup>i</sup> David Moore<sup>1</sup>, Matthew Poynton<sup>1</sup>, Jonathan M. Broadbent and W. Murray Thomson. The costs and benefits of water fluoridation in NZ  
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<sup>iii</sup> Fonseca, 2012, private communication

<sup>iv</sup> <http://www.pan-europe.info/sites/pan-europe.info/files/Glyphosate-published.pdf>

<sup>v</sup> <https://www.euractiv.com/section/agriculture-food/news/overwhelming-majority-of-germans-contaminated-by-glyphosate/>

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To: **All NZ Territorial Authorities and Regional Councils**

Subject: **For consideration in your 2018 Annual Plan and/or Long Term Plan**

**Greetings Mayor, Councillors and Staff,**

We write as engaged citizens in the New Zealand democracy. Previously in 2014 we wrote to you concerning the [Trans Pacific Partnership \(TPP\) on behalf of the Motueka Renewables](#) where we proposed the [TPP Policy Solution](#). Arising from that a number of Councils engaged with the TPP matter and ultimately 12 Councils adopted the offered policy, many more noted and maintained a watching brief on the negotiations. Presentations were made to over 30 Councils some receiving presentations in multiple forums; workshop, committee and council.

It is fair to say a few councils stated that TPP is not a council matter, however most took an active interest and thanked us for bringing it to their attention.

In the later part of 2015 LGNZ (Local Government NZ) undertook an assessment on behalf of constituents. The resultant report concluded there were some risks to local government interests and some were down the track.

We suggest that trade negotiations are of critical importance to all New Zealanders given the [constitutional implications which alter the legal balance between human and property interests and rights](#).

The TPP has been through a tumultuous process, agreed and signed 4 February 2016, then Trumped January 2017. Since then the remaining 11 nations have negotiated a new agreement signed 8 March 2018 in Chile called Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement on the Trans Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). It is substantially the same agreement with 22 suspended provisions pending the return of the United States (US). Civil Society maintain our concern believing that the entrenchment and extension of property rights for foreign corporations will make it difficult for the NZ Government to ensure the wellbeing of all inhabitants.

All councils will now appreciate the public concern for clean rivers, quality potable water and indignation at allocations from aquifers for bottled water exporters. Whatever your council's attitude, it is acknowledged by Trade Minister Parker that CPTPP would disallow a tax on exported water as it is deemed discriminatory under the CPTPP regime.

with regard to [Air NZ – Shane Jones public spat regarding regional air services](#) - the State Owned Enterprises (SOE) [Chapter 17 of CPTPP, highlights the government must ensure that Air NZ operates on a purely commercial basis](#) when delivering domestic services unless it has issued a public mandate for it to do otherwise. It's great that [regional Mayors are proactive on behalf of their regions and provincial cities](#). [Parliament is displaying bipartisan support for Jones' stance](#). There's no way the NZ Government has anticipated every angle before locking NZ into CPTPP.

The attached paper also deals with the unfolding Facebook Cambridge Analytics election hacking scandal which demonstrates the dilemma of losing control of one's personal data – the CPTPP E-Commerce Chapter guarantees that the NZ Government will be powerless to prevent misuse of data as NZ will not have any legal right to demand that data is retained in NZ.

CPTPP imposes many constraints on NZ governance, entrenches corporation rights (ISDS) and leaves NZ exposed to whatever amendments are negotiated upon the return of the US which appears likely given statements from their corporate sector.

**LGNZ Conference** this year is in [Christchurch from 15-17 July 2018](#).

The 2018 conference theme is;

**We are firmly focused on the future: Future-proofing for a prosperous and vibrant New Zealand.** There will be a strong focus on leadership and addressing the big challenges and opportunities facing New Zealand and its communities.

Question to LGNZ - **How does TPP/CPTPP future proof NZ?**

We wish you well in your deliberations.

Please consider the attached evidence paper and recommendations for your 2018 Annual Plan and Long Term Planning processes.

**We offer four specific recommendations** (detail in the attached paper);

**Recommendation #1** (page 13 attachment)

We suggest that the Council considers formally supporting the 23 principles offered by Alfred de Zayas in his [paper to the UNHRC \(A/HRC/37/63\)](#) in which he "highlights the urgent need to apply human rights principles systematically and uniformly to all entities and endeavours."

De Zayas states "What we see is a financial system rigged in favour of powerful individuals and corporations, unequal participation in governments and international organisations, and communities suffering from a reduction of social services, imposed austerity, privatization of public utilities, the misplaced priorities of political leaders and a general absence of genuine representation," - UN Human Rights High Commission [press release](#)

**Recommendation #2** (page 20 attachment)

Given that de Zayas states “Especially in matters of trade, it is imperative to give all stakeholders the opportunity to weigh in the negotiations so as to ensure transparency and accountability,” we urge Council to endorse the model trade and investment treaty process offered in the [www.dontdoit.nz](http://www.dontdoit.nz) petition

The petition takes the government at its word where it said to the NZ Parliament in the [Speech From The Throne 9 November 2017](#) that it will exclude investor state dispute mechanisms (from TPP) and avoid their inclusion in all future agreements. The petition acknowledges the Labour Party 2017 Trade election manifesto where it offers “[Greater engagement with civil society over trade talks](#)” suggesting a democratic process toward a standing general mandate for New Zealand’s future negotiations to guide NZ's trade negotiators.

**Recommendation #3** (page 21 attachment)

We urge the council to support the [Local Government \(Four Well-beings\) Amendment Bill](#) which amends the Local Government Act (LGA) 2002 to reinstate references to social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being that were removed by the National government in 2012.

The “four well-beings” were a cornerstone of the LGA 2002 when it was introduced. The “four well-beings” provide the modern focus of local government on serving and being accountable to the communities they serve. It highlights the constitutional role that local governments play in community development and nation building.

**Recommendation #4** (page 23 attachment)

We urge you to read and consider Kate Raworth's “[Doughnut Economics](#)” as a framework for thinking about economics in the 21st century given that the challenges we are facing this century are global in scale but local in solution and we need a different mindset from the economics of the past if we are to viably approach these challenges.

<https://www.kateraworth.com/doughnut/>

**Attached paper:**

**NZ on the cusp of greatness - we make the case for action to ensure ethical governance in New Zealand – Evidence paper to NZ Regional Councils and Territorial Authorities March 2018**

Many thanks for your consideration.

Greg Rzesniowiecki (on behalf of many in civil society)



Prepared by J.A. Little CEO Tourism West Coast March 2018.

**Annual Plan Submission to the Westland District Council July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2019.**

- The Westland District Council currently funds Tourism West Coast \$86,000 per year on a 1 year x 1 year basis.
- **TWC seeks to increase this to \$100,000 per year** (+\$14,000) on a 3 year X 3 year basis and inflation adjusted. Effectiveness would be judged against annual KPI's agreed by both parties. There has been a positive reception to this request from current funders. Grey and Buller District Councils and DWC agreed to fund \$100,000 for the 2017-2018 year in the last round.
- Tourism West Coast has not had an increase in budget for 15 years and is the only one of 30 Regional Tourism Organisations to suffer this fate. (RTONZ Survey 2016)
- When factoring inflation into the equation this mean TWC's spending ability has been reduced by an estimated \$68,000 on a total budget of \$344,000. This represents decrease of approximately 20%. Based on current projections re inflation/cost of living increases Tourism West Coast will be unable to operate by late 2019. It also means Tourism West Coast is unable to capitalise on promotional opportunities that arise whereas our competitors like Nelson and Marlborough can grab these initiatives and take market share from the West Coast.
- The West Coast is losing market share to neighbouring competition due to lack of resources in terms of money and people to combat this decline. Budget examples Lake Wanaka \$1,020,000, Queenstown \$3,350,000, Nelson/Tasman \$925,000, Marlborough \$932,000 and Christchurch/Canterbury \$3,600,000. (RTONZ).
- 85% of all RTO funding comes from City, Regional & District Councils and the most common model is a combination of a targeted commercial rate and part from general rates. (RTONZ Survey 2016)
- Tourism expenditure on the West Coast has risen to \$549 million up 12% and the fastest growing region in terms % growth of visitor spend in New Zealand. Westland has risen \$32 million to \$361 million to January 2018 (MBIE) This represents a return of 4,197 times your investment of \$86,000.
- During 2016 the Westland District received \$229,666 of marketing budget being part of the Domestic Campaign (DWC funded), traditional funding and other income generated by TWC.
- Tourism is now the 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest earner of GDP for the Coast at \$178 million (+32%) behind dairy at \$234 million (-1.8%) over 5 years.

- Tourism West Coast has worked on forecasts out to 2021 and have a target of increasing guest nights in the Westland District by 2021. This will bring an increase of GDP, expenditure and employment proportionately but only if TWC has competitive resources.
- Contact Jim Little, CEO, 03 768 6675 or [jim@westcoast.co.nz](mailto:jim@westcoast.co.nz)
- Yes, we request to speak to the submission.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J Little', is positioned below the list of bullet points.



## New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc.

14 March 2018

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### **Draft Long Term Plans 2018-2028**

#### **Introduction**

1. We understand councils have been working on their draft Long Term Plans 2018-2028 (LTP's) and most of these will be out for public consultation in March – May 2018. LTP's describe the priority activities and community outcomes that councils want to achieve over the next 10 years, while coordinating resources and providing for integrated decision-making.
2. The New Zealand Motor Caravan Association (NZMCA) appreciates the opportunity to provide this feedback towards your LTP review. Formed in 1956, the NZMCA represents the interests of over 80,000 New Zealanders who enjoy exploring New Zealand at leisure in the purpose-built certified self-contained (CSC) motorhomes and caravans. NZMCA members are taxpayers, ratepayers, and domestic travellers who enjoy camping in their hometowns and other districts throughout New Zealand.
3. The domestic motor caravan industry is growing at an unprecedented rate with more and more kiwi retirees, baby boomers and families looking for opportunities to relive the quintessential kiwi-camping lifestyle. For example, the 3-day Covi Supershow held in Auckland last year sold over **\$32 million** worth of CSC motor caravans to New Zealanders alone, compared to \$18 million sold in the previous year. It is incumbent on councils to recognise and support this growing activity enjoyed by tens of thousands of kiwi families.
4. As an official partner of Local Government New Zealand and a strong advocate for responsible freedom camping in CSC vehicles, the NZMCA wants to partner with you on infrastructure development and strategic policy planning with a view to supporting responsible motor caravanning across New Zealand. Like you, we want to ensure motor caravanning is managed properly in New Zealand and provides long-term benefits to your local businesses and communities.

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5. To that end, the NZMCA recommends your LTP includes sufficient recognition, resourcing and prioritisation to support the continued growth of the domestic motor caravanning sector with a particular focus on the follow areas:

- New infrastructure development, e.g. public dump stations and refuse bins;
- An integrated and permissive freedom camping management regime; and
- Recognition of the NZMCA's Motorhome Friendly Scheme.

### **Infrastructure**

6. All councils have a responsibility under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) and the Health Act 1956 to improve, promote and protect public health. Councils are therefore expected to provide adequate public facilities such as refuse bins and public toilets – which also include public dump stations accessible to both local residents and visitors<sup>1</sup>. Furthermore, the LGA requires councils to assess whether they still meet public demand for these facilities and to take appropriate action if they do not.
7. Over the past 10 years, the NZMCA has helped co-fund hundreds of public dump station projects across New Zealand. While we continue to collaborate with councils and fill the gaps within the national network, there remain significant access and availability issues throughout many parts of New Zealand. There is growing demand for additional facilities like refuse bins and public dump stations to support visitors and kiwi families exploring our countryside.
8. The NZMCA also supports council projects that provide refuse facilities in strategic areas for visitors. For example, in partnership with the Mackenzie District Council the NZMCA financially supported a new 7m<sup>3</sup> user-pays compact rubbish bin at Lake Tekapo. This bin is available for use to all visitors and local residents for a nominal charge.

### ***Benefits and funding options***

9. Offering facilities in strategic locations will encourage safe waste disposal and protect public health. Dump stations built to NZS 5465:2001 specifications will encourage responsible campers in CSC vehicles to visit and spend money in your towns, while providing visitors with a safe place to dispose of their waste water. The cost of constructing a new facility varies<sup>2</sup> and largely depends on the proximity of the underground services along with any additional requirements, e.g. widening of the carriageway. The NZMCA is available to provide practical and technical advice as well as financial assistance (provided the new station meets certain criteria). Councils can also apply to MBIE's Tourism Infrastructure Fund for additional financial support.

### ***Recommendations***

10. That your LTP includes resourcing and prioritisation for public dump station facilities built to NZS 5465:2001 specifications, along with free/low cost refuse and recycling facilities for visitors.

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<sup>1</sup> See NZS 5465:2001 and Local Government New Zealand (2000). *The knowhow guide to assessing water and sanitary services under the local government act 2002*.

<sup>2</sup> We have worked with councils who have built adequate facilities for under \$5,000, while other councils have spent upwards of \$100,000.



#### Freedom camping

11. The NZMCA supports responsible freedom camping in CSC vehicles only. We encourage all councils to recognise the value of CSC motor caravanners throughout their camping-related policies and bylaws. The NZMCA is working with Local Government New Zealand on a 'good practice freedom camping guide' which will include advice to councils wanting to improve their overall management regimes. Furthermore, central government's renewed focus on freedom camping and the formation of a cross-sector stakeholder working group may result in new ideas and management solutions coming to the fore, to help councils manage the activity differently.
12. The outcome of both initiatives may motivate your council to review its existing policy framework over the next 1-2 years, including any camping-related bylaws, reserve management plan policies, and district plan provisions. It would, therefore, be prudent for the council to set aside additional resources in anticipation of a comprehensive and holistic policy review.

#### *Benefits*

13. Setting aside sufficient resources in your LTP will make it easier for the council to adapt to the changing landscape and, if necessary, undertake a comprehensive policy review. From our experience, having immediate access to sufficient resources will make it easier for council staff to undertake adequate assessments and reviews along with genuine stakeholder engagement. Relying on unbudgeted and insufficient resources will inevitably lead to poor outcomes and exacerbate community/stakeholder angst.

#### *Recommendations*

14. That your LTP includes sufficient resourcing to initiate an integrated freedom camping management regime, which may require a comprehensive review of your relevant rules, policies and bylaws.

#### **Motorhome Friendly Scheme**

15. The NZMCA recognises the pressure New Zealand's booming tourism industry is having on local communities and infrastructure. In response to these concerns the NZMCA initiated the 'off the beaten track' campaign which encourages CSC motor caravanners to visit lesser known places around New Zealand. Our campaign helps 'spread the load' across New Zealand and supports local operators in rural/provincial areas calling out for more tourism business. This campaign is also supported through the NZMCA's Motorhome Friendly scheme, which promotes campgrounds and preferred freedom camping areas alongside a range of local events, e.g. food and wine festivals, music concerts, shows and other family-friendly activities.
16. The NZMCA Motorhome Friendly scheme was first introduced in 2010 and was modelled on the very successful RV Friendly scheme initiated by the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia. The NZMCA's scheme provides a set of amenities and services that guarantee motor caravanners a warm welcome and an enjoyable visit. Motor Caravanners will generally avoid towns and districts where they are not welcome and will go out of their way to visit a town that

markets seen as being motorhome friendly. With on the road motorhome expenditure exceeding **\$650 million annually** (\$211 million of which come from NZMCA members) motorhomers and communities can certainly establish a mutually beneficial relationship.

17. The NZMCA scheme is primarily targeted at rural and provisional towns, and currently supports 38 councils and 50 friendly towns across New Zealand. There is no cost to any council or town wanting to participate in the scheme other than having friendly camping policies/bylaws along with the necessary infrastructure to support visitors travelling in CSC vehicles. Further information on the scheme can be found here – [www.mhftowns.com](http://www.mhftowns.com).

#### *Benefits*

18. Participating in the motorhome friendly scheme is **FREE**. In return for providing adequate infrastructure (e.g. accessible dump stations) and permissive freedom camping policies/bylaws, the NZMCA will promote your town(s) and local events to motor caravan tourists across New Zealand. Our team of experienced professionals will work alongside your staff and local event organisers to showcase your towns and all they have to offer. The NZMCA also takes care of all online promotional and marketing collateral.

#### *Recommendations*

19. That your LTP explicitly recognises the value of the NZMCA Motorhome Friendly Scheme.

#### **Summary**

20. The domestic CSC motor caravan industry in New Zealand continues to grow at an unprecedented rate. More and more kiwi families are opting for passive recreational lifestyles that enable them to explore their own country. The NZMCA wants to partner with your council to help support this dream for the benefit of New Zealanders, their towns and their communities. The LTP provides an avenue for your council to recognise, resource and prioritise activities in support of this growth.
21. The NZMCA is happy to discuss this feedback and we would appreciate notification of your LTP when it is out for public consultation.

Yours faithfully,  
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Protection Society, and other relevant  
organisations

PSGR is a not-for-profit, non-aligned charitable trust whose members are science and medical professionals. Since the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Genetic Modification "to proceed with caution" PSGR has maintained a watching brief on the scientific developments in genetic engineering (also referred to as genetic modification).

## Genetically engineered organisms

This letter is to request that all Members of Parliament work cooperatively with all other Members of Parliament from across the political spectrum, in order to ensure a precautionary approach to the use of genetically engineered organisms. We ask this in the interest of protecting New Zealand's GE-free production and natural environment, and the economic advantage of a GE-free status for our export markets.

It is with concern that we again read proposals of using genetic engineering / modification technology outside of a laboratory. While New Zealand has worked soundly in this field in projects requiring the strictest confinement, there has been long-standing and strong academic and public opposition to approval of these novel organisms for release into any environment.

The basic problem inherent in all the discussion about genetic manipulation and gene editing (especially CRISPR) is that it is based on unscientifically naive exaggerations of what the technology actually achieves. Proponents talk about it being so precise and accurate and only making small changes that could have occurred as a result of ordinary germline mutations. This is fundamentally misleading. What they are talking about is the change which is targeted, but the targeted change is invariably accompanied by a very large number of other changes at similar sites in the DNA of the genome being altered. Although each of the changes may be small, genetic CRISPR is still a scattergun approach like earlier methods of genetic engineering. And the correlations between the sites affected by the scattergun are very likely to be of some genomic significance, which may eventually come to light at the population level after a long time. The effect of many changes are likely to remain undetectable using standard techniques of phenotyping because of their wide dispersal in the genome. Thus, genetic engineering and the recently acclaimed CRISPR are not much like the way enthusiasts describe them.

Once again the problems with gene drive technologies arise because of the disconnect between the engineering plan and biological/ecological reality. There is so little that is really known about the long or short term effects of gene-drive deployment that, in our opinion, it would be utter foolishness to unleash it on the environment, especially something as delicate as our native ecology. It is as if Hahn and Meitner, having discovered nuclear fission on the laboratory bench, told everyone to get busy designing and building a nuclear power plant.

Molecular biologists present inflated views of the worth of what they do in order to get research grants, start believing what they have said and then peddle it to the community as a way of justifying their funding. It all has to sound clever, smart, innovative, commercially viable, entrepreneurial and a solution to climate change, world hunger, antibiotic resistance, other medical problems, or ecological collapse. What is done is mostly scientifically and/or commercially speculative. Most of it does not work. The few magic bullets that are produced are dressed up so that their side effects are masked – like the herbicide, glyphosate - and sold as complete solutions that are actually partial.

All molecular biological explanations are couched in terms of accepted concepts like “gene” that are not only problematic philosophically but also practically. We still have very little idea how complete genomes work. It is important to understand much more than the relationship between the genes and the features of individual organisms. We need to know what the effects of changes are on entire populations many generations down the line. That is what ecology depends on. It is likely there are huge chunks of ‘junk DNA’ in the human genome, and in that of any other mammal, whose sudden loss would drive the species to extinction. None of that is ever considered in technological evaluations. As long as a proponent demonstrates the target effect and nothing else very evident, the world can be convinced that what is being done is safe and smart.

The main problem we are facing with biotechnology is that we are not, as a species, humble enough. Predictions of safety by proponents have been shown to be false, with short term monetary gain taking precedence over long term risks. We ask who, in ten years’ time, would be held accountable for environmental damage. We repeat, once released, genetically engineered organisms can self-replicate and contaminate wild species.

Recently, talk has again suggested applying the technology for uses that would expose genetically engineered organisms in the New Zealand environment that are capable of replicating. As has been seen overseas, once released the novel DNA is irretrievable, will spread, and has negative results.

The request for your support to a precautionary approach reflects:

- Evidence from two decades of commercial use of genetically engineered organisms overseas;
- Improvements in society's understanding of complex natural systems, and knowledge in epigenetics;
- The long term impacts from transgenic organisms;
- Success in developing effective non-GE solutions to issues society seeks to address.

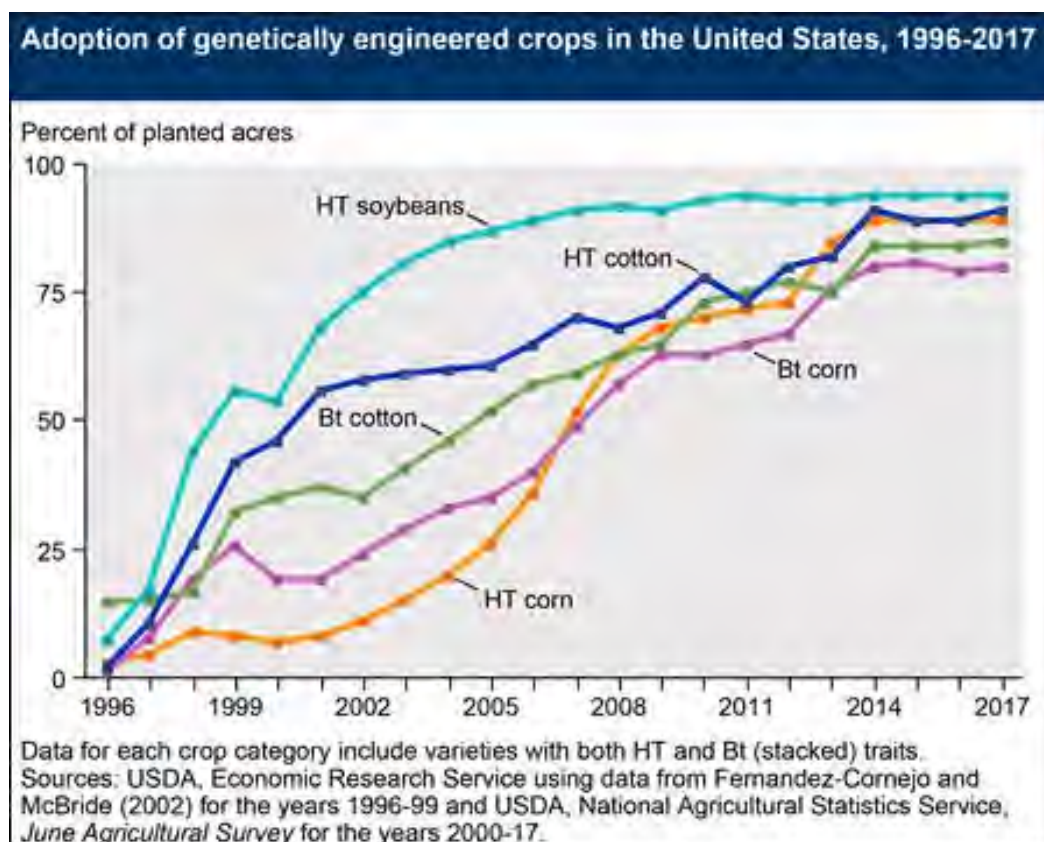
PSGR urges caution be adopted by New Zealand's political leaders, in national and local government, for the regulation of such novel organisms outside of full containment.

Under current legislation there is no requirement for the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to apply the precautionary principle, or to require a bond, or to require proof of financial fitness from applicants. These are mechanisms that should encourage moderation of commercial risk-taking. This leaves New Zealand vulnerable to similar detrimental effects seen overseas, and at risk of repeating past mistakes on the scale of the destruction of 3000 genetically engineered sheep at Whakamaru in the Bay of Plenty.

This 2002 event resulted from the clinical failure of products outlined in Application Code GMF98001 made to the Environmental Risk Management Authority (ERMA), now the EPA, and the collapse of the overseas investment company running the experiment, leaving no funds for scientific bio-security tests or remediation at the site. At that time, ERMA admitted there was no monitoring at the Whakamaru farm and no recommendations in place for on-site monitoring. Requests from a range of interested parties for scientific analysis of the carcasses for future scientific benefit were denied.<sup>ii</sup>

Contradicting the need for precaution regarding genetically engineered organisms, there are calls from some commercial interests seeking to 'relax' rules, to reduce the EPA's oversight of experimental genetic engineering techniques. These calls are effectively encouraging the transfer of risk to the wider community and 'New Zealand Inc.' in order to advance interests in commercialising transgenic organisms, and leveraging Intellectual Property (IP) for their financial gain.

The US is the largest producer of transgenic crops; herbicide tolerant and *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt). Since mass commercialisation two decades ago, adoption has grown dramatically as can be seen from this graph produced by the Economic Research Service of the US Department of Agriculture.<sup>iii</sup>



Recent reports show US farmers are abandoning transgenic crops because of poor monetary returns. A media report says: "Bold yellow signs from global trader Bunge Ltd are posted at US grain elevators barring 19 varieties of GMO corn and soybeans that lack approval in important markets."<sup>iv</sup>

A closer-to-home study will show how planting transgenic canola in Tasmania led to disaster with volunteer seedlings appearing many years after the cessation of plantings. The Moratorium that resulted was made indefinite in 2014 to protect its clean, green brand.<sup>v vi</sup>

The evidence overseas from commercial release of such novel organisms also includes:

- Increased use of toxic chemicals in agriculture<sup>vii</sup>;
- Disruption of complex natural systems;
- Changes in gut flora in animals and humans consuming genetically engineered foods;
- Increased incidence of tumour development shown in long-term feeding studies;
- Genetic instability and unexpected effects from the processes of genetic engineering;
- Contamination in the field, including by experimental and unauthorised test-crops emerging years after field-trials, even hundreds of miles away from the trial site, a result of horizontal gene transfer;
- Extensive spread of weeds that have become resistant to genetically engineered DNA sequences as a result of in-field horizontal gene transfer<sup>viii</sup>;
- A new generation of transgenic crops being engineered to resist even more toxic chemicals such as 2,4-D responding to the growing failure of herbicides such as glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup used on Roundup Ready transgenic food crops;
- The potential for unexpected effects impacting gene expression in future generations.

These and other issues have raised local and international concern in scientific and civil-society communities. The transfer of risk that commercial release of transgenic organisms involves is indicated by the fact the insurance industry refuses cover for the potential damage of these organisms occurring, whether quickly, or slowly, or over an extended term.

Drawing on scientific, legal and other expertise, some New Zealand councils used the then standing Resource Management Act to consider in their Plans their responsibilities regarding precaution around genetically engineered organisms in the environment and on long-term land use. This process is ongoing with more Councils examining what steps they can take to protect their region.

Challenged in the Environment Court, these measures stand. They include a local level of oversight of transgenic organisms such as requiring bonds from commercial users of genetically engineered organisms to mitigate exposure of costs to ratepayers under 'socialised risk'. The measures respond to community and scientific concerns and may also help regional development for producers of safe, clean, premium-quality, GE-free foods for local and export markets; many of the latter demand 'GE Free' produce. In depth research showed Councils they needed to think long-term and for future generations, especially as the EPA loses jurisdiction at the point of approving a commercial release of a genetically engineered organism.

Federated Farmers have recently withdrawn their challenge to Northland Environment Court decisions giving Councils the right to oversight.



Thank you in advance for reading the information we have provided and for working with other Members of Parliament irrespective of political affiliation and responsibilities. Working together to ensure precaution in legislation is vital in responding to the proven risks from existing and new experimental techniques in the development of genetically engineered organisms.

Whatever your party's official stand on the transgenic debate, we urge you personally to recognise and support the need for precaution, and look forward to hearing from you

For further reference, we recommend the following:

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<https://www.green.s.org.nz/sites/default/files/NZ%20EPA%20Glyphosate%20and%20Cancer%202017.pdf>
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<http://www.pananz.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Glyphosate-monograph.pdf>  
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<sup>i</sup> In 1938, physicists Lise Meitner and Otto Frisch made a discovery that could lead to the atomic bomb; that a uranium nucleus had split in two.

<sup>ii</sup> [http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/business/goa/47HansQ\\_20040518\\_00000758/12-transgenic-sheep%E2%80%94environment-whakamaru-farm](http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/business/goa/47HansQ_20040518_00000758/12-transgenic-sheep%E2%80%94environment-whakamaru-farm).

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To all Members of the New Zealand Parliament

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### **For the sake of a tooth**

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This letter is to request that all Members of Parliament work cooperatively with all other Members of Parliament from across the political spectrum, to ensure a safe and proper approach to the use of fluoride. We ask this in the interest of protecting New Zealanders.

### **The Science has changed**

An important study published this year in the journal Environmental Health Perspectives by a team of investigators at the Universities of Toronto, McGill, and the Harvard School of Public Health, has found a significant association between fluoride exposure in pregnancy and lower measures of intelligence in children [1]. The US National Institute for Health funded this US\$3 million study to specifically investigate developmental neurotoxicity.

The study is the first by the U.S. Government in 60 years into potential adverse neurological effects. It adds to the published evidence indicating widespread adverse effects from fluoride involving all stages in life from pre-birth to old age. They include, amongst other effects, confirmed neurological impairment including: loss of IQ; hypothyroidism; musculo-skeletal fluorosis diagnosed as arthritis; and dental fluorosis. This element is present due to an unlimited consumption of fluoridated water; in toothpaste; in tea; in pharmaceuticals; and in the commercial food chain.

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## **Historical Fact**

The premise of a fluoride dental benefit was based on an inadequately researched hypothesis in the 1940s that was enthusiastically endorsed by American commercial and political interests with a need to sanitise a toxic industrial waste product from the atomic, aluminium and fertiliser industries. The sugar industry also directly lobbied to support fluoridation. However, subsequent dental research involving a total that exceeded 200,000 children from the USA (1990) Australia (1996-2013) and now in New Zealand (released in March 2017) has confirmed at best a reduction of one filling per child [2].

## **Dental Decay**

Dental decay is totally due to excessive sugar consumption and nutrient deficiencies. Notably, the Maori population on their ancestral diets had no dental decay. This changed to 40 percent within a generation of adopting foods based on sugar and white flour. No amount of fluoride will change this whilst Coca-Cola remain cheaper than milk.

The latest Medsafe (December 2014) Guidance document for labelling of fluoride tablets renders the uncontrolled availability of fluoridated water at up to 1mg/L and even toothpaste at significant variance with Medsafe limits that specifically included these instructions [5]:

1. Do not use in children under 6 years of age
- 1.2. Do not use in pregnancy

The Dental Association's fluoride promotion ignores this important medical directive.

## **Adverse neurological effect of fluoride**

The findings of this latest study have major implications in that an increase in urine fluoride of 1 mg/L was associated with a significant drop in IQ of 5 to 6 points. To put this into perspective the Mexican women subjects had urine fluoride between 0.5 and 1.5 mg/L with an average of 0.9 mg/L. Loss of IQ in the children was found over this entire range of mother's urine fluoride when the children were tested at age 4. A study presented in 2015, reported that the mean urinary fluoride concentration was 0.82 mg/L amongst 55 pregnant women residing in the fluoridated community of Palmerston North [3]. Thus, mean daily urinary excretion in pregnant women in a fluoridated community in NZ appears to be virtually the same. The range of fluoride exposures is likely to be well within the range in fluoridated New Zealand and thus directly applicable to areas with artificial fluoridation.

A study by Broadbent (2015) reportedly found no association between fluoridated water and IQ [4]. However, unlike the Mexican research, this observational study did not quantify exposure using established biomonitoring matrices such as urinary or plasma fluoride levels. Neither did this study investigate prenatal exposure and this could be critical.

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### **Potential inverse cost benefits**

The Ministry for Health (MoH) has yet to properly balance the cost-saving of a tooth against the potential adverse health effects. Whilst a reduction in IQ of this magnitude could logically contribute to socioeconomic inequalities and a decreased quality of life, the evidence for musculo-skeletal fluoride effects or arthritis cost this country over \$3 billion in 2010 [6,7]. Fluoride induced hypothyroidism has also been identified [8] with subsequent increased incidences of obesity and diabetes that are also an ever-increasing costly social problem.

The Republic of Ireland (RoI), with a similar population to NZ as well as similar soft water, has had mandatory water fluoridation for 50 years. Despite this dental decay rates are still high. The RoI has double the rate of diabetes of unfluoridated Northern Ireland. The prevalence of diabetes is equally high in the USA, Australia, NZ and Singapore all with extensive water fluoridation. The annual financial burden of treating diabetes alone in the RoI has been estimated at over 10 percent of the health budget or Euros 1.4 billion [9] and NZ is no different.

Over the past 60 years the population has been increasingly exposed to fluoride, mainly sourced from industrial wastes, yet paradoxically no public health biomonitoring has been undertaken. Any cost-benefit of artificial fluoridation with potentially a minimal one tooth saved per child needs to be compared with the international evidence of widespread and increasing chronic illnesses in every country with an artificial fluoridation policy.

### **Conclusion**

This latest study importantly replicated previous research [10] by identifying that ingesting fluoride at levels essentially identical to those found in New Zealand mothers, resulted in neurological impairment in their offspring. Any risk of this is obviously unacceptable and potentially preventable if the Medsafe guidelines were implemented.

The accumulating body burden of fluoride is associated with multi-system debilitating illnesses.

The deliberate fluoridation of municipal water supplies appears to be unscientific, inappropriate, ineffective, and a significant health cost to the nation.

Dental decay, diabetes and obesity are all caused by excessive sugar intake.

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## **NZ on the cusp of greatness - we make the case for action to ensure ethical governance in New Zealand**

### **Evidence paper to NZ Regional Councils and Territorial Authorities March 2018**

The TPP has been through a tumultuous process, agreed and signed 4 February 2016, then Trumped January 2017.

The remaining 11 nations negotiated a new agreement signed 8 March 2018 in Chile called Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement on the Trans Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). It is substantially the [same agreement with 22 suspended provisions pending the return of the US](#).

The likelihood of the [US rejoining the TPP](#) is increasing with a number of pronouncements from Administration officials.

The developing trade war prompted by US tariff increases on Steel and Aluminium imports [requires careful consideration](#). The tariffs are directed at the US trading deficit with China. The US has maintained a trade surplus with NZ over the [past several years of NZ – US trade](#).

New Zealand is active in trade and investment treaty [negotiations with a number of nations and blocs](#).

Civil Society opposition to trade and investment treaties centres on [several key concerns](#);

- Secrecy of negotiations and negotiating mandate
- Executive/Crown prerogative to treat with foreign powers without civil society consultation - then retrospectively legislate the agreement as a [fait accompli](#)
- Entrenchment of property rights as superior to human, community and ecological rights
- Entrenchment and enforcement of investor property rights through the advance grant of Investment State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) protection
- ISDS provides greater rights to foreign investors than domestic investors and businesses
- Trade treaties conflict with states' obligations in other international agreements, including those protecting human rights, labour standards and the environment
- Impinge on Māori rights in respect to te Tiriti o Waitangi

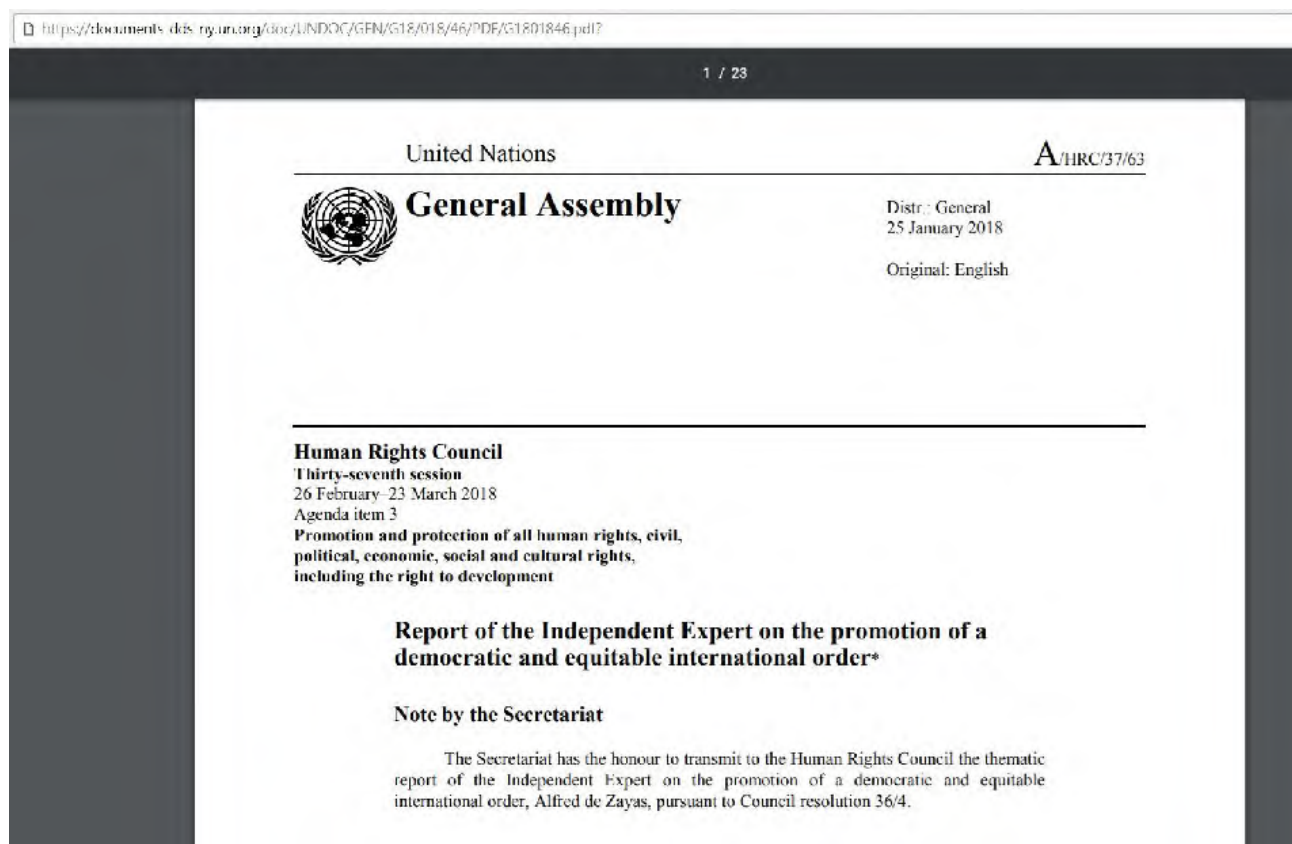
- Limit the ability of Local Government to make decisions for the wellbeing of their constituency
- Trade treaties confer new monopoly rights over the use and distribution of knowledge and the digital domain or commons.

## The duty of government

GENEVA (15 March 2018) – Alfred de Zayas the UN's first Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order, shared his seventh and final thematic report to the Human Rights Council at an event on the margins of the Council's 37th session.

We suggest that the Council considers formally supporting the 23 principles offered by Alfred de Zayas in his [paper to the UNHRC \(A/HRC/37/63\)](#) in which he "highlights the urgent need to apply human rights principles systematically and uniformly to all entities and endeavours."

De Zayas states "What we see is a financial system rigged in favour of powerful individuals and corporations, unequal participation in governments and international organisations, and communities suffering from a reduction of social services, imposed austerity, privatization of public utilities, the misplaced priorities of political leaders and a general absence of genuine representation," - UN Human Rights High Commission [press release](#). Image of front matter;



from the media release,

*In his full report\* – based on six years of work on the mandate – the Independent Expert identifies 23 principles of international order which should guide all individuals and institutions to achieve a more just and inclusive world. Among them, he highlights the supremacy of the UN Charter over all other treaties, the validity of the human rights treaty regime over commercial and other interests, and the inviolability of State sovereignty. “Moreover, any and all exercise of power, especially economic power, must be subject to some democratic controls,” said de Zayas.*

## **On the nature of the global order and how it is directed**

Alfred de Zayas' purpose promoting a democratic and equitable international order is undermined by the actions of those who would hack elections for sectarian ends. Global news media are reporting the Facebook Cambridge Analytics scandal through late March 2018.

Some investigative journalists highlighted the concern late last year, notably [Dr. Nafeez Ahmed who offered this prophetic advice in December 2017;](#)

*What do NATO, private military contractors, aerospace firms, wine merchants, the NSA, Trump, British property tycoons, Russian oligarchs, and Big Oil have in common? The world's largest social network.*

*Imagine a world in which everybody gave away their freedom, willingly, in return for belonging to a toxic network which, rather than enriching their lives, profited from eroding civil discourse, polarizing communities, and manipulating their minds.*

*Wouldn't you wonder what was wrong with these people? You would.*

*And yet that is the world you are about to inhabit, right now.*

*Unless you do something about it.*

Many individuals and organisations use facebook for it's benefit as a connector, however, where we connect with community building, commerce, social enterprise, family, causes and movement in the democracy, Facebook will be mining our data for end user utility and profit. In the case of Cambridge Analytica through unethical and likely unlawful means.

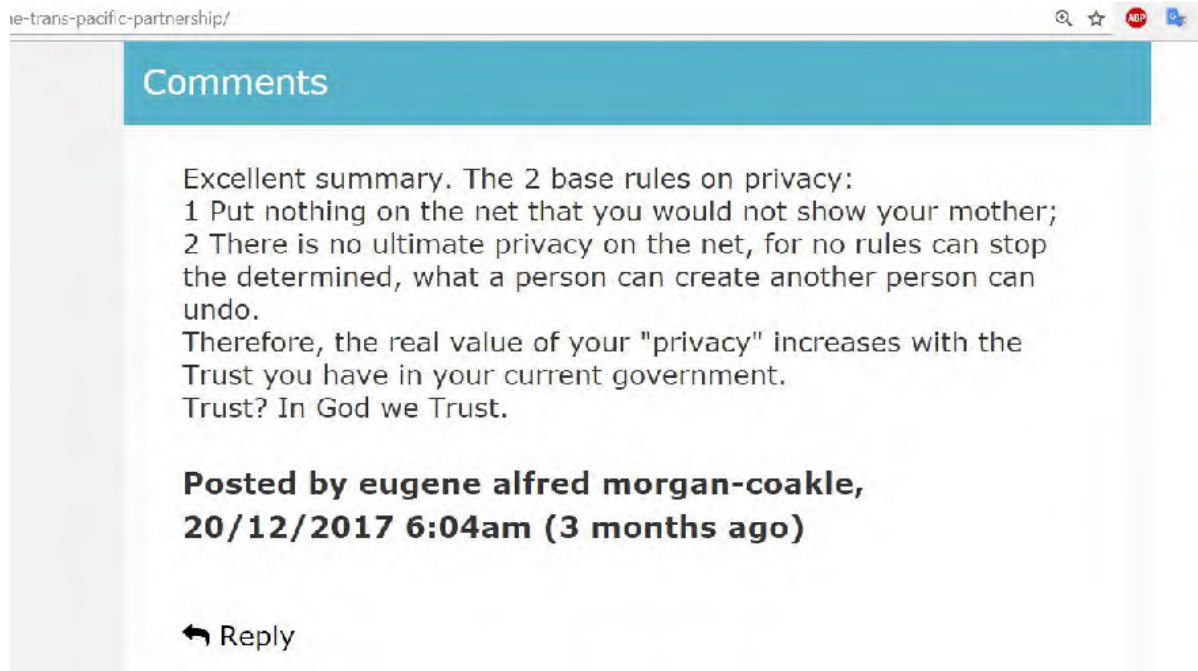
It is only through exposure of the Cambridge Analytica scandal that Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg has announced that he will be reviewing the way his operation does business. It is notable that when Facebook commenced operation Zuckerberg committed to the principle that people who joined would control their data. Here it is demonstrated that trust is built on a track record, not on blind faith that a person will honour their word.



The CPTPP E-Commerce chapter becomes crucial to the question, "who directs and benefits from one's data?"

The owners of the data and large [E-Commerce corporations are excited about CPTPP's E-Commerce Chapter](#) and seeks to spread it to NAFTA and around the World. What is good for them is not necessarily good for democracy and ordinary people's interests.

[Nz's Privacy Commission offers advice in respect to the CPTPP](#) privacy concerns which gained a comment from Eugene Alfred Morgan-Coakle capture on the quality of trust;



In the meantime democracy and human rights to privacy is under threat in a new piece of legislation passed by the [US Congress and signed by President Trump Friday 23 March 2018](#) called the [Cloud Act](#). It passed through both houses attached to a spending bill. Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) makes the following observations about the Cloud Act's implications.

*There's a new, proposed backdoor to our data, which would bypass our Fourth Amendment protections to communications privacy. It is built into a dangerous bill called the CLOUD Act, which would allow police at home and abroad to seize cross-border data without following the privacy rules where the data is stored.*

*This backdoor is an insidious method for accessing our emails, our chat logs, our online videos and photos, and our private moments shared online between one another. This backdoor would deny us meaningful judicial review and the privacy protections embedded in our Constitution.*

*This new backdoor for cross-border data mirrors another backdoor under Section 702 of the*

*NSA Amendments Act, an invasive NSA surveillance authority for foreign intelligence gathering. That law, recently reauthorized and expanded by Congress for another six years, gives U.S. intelligence agencies, including the NSA, FBI, and CIA, the ability to search, read, and share our private electronic messages without first obtaining a warrant.*

*The new backdoor in the CLOUD Act operates much in the same way. U.S. police could obtain Americans' data, and use it against them, without complying with the Fourth Amendment.*

All of which has serious implications for NZ data security and personal privacy where data is stored outside of New Zealand, with or without the US in CPTPP. US internet corporations Apple, Google, Facebook, Amazon and more store our data on US servers or overseas.

How stable and secure are these platforms given they rely on public confidence to maintain their share price and corporate value? The Herald ran a story 19 March 2018, "[Why the tech bubble is ready to burst](#)" a few days before the markets took vengeance on the Facebook share price over election hacking, stripping over US\$60billion from the value of the stock. Bubbles invariably burst with unpredictable results – 2008 Great Financial Crisis (GFC) is one recent example.

## Who to trust

Increasingly it appears that one's data is being employed to support interests that one is opposed to. Where one loses ownership of one's data, one loses the right to limit its reproduction and use.

No sane democrat wants future local body or NZ general elections to be determined by who is most clever with data manipulation. We cannot allow our democracy to be hacked. Due Diligence demands counter measure planning, to ensure electoral integrity given we are a democracy.

It is of note that the [GCSB's role](#) is to protect the NZ Internet space in that it protects certain traffic to facilitate secure communications for NZ Government and selected commerce or NGO operations. One would think the electoral system in a nation would be worth protecting from hacking.

Surely the NZ Echelon partners at the US NSA or the UK GCHQ would be capable to detect election hacking and close it down.

If US intelligence services did detect the Facebook-Cambridge Analytics election hack - they didn't do the democracy any service by thwarting the coup that resulted. [Cambridge Analytics parent company is SCL Group](#) is linked to elite personalities in the UK and US establishment with Security and Intelligence connections. This fact might explain why the UK and US Intelligence Services were thwarted from or reluctant to protect their realms. UK and US regulators are moving on the matter with [Zuckerberg facing question in the US](#). [NZ Justice Minister Andrew Little coincidentally has announced a review of NZ's Privacy Laws](#), with the Privacy Commissioner calling for fines for

breaches of up to \$1million.

Given the level of supposed surveillance it is a puzzle that the breaches are only discovered after the horse has bolted. What tricks will those who desire to hack elections dream up for the next round of ballots?

One question for the NZ Government and its intelligence services, is the degree to which Cambridge Analytics, SCL Group or any other are tampering with or hacking NZ's electoral system.

### **Local Government has a Duty of Care to ensure integrity of their electoral process**

Democracy elections and democratic practice is the basis for the NZ Sovereign State and as such it is integral to the State's existence.

Hacking elections, disseminating fake news, lack of transparency, and deep state interest, threaten the integrity of the democratic process, and call into question the validity of government formation - all of which undermines state cohesion and creates ground for unnecessary internal dissent.

British humanist, philosopher, public intellectual and prolific author [AC Grayling lectured at the NZ Festival in Wellington](#) the talk theme, "With dirty politics, authoritarian leaders and the simultaneous rise of populism rampant across the planet, what can individuals do to preserve democracy, the "least worst" system of government?" Grayling lays bare the specific problems of 21st-century democracy in his new book [Democracy and Its Crisis](#).

AC Grayling suggests that given the Cambridge Analytics hack of the Brexit Referendum, the result is no longer valid, "[We were conned.. and now we need a new referendum](#)" is his response to the hacking of the UK electoral process.

### **Electronic Ballots – how secure?**

NZ is discussing electronic voting on ballots that are machine readable. Is that wise from the perspective of integrity and trust in the process, whether it has been manipulated or otherwise? Why rely on trust, when we can be secure and transparent? It is imperative that we design integrity into our democratic process.

### **Elections can be gamed - it's all in the code**

[Clinton Curtis testifies to a US Senate panel](#) that he was asked by Yang Corporation to write code to manipulate a Diebold Vote Counting machine in time for the 2000 Bush Gore Election. Curtis demonstrates that the Florida State vote of the Bush 2000 election was gamed! Politics US style.

US and Dutch scientists ask "[Are we witnessing a dishonest election? A between state comparison based on the used voting procedures of the 2016 Democratic Party Primary for the Presidency of the United States of America](#)." They compared ballots from the 2016 Democrat Primary race

between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders and found a curious correlation, where there was a paper receipt the ballots went to Sanders, whereas those that were only electronic went to Clinton!

## On the Deep-State

A majority of the American public believe that the U.S. government engages in widespread monitoring of its own citizens and worry that the U.S. government could be invading their own privacy. The Monmouth University [Poll finds a large bipartisan majority who feel that national policy is being manipulated or directed by a "Deep State"](#) of unelected government officials.

## Deep-State enemy of choice

The issue of 'Russian hacking' of the US election is of note particularly given the US record of interference in other nations' affairs, elections, to the point of initiating coups and wars for regime change. We do not seek to justify any meddling in the affairs of sovereign nations. It is a fundamental principle of the [UN Charter - the right to self determination](#).

The UK is employing similar tactics in its bone pointing toward Russia over the alleged nerve gasing of Sergei and Yulia Skripal in Salisbury 4 March 2018.

Craig Murray ex UK Ambassador and 'former' intelligence asset [says there's no evidence to connect the Russians](#). Craig states he's winning the public discussion as there's [no valid counter proposal from supporters of the UK line that Russia dunnit](#).

It is clear that our allied states, UK, US, Canada and Australia in 5 Eyes or Echelon Spy agreement have made many false accusations on the back of 'false or no evidence' – [2003 Iraq War on the basis of Weapons of Mass Destruction \(WMD\)](#) being one large publicly known lie.

We know that internal processes are insufficiently powerful to correct intelligence services and the government ministers' utterances, prior to declarations of foreign policy intent and war-making.

The tendency to 'lie about the facts' indicates an ideological perspective, that isn't above systemically concocting evidence to support the 'club effort against the declared enemy'. The party interest is known as the Military and Industrial Complex – which utilise the security state to create tension and then profit from it through supplying the materials to conduct the resultant hostilities.

The NZ Afghanistan Hit and Run scandal uncovered by John Stevenson and Nicky Hager in their [Hit and Run book](#) highlight NZ involvement and complicity in War Crimes for Empire.

One year after the March 2017 Hit and Run assertions, [NZ Defence Chief Gen Tim Keating finally admits that the events did take place in the places referenced in Stephenson's book](#).

The UK Prime Minister Tony Blair lied to the world about weapons of mass destruction (WMD) in

Iraq in order to advance the [Iraq war on the basis of false intelligence](#). The Iraq war is credited with the murder of up to a million people and the displacement of many more, both internally and into neighbouring nations as well as hundreds of thousands to Europe and many to Oceania – the globalised impacts of modern war are far reaching.

It is very apparent that Secretive Intelligence agencies and deep agendas within the deep-state are corrupting global politics through a [strategy of tension](#);

*The strategy of tension is a method of social control involving a series of covert attacks upon a population, intended to promote stress and fear amongst them. The purpose is, by inducing a mistrust of one another and of the world at large, to increase child-like dependence upon perceived authority figures (such as national governments). The English phrase originates from the Italian (strategia della tensione), which was first applied to Operation Gladio in Italy.*

The hate Russia disease appears to have mutated and spread to New Zealand with the [Prime Minister making a statement that Russia was to blame](#) without any tangible evidence to support the assertion;

*Despite the further details that have emerged since the NZ government statement earlier this week, and despite the international outcry, the Russian reaction has been cynical, sarcastic and inadequate.*

*There is no plausible alternative explanation hitherto, that this came from anywhere other than Russia, and no doubt whatsoever that Russia has serious questions to answer.*

It appears to be the [price of the club membership](#). The question that John Key then a National MP posed to the Clark Government in respect to the 2003 Iraq War makes clear that gaining a [Free Trade Agreement with the US](#) depended on New Zealand joining the [Criminal Iraq War](#).

Is joining criminal wars the price that New Zealand wants to pay for its export trade?

Fact: the nexus between trade, foreign affairs, national competition for control of resources and war making. Last words by Stuff's David Armstrong Monday 26 March where he states [there's no evidence of Russian involvement in the Skripal case](#); "Free trade between morality and economic might."

### **Deep-state lies to expedite war-making - how to counter the narrative?**

To counter this tendency to spread propaganda and lies for sectarian (deep-state) interest it is imperative that the democracy assert control over the state where it is being engaged for nefarious purpose. The point becomes important in the globalised context to ensure all government dealings and relations with individuals, corporations, interests and governments that lead to commercial,

contractual, treaty or legislative amendment are open to public scrutiny.

## Open Government - Shine light into the workings of Government

The one vehicle which provides a window into Government action is the Official Information Act (OIA) 1982.

Minister for Justice Andrew Little took a question from National MP Brett Hudson 7 December 2017, who asked about Little's proposed review and/or reform of the OIA, Hudson's question, [What reform is he planning to make to the Official Information Act 1982?](#)

The NZ Government is yet to formally notify when the public consultation on any OIA reform proposals might occur.

The NZ Law Commission 2010 issues paper, [The Public's Right to Know \(IP18\)](#) discussed areas of possible reform relating to New Zealand's official information legislation. It sought public comment on preliminary proposals. This Issues Paper is part of the Commission's Review of the Official Information Act 1982 and Parts 1-6 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987;

*The The key principle of the Official Information Act 1982 and the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 is that official information should be made available unless in the particular case there is good reason for withholding it.*

## Requirements of a functioning democracy

Everyone says that transparency and open access to government information is critical to the maintenance of a well functioning democracy. We need to instrumentalise that to ensure public trust in government processes and decision making.

We have seen repeated instances where governments; local, central, NZ, and global claim privilege for the information they hold in order to stop the public from knowing what is being done in our name, and often without our consent.

Trans Pacific Partnership both as [TPP and CPTPP iterations were negotiated in secrecy which was only penetrated by leaks](#). Where has the NZ democracy sanctioned the government to reach agreements to alter NZ legislation then return to NZ with an Agreement and claim it's in the National Interest to Sign and Ratify it. Commercial privilege is claimed. Where has the NZ democracy said yes to ISDS in trade treaties?

## War making – Creating Tension

War is often initiated with false pretense or through the [ruse of a staged events](#) - examples;

- Nazi Germany's Reichstag Fire scapegoat communists 'regime change'



- US's Gulf of Tonkin non-event that was employed as the ruse for ramping up the Vietnam War against communists 'regime change'
- Afghanistan - Osama bin Laden and retribution for the 9/11 event - Taliban 'regime change'
- Iraq - weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and 'regime change'
- Libya responsibility to protect and the case against the leader Gaddafi – 'regime change'
- Syria and the case for 'regime change'
- UK Salisbury Skripal nerve agent attack – case for attacking Russia = Putin 'regime change'

Each of the listed nations and disputes is informed to the NZ and global population through the statements of national officials and the reporting of the Mainstream News Media.

The public are told in all of the above examples that the security agency reports or the Government statements and acts make the case for an attack on a sovereign nation.

Here is a [critique of the hate Russia narrative](#) by a London businessperson;

*On 1st March, Vladimir Putin gave his annual address to the Federal Assembly in Moscow.*

*Unsurprisingly, one segment in particular drew the attention of the western press – the section on defence. Putin described a number of highly advanced weapons systems scheduled to come online over the next few months and years. He explained the necessity for the development of these systems, particularly since George W. Bush's withdrawal from the ABM treaty in 2002, and went on to describe the parameters within which they would be used. In the passage below, you will see that he alludes to recent statements made by the United States, in which they have asserted their prerogative to make a first nuclear strike:*

*“We are greatly concerned by certain provisions of the revised nuclear posture review, which expand the opportunities for reducing and reduce the threshold for the use of nuclear arms. Behind closed doors, one may say anything to calm down anyone, but we read what is written. And what is written is that this strategy can be put into action in response to conventional arms attacks and even to a cyber-threat.*

*I should note that our military doctrine says Russia reserves the right to use nuclear weapons solely in response to a nuclear attack, or an attack with other weapons of mass destruction against the country or its allies, or an act of aggression against us with the use*

of conventional weapons that threaten the very existence of the state. This aim is very clear and specific.

As such, I see it is my duty to announce the following. Any use of nuclear weapons against Russia or its allies, weapons of short, medium or any range at all, will be considered as a nuclear attack on this country. Retaliation will be immediate, with all the attendant consequences.

There should be no doubt about this whatsoever. There is no need to create more threats to the world. Instead, let us sit down at the negotiating table and devise together a new and relevant system of international security and sustainable development for human civilisation. We have been saying this all along. All these proposals are still valid. Russia is ready for this”

Anyone who has followed international politics since the sixties will hear echoes of ‘mutually assured destruction (MAD)’ in this passage. I.E. “No-one can win, we will all lose, so let’s calm it down’...with the addition of what was missing for much of the cold war...”so let’s talk”.

This is not how the speech was reported in western media. Here are some of the headlines:

The Guardian: “Putin threatens US arms race with new missiles declaration”

The BBC: “Russia’s Putin unveils ‘invincible’ nuclear weapons”

The Washington Post: “Putin just bragged about Russia’s nuclear weapons”

Of course, it is easy to understand how those outlets could draw such inferences from the speech – anyone with half a brain and a drum to bang could take any segment and extract a case for ‘Russian aggression’. However, read the whole speech, attempt to put yourself in Russia’s shoes for even a moment...and what you will notice about western coverage is an almost total lack of objectivity, intelligent analysis, or understanding. In short, our media do not attempt to see the world through the eyes of Vladimir Putin...

The author concludes in the following terms;

Finally, let me say this: I have no personal animosity towards individual journalists who peddle this crap. I don’t know them personally. They may have been ‘duped’, they may have been ‘persuaded’, they may be ‘assets’. I don’t know on an individual basis.

What I do know is this: a war-mongering mind-set has taken hold in governments, in our security services, and increasingly in the military...a mind-set that the media is drip-feeding into the population. On that score, I am personally committed to exposing this mind-set for what it is: whether it is print media hacks with their whitewashing of the US funding of al-



*Qaeda and the white helmet psyop, or whether it is the television media that parrots the governmental line on anything Putin says, does, or doesn't do...I will not sit quietly by whilst these sociopaths and morons take us to war...again.*

*To my fellow citizens I say this: Make up your own mind – don't blindly believe me or anyone else; and for God's sake don't let the government and the media make up your mind for you.*

*To politicians and the media, I say this: I haven't forgotten Iraq even if you have. If you think for one moment that I'm going follow you down the warpath on the basis of zero evidence or blatant 'bullshit' – it's never going to happen. Either tell the truth, or get out.*

## **Transparency and open government is a public good**

Each council and territorial authority has matters that it has hidden from constituents. Likewise Central Government. It could be argued that privilege is necessary, however, where privilege is employed to misrepresent or do unlawful activity – “false accusations of culpability” there needs to be a public interest test mediated in a competent court to ensure that all decisions are taken with the utmost integrity and with a full weighing of facts and the benefit of human rights law.

[World Scientists' Warning to Humanity: A Second Notice](#) published 13 November 2017 co-signed by 15,000 Scientists;

*Twenty-five years ago, the Union of Concerned Scientists and more than 1700 independent scientists, including the majority of living Nobel laureates in the sciences, penned the 1992 “World Scientists' Warning to Humanity” (see supplemental file S1). These concerned professionals called on humankind to curtail environmental destruction and cautioned that “a great change in our stewardship of the Earth and the life on it is required, if vast human misery is to be avoided.” In their manifesto, they showed that humans were on a collision course with the natural world. They expressed concern about current, impending, or potential damage on planet Earth involving ozone depletion, freshwater availability, marine life depletion, ocean dead zones, forest loss, biodiversity destruction, climate change, and continued human population growth. They proclaimed that fundamental changes were urgently needed to avoid the consequences our present course would bring.*

The scientists recommend;

*Sustainability transitions come about in diverse ways, and all require civil-society pressure and evidence-based advocacy, political leadership, and a solid understanding of policy instruments, markets, and other drivers. Examples of diverse and effective steps humanity can take to transition to sustainability include the following (not in order of importance or urgency): (a) prioritizing the enactment of connected well-funded and well-managed*

reserves for a significant proportion of the world's terrestrial, marine, freshwater, and aerial habitats; (b) maintaining nature's ecosystem services by halting the conversion of forests, grasslands, and other native habitats; (c) restoring native plant communities at large scales, particularly forest landscapes; (d) rewilding regions with native species, especially apex predators, to restore ecological processes and dynamics; (e) developing and adopting adequate policy instruments to remedy defaunation, the poaching crisis, and the exploitation and trade of threatened species; (f) reducing food waste through education and better infrastructure; (g) promoting dietary shifts towards mostly plant-based foods; (h) further reducing fertility rates by ensuring that women and men have access to education and voluntary family-planning services, especially where such resources are still lacking; (i) increasing outdoor nature education for children, as well as the overall engagement of society in the appreciation of nature; (j) divesting of monetary investments and purchases to encourage positive environmental change; (k) devising and promoting new green technologies and massively adopting renewable energy sources while phasing out subsidies to energy production through fossil fuels; (l) revising our economy to reduce wealth inequality and ensure that prices, taxation, and incentive systems take into account the real costs which consumption patterns impose on our environment; and (m) estimating a scientifically defensible, sustainable human population size for the long term while rallying nations and leaders to support that vital goal.

*To prevent widespread misery and catastrophic biodiversity loss, humanity must practice a more environmentally sustainable alternative to business as usual. This prescription was well articulated by the world's leading scientists 25 years ago, but in most respects, we have not heeded their warning. Soon it will be too late to shift course away from our failing trajectory, and time is running out. We must recognize, in our day-to-day lives and in our governing institutions, that Earth with all its life is our only home.*

## **Looking forward - New Zealand assists creating a better World**

We encourage New Zealand to adopt Alfred de Zayas' recommended principles to the 9 March 2018 side-event to the 37th session of the Human Rights Council on international order and multilateralism . Alfred focused primarily on his visit to Venezuela 26 November to 4 December 2017 and uses that expedition to [highlight the 23 principles of international order which should guide all individuals and institutions to achieve a more just and inclusive world.](#)

Alfred's suggestions bear careful and deliberate consideration the are critical to comprehend for democracy advocates.

It ought be noted that NZ has championed causes previously through the UN - most recently the [Security Council resolution 2334 on Palestine 23 December 2016](#) concerning Israeli settlements in

Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem

We will never achieve justice in law without a concerted global campaign. In a globalised world we require a global movement toward just law. We encourage all NZ Regional Councils and Territorial Authorities to be partners in creating the solution.

## **Recommendation #1**

We suggest that the Council considers formally supporting the 23 principles offered by Alfred de Zayas in his paper to the UNHRC (A/HRC/37/63) thus endorsing their merit and requesting the New Zealand Government similarly endorse them and champion them in International Fora and diplomatic relations and negotiations.

### **Principles of international order**

The reports of the Independent Expert have been guided by numerous General Assembly resolutions, notably resolutions 2625 (XXV) and 3314 (XXIX), which, together with the Charter, propound a vision of a democratic and equitable international order. Based on the work of the mandate holder, the following should be generally recognized as principles of international order:

- (a) Pax optima rerum. The noblest principle and purpose of the United Nations is promoting peace, preventively and, in case of armed conflict, facilitating peacemaking, reconstruction and reconciliation;
- (b) The Charter takes priority over all other treaties (Article 103);
- (c) Human dignity is the source of all human rights, which, since 1945, have expanded into an international human rights treaty regime, many aspects of which have become customary international law. The international human rights treaty regime takes priority over commercial and other treaties (see A/HRC/33/40, paras. 18–42);
- (d) The right of self-determination of peoples constitutes jus cogens and is affirmed in the Charter and in common article 1 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The rights-holders of self-determination are peoples. The duty bearers are States. The exercise of self-determination is an expression of democracy and attains enhanced legitimacy when a referendum is conducted under the auspices of the United Nations. Although the enjoyment of self-determination in the form of autonomy, federalism, secession or union with another State entity is a human right, it is not self-executing. Timely dialogue for the realization of self-determination is an effective conflict-prevention measure (see A/69/272,

paras. 65–77),

(e) Statehood depends on four criteria: population, territory, government and the ability to enter into relations with other countries. While international recognition is desirable, it is not constitutive but only declaratory. A new State is bound by the principles of international order, including human rights;

(f) Every State has an inalienable right to choose its political, economic, social and cultural systems, without interference in any form by another State. Already in 1510 the Spanish Dominican Francisco de Vitoria, Professor of Law in Salamanca, stated that all nations had the right to govern themselves and could accept the political regime they wanted, even if it was not the best;

(g) Peoples and nations possess sovereignty over their natural resources. If these natural resources were “sold” or “assigned” pursuant to colonial, neocolonial or “unequal treaties” or contracts, these agreements must be revised to vindicate the sovereignty of peoples over their own resources;

(h) The principle of territorial integrity has external application, i.e. State A may not invade or encroach upon the territorial integrity of State B. This principle cannot be used internally to deny or hollow out the right of self-determination of peoples, which constitutes a jus cogens right (see A/69/272, paras. 21, 28, 69 and 70);

(i) State sovereignty is superior to commercial and other agreements (see A/HRC/33/40, paras. 43–54);

(j) States shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations (Charter, Art. 2 (4));

(k) States have a positive duty to negotiate and settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace, security and justice are not endangered (Charter, Art. 2 (3));

(l) States have the duty to refrain from propaganda for war (International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, art. 20 (1));

(m) States shall negotiate in good faith for the early conclusion of a universal treaty on general and complete disarmament under effective international control (A/HRC/27/51, paras. 6, 16, 18 and 44);

(n) States may not organize or encourage the organization of irregular forces or armed bands, including mercenaries, for incursion into the territory of another State;

(o) States must refrain from intervening in matters within the national jurisdiction of another State;

(p) No State may use or encourage the use of economic, political or any other type of measures to coerce another State in order to obtain from it the subordination of the exercise of its sovereign rights and to secure from it advantages of any kind;

(q) No State may organize, assist, foment, finance, incite or tolerate subversive, terrorist or armed activities directed towards the violent overthrow of the regime of another State, or interfere in civil strife in another State;

(r) The use of force to deprive peoples of their national identity constitutes a violation of their inalienable rights and of the principle of non-intervention;

(s) The ontology of States is to legislate in the public interest. The ontology of business and investment is to take risks to generate profit. A treaty that stipulates one-way protection for investors and establishes arbitration commissions that encroach on the regulatory space of States is by nature *contra bonos mores*. Hence, the investor-State dispute settlement mechanism cannot be reformed; it must be abolished (see A/HRC/30/44, paras. 8, 12, 17 and 53, and A/70/285, paras. 54 and 65);

(t) States must respect not only the letter of the law, but also the spirit of the law, as well as general principles of law (Statute of the International Court of Justice, Article 38), such as good faith, the impartiality of judges, non-selectivity, uniformity of application of law, the principle of non-intervention, estoppel (*ex injuria non oritur jus*), the prohibition of the abuse of rights (*sic utere tuo ut alienum non laedas*) and the prohibition of contracts or treaties that are *contra bonos mores*. It is not only the written law that stands, but the broader principles of natural justice as already recognized in Sophocles' *Antigone*, affirming the unwritten laws of humanity, and the concept of a higher moral law prohibiting unconscionably taking advantage of a weaker party, which could well be considered a form of economic neocolonialism or neo-imperialism (see annex II below);

(u) States have the duty to cooperate with one another, irrespective of the differences in their political, economic and social systems, in order to maintain international peace and security and to promote international economic stability and progress. To this end, States are obliged to conduct their international relations in the economic, social, cultural, technical and trade fields in accordance with the principles of sovereign equality and non-intervention. States should promote a culture of dialogue and mediation;

(v) The right to access reliable information is indispensable for the national and international democratic order. The right of freedom of opinion and expression necessarily includes the right to be wrong. "Memory laws", which pretend to crystalize history into a

politically correct narrative, and penal laws enacted to suppress dissent are anti-democratic, offend academic freedom and endanger not only domestic but also international democracy (see A/HRC/24/38, para. 37);

(w) States have a duty to protect and preserve nature and the common heritage of humankind for future generations.

Alfred concludes his report with two annexes to frame consideration of the 23 Principles of International Order, Human Rights Annex I and Rule of Justice Annex II.

The full text of each [annex can be accessed in the full report](#):

### **Annex I - A new functional paradigm on human rights**

1. All rights derive from human dignity. Codification of human rights is never definitive and never exhaustive, but constitutes an evolutionary mode d'emploi for the exercise of civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights. Alas, the interpretation and application of human rights is hindered by wrong priorities, sterile positivism and a regrettable tendency to focus only on individual rights while forgetting collective rights. Alas, many rights advocates show little or no interest for the social responsibilities that accompany the exercise of rights, and fail to see the necessary symbiosis of rights and obligations, notwithstanding the letter and spirit of article 29 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

2. The time has come to change the human rights paradigm away from narrow positivism towards a broader understanding of human rights norms in the context of an emerging customary international law of human rights. Law is neither physics nor mathematics, but a dynamic human institution that day by day addresses the needs and aspirations of society, adjusting here, filling lacunae there. Every human rights lawyer knows that the spirit of the law (Montesquieu) transcends the limitations of the letter of the law...(cont.)

Points 2 – 9 in UN report page 21; (A/HRC/37/63)

### **Annex II - Rule of law must evolve into rule of justice**

1. The rule of law is a pillar of stability, predictability and democratic ethos. Its object and purpose is to serve the human person and progressively achieve human dignity in larger freedom.

2. Because law reflects power imbalances, we must ensure that the ideal of the rule of law is not instrumentalized simply to enforce the status quo, maintain privilege, and the exploitation of one group over another. The rule of law must be a rule that allows flexibility and welcomes continuous democratic dialogue to devise and implement those reforms

required by an evolving society. It must be a rule of conscience and of listening.

3. Throughout history law has been all too frequently manipulated by political power, becoming a kind of dictatorship through law, where people are robbed of their individual and collective rights, and the law itself becomes the main instrument of their disenfranchisement. Experience has taught us that law is not coterminous with justice and that laws can be adopted and enforced to perpetuate abuse and cement injustice. Accordingly, any appeal to the rule of law should be contextualized within a human-rights-based framework.

Points 4. - 6 in the UN report page 23; (A/HRC/37/63)

### **Trade and investment treaty effects on public policy**

Councillors will note the many references to trade and investment treaties and Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) made by Alfred de Zayas in his 23 principles, namely;

(c) Human dignity is the source of all human rights, which, since 1945, have expanded into an international human rights treaty regime, many aspects of which have become customary international law. The international human rights treaty regime takes priority over commercial and other treaties (see A/HRC/33/40, paras. 18–42);

This statement is reasserted in many ways through the principles, notably in;

(i) State sovereignty is superior to commercial and other agreements (see A/HRC/33/40, paras. 43–54);

(p) No State may use or encourage the use of economic, political or any other type of measures to coerce another State in order to obtain from it the subordination of the exercise of its sovereign rights and to secure from it advantages of any kind;

(s) The ontology of States is to legislate in the public interest. The ontology of business and investment is to take risks to generate profit. A treaty that stipulates one-way protection for investors and establishes arbitration commissions that encroach on the regulatory space of States is by nature *contra bonos mores*. Hence, the investor-State dispute settlement mechanism cannot be reformed; it must be abolished (see A/HRC/30/44, paras. 8, 12, 17 and 53, and A/70/285, paras. 54 and 65);

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The following have implications for trade treaties whilst having general importance;

(v) The right to access reliable information is indispensable for the national and international democratic order. The right of freedom of opinion and expression necessarily includes the right to be wrong. "Memory laws", which pretend to crystalize history into a politically correct narrative, and penal laws enacted to suppress dissent are anti-democratic, offend academic freedom and endanger not only domestic but also international democracy (see A/HRC/24/38, para. 37);

(w) States have a duty to protect and preserve nature and the common heritage of humankind for future generations.

### **TPP or CPTPP - on balance a public good?**

The best that can be said about the [CPTPP is that it provides limited economic benefits to NZ](#). That benefit is also a potential poor outcome where it expands our primary producing economy in a manner that increases NZ's emissions of greenhouse gases.

There is a [lot of material](#) on [TPP/CPTPP](#). The community that oppose its imposition on New Zealand are of a similar mind to the Union of Concerned Scientists, Alfred de Zayas the UN Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order and Dr Nafeez Ahmed.

We ask, "why take binding and enforceable action to lock NZ and the region into an agreement that is patently against the interests of the present and future NZ State?"

[LGNZ previous President Lawrence Yule said in July 2017](#), "local government's vision for New Zealand in 2050 is a vibrant country enjoying environmental, social, cultural and economic prosperity" when launching the new [Local Government Position Statement on Climate Change, and 2017 climate change declaration](#) signed by 44 mayors from around the country. The statement includes the following passage;



*2. Policy alignment and a clear mandate to address climate change*

*Central government policies can support (or hinder) council, private sector and community action to respond to climate change.*

*Effective climate policy involves a diverse range of adaptation and mitigation actions. A broad review of existing policy is required to support climate change adaptation and mitigation actions.*

*To highlight that local government's actions to address climate change are part of a national effort, we seek an explicit mandate under the Local Government Act to consider how decisions affect climate change outcomes.*

We have already demonstrated in clear factual terms the limits that [TPP/CPTPP and the ISDS regime will impose on effective climate action](#). The [www.dontdoit.nz](http://www.dontdoit.nz) petition places importance on ensuring any trade and investment treaty NZ enters will not constrain effective climate action.

NZ must move to a future where everyone's wellbeing is nurtured. This could be ensured by way of amendment to the manner in which NZ negotiates, consults, signs and ratifies international trade and investment treaties.

The petition takes the government at its word where it said to the NZ Parliament in the [Speech From The Throne 9 November 2017](#) that it will exclude investor state dispute mechanisms (from TPP) and avoid their inclusion in all future agreements. The petition acknowledges the Labour Party 2017 Trade election manifesto where it offers [Greater engagement with civil society over trade talks](#) suggesting a democratic process toward a standing general mandate for New Zealand's future negotiations to guide NZ's trade negotiators.

## **Recommendation #2**

We urge Council to endorse the model trade and investment treaty process offered in the [www.dontdoit.nz](http://www.dontdoit.nz) petition

The dontdoit.nz petition where it is implemented would ensure that New Zealand honours PM Jacinda Ardern's statement that MFAT will negotiate no further FTAs with Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS). It would ensure in a transparent and public manner that there would be no surprises or treaties negotiated that are adverse to NZ interests and inhabitants' wellbeing. The petition says in part;

***...urge the House to call upon the Government:***

*k) not to sign the TPPA or the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement on Trans-Pacific*

Partnership, (note: the petition was formulated prior to the 8 March 2018 CPTPP Signing in Chile)

*l) to conduct a principles-based review of New Zealand's approach to free trade, investment and economic integration agreements that involves broad-based consultation;*

*m) to engage with Maori to reach agreement on effective protection of their rights and interests consistent with te Tiriti o Waitangi and suspend negotiations for similar agreements until that review is concluded;*

***and further, urge the House to pass new legislation that***

*(n) establishes the principles and protections identified through the principles-based review under paragraph (l) as the standing general mandate for New Zealand's future negotiations, including;*

*i. excluding ISDS from all agreements New Zealand enters into, and renegotiating existing agreements with ISDS;*

*ii. a requirement for the government to commission and release in advance of signing an agreement independent analyses of the net costs and benefits of any proposed agreement for the economy, including jobs and distribution, and of the impact on health, other human rights, the environment and the ability to take climate action;*

*iii. a legislative requirement to refer the agreement to the Waitangi Tribunal for review prior to any decision to sign the treaty; and*

*(o) makes the signing of any agreement conditional on a majority vote of the Parliament following the tabling in the House of the reports referred to in paragraph (n) (ii) and (iii);*

***and for the House to amend its Standing Orders to***

*(p) establish a specialist parliamentary select committee on treaties with membership that has the necessary expertise to scrutinise free trade, investment and economic integration agreements;*

*(q) require the tabling of the government's full mandate for any negotiation prior to the commencement of negotiations, and any amendment to that mandate, as well as periodic reports to the standing committee on treaties on compliance with that mandate;*

*(r) require the tabling of any final text of any free trade, investment and economic integration agreement at least 90 days prior to it being signed;*

*(s) require the standing committee on treaties call for and hear submissions on the mandate, the periodic reports, and pre-signing version of the text and the final text and*

*report on those hearings to Parliament,*

*(t) require a two-third majority support for the adoption of any free trade, investment or economic integration agreement that constrains the sovereignty of future Parliaments that is binding and enforceable through external dispute settlement processes.*

### **Recommendation #3**

#### **Support the Local Government (Four Well-beings) Amendment Bill**

We urge the council to support the [Local Government \(Four Well-beings\) Amendment Bill](#) which amends the Local Government Act (LGA) 2002 to reinstate references to social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being that were removed by the National government in 2012.

The “four well-beings” were a cornerstone of the LGA 2002 when it was introduced. The “four well-beings” provide the modern focus of local government on serving and being accountable to the communities they serve. It highlights the constitutional role that local governments play in community development and nation building.

The bill is sponsored by Paul Eagle MP (previously Wellington City Councillor). It would be a great demonstration of the alignment between Local Government and Central Government to achieve wellbeing for all NZ inhabitants. The bill offers the following explanation;

*The Bill amends the Local Government Act 2002 to reinstate references to social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being that were removed by the National government in 2012.*

*The “four well-beings” were a cornerstone of the Act when it was introduced. The “four well-beings” provide the modern focus of local government on serving and being accountable to the communities they serve. It highlights the constitutional role that local governments play in community development and nation building.*

*The removal of the “four well-beings” by the National government was based on factual inaccuracies and misconceptions. The effect of the removal of the “four well-beings” is wide reaching and is not limited to section 10 amended by the National government, as the four-well beings permeate the Local Government Act 2002 and there are references to them in other Acts.*

*Given that the “four well-beings” remain in these other acts of Parliament, the risk of inconsistency and confusion is real, especially with the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Local Government Act 2002. Many Mayors and Councillors continue to be concerned that the National government’s removal of the “four well-beings” and its replacement*

*wording is sufficiently unclear as to almost certainly lead to legal challenges of the way local authorities interpret their responsibilities, especially legal challenges from well-resourced special interest groups.*

*In its submission on the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Bill, Local Government New Zealand, the representative body of local governments representing all 78 local authorities in New Zealand, had this to say—*

- “There is no evidence that a substantive problem exists that requires legislative change. The examples by the Government to justify the proposed change are not examples of a failure of the well-beings. The examples adduced are either explicable due to the underlying circumstances, for example, holdings in particular business activities which are mandated by the communities affected and deliver an acceptable commercial return or address a community need”*
- “There is no evidence that councils are finding it difficult to decline requests for funding. Instead the recently completed long-term planning round suggests that the opposite is the case. Councils have been aware of the straightened financial circumstances that the country is in and have been fiscally prudent as a result. The prime driver of rates increases is infrastructure investment”*
- “Most significantly, the proposed amendment will likely have significant legal and cost implications. These implications arise for both decision-makers and the community, who are likely to be confused by its intent or application. It is concerning that the legal (and associated cost) consequences of the proposed amendment do not appear to have been considered by the Government. The Regulatory Impact Statement is silent on this point. The proposed new purpose, and how it changes the proper interpretation of specific obligations under the LGA 2002, is sufficiently unclear as to almost certainly lead to legal challenges of the way local authorities have interpreted their responsibilities. In light of the body of case law under the existing provisions, it would be naïve to think that changing those provisions would not encourage further litigation by well resourced interest groups who opposed particular local authority decisions. As a result, the proposed change is likely to produce significant costs without any concomitant benefit”*
- “Given the lack of a problem definition, the lack of any evidence to substantiate the general claims made by Government about the impact of the well-beings, and the un-scoped legal risk associated with the change, the proposal to alter the well-beings appears somewhat reckless”*
- “As a result of this analysis, the members of LGNZ resolved unanimously at its Annual General Meeting on 15 July 2012 that the Government should retain the well-beings”*

we believe that NZ Local Government support this initiative as there was universal opposition to the removal of the Wellbeings from the LGA 2002.

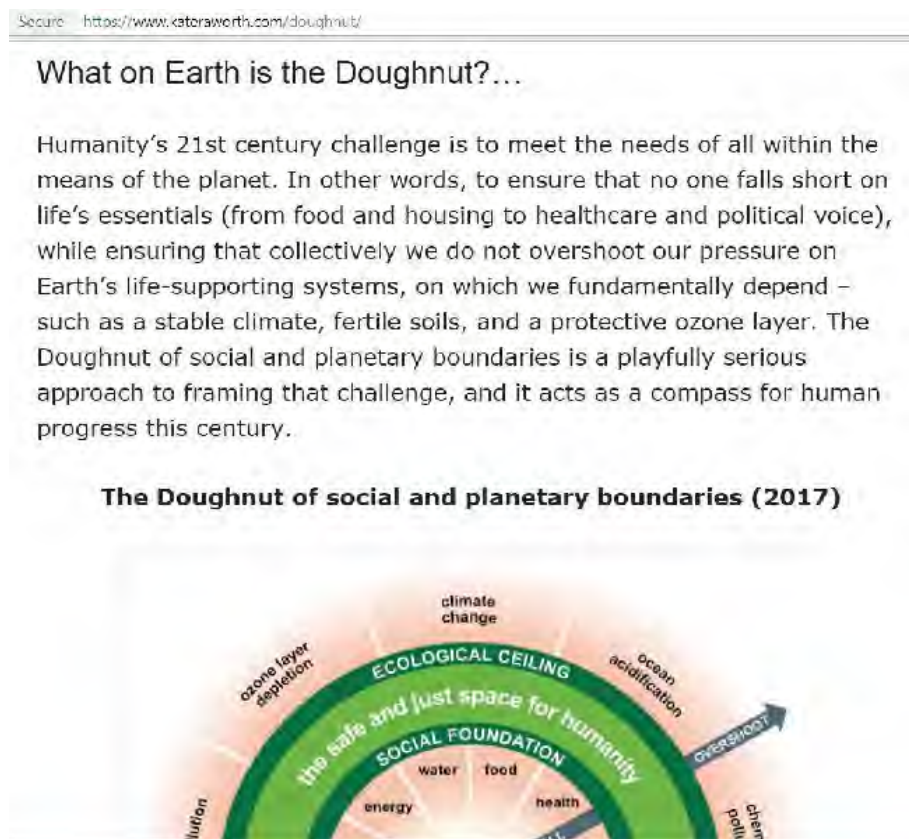
#### Recommendation #4

We urge you to read and consider Kate Raworth's "[Doughnut Economics](https://www.kateraworth.com/doughnut/)" as a framework for thinking about economics in the 21st century given that the challenges we are facing this century are global in scale but local in solution and we need a different mindset from the economics of the past if we are to viably approach these challenges.

<https://www.kateraworth.com/doughnut/>

Kate Raworth's book, "[Doughnut Economics: Seven Ways to Think Like a 21st-Century Economist](https://www.kateraworth.com/doughnut/)" on Amazon.

More of [Kate Raworth's publications and writings](https://www.kateraworth.com/doughnut/) are available at her website.



<https://www.kateraworth.com/about/> a brief CV;



Kate Raworth is a renegade economist focused on exploring the economic mindset needed to address the 21st century's social and ecological challenges, and is the creator of the **Doughnut** of social and planetary boundaries.

She is a Senior Visiting Research Associate at Oxford University's **Environmental Change Institute**, where she teaches on the Masters in **Environmental Change and Management**. She is also a Senior Associate at the **Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership**.

Her internationally acclaimed idea of Doughnut Economics has been widely influential amongst sustainable development thinkers, progressive businesses and political activists, and she has presented it to audiences ranging from the UN General Assembly to the Occupy movement. Her book, *Doughnut Economics: seven ways to think like a 21st century economist* is being published in the UK and US in April 2017 and translated into Italian, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch and Japanese.

Ends.



**Subject:** FW: SUBMISSION LTP 2018-28

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**From:** R & A Keenan [<mailto:keenanr@kinect.co.nz>]

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**To:** Council <[council@westlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:council@westlanddc.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** SUBMISSION LTP 2018-28

SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN:

STOP THE WASTE.

With only 6600 rateable properties (low population base) Westland District Council should always be vigilant and cost effective. What is the plan for the West Coast?

Planning is essential (with best of consultative means), shared & collaborative services within West Coast Councils and other entities i.e.DOC. Standardise plans and policy work. Advocate in unity for better, roading funding, health services, care for elderly etc.

Essential services and workloads, in priority order for each community Otira through to Jackson's Bay – council core business only, with debt reduction means.

Township amenities can only be what is affordable..but keep clean tidy & connected to our environment and surrounds.. respect our heritage and past long term ratepayers (consult well).

Council Companies are stakeholder owned...they too must work to Council Vision, cost effective and return dividends. Oblige Local Government Act, Rating Act, Meetings Act....

Check previous reports, plans, letters for further details..(there was a long term plan 2012-22, also one 2009 – 2019 but here we go again) over spending on nonessentials and/or wasteful fanciful decisions is not acceptable..

Yours faithfully

Anthea & Rex Keenan

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20<sup>th</sup> December 2017

To Westland District Council

**Support for the Township Development Fund**

As residents of Franz Josef, we would like to add our support for continuing the availability of the Township Development Fund as it is, in the next Annual plan.

Over the years it has enabled us to achieve many things. It has provided support in the way of finance to several community groups. It has enabled the township to take on various community projects, which we would not have been able to do had we had to rely on fundraising alone. You will appreciate that there is a limit as to how much fundraising you can do with a small population.

We would very much like the fund to continue in its present form, so we can continue to strive to keep Franz Josef a thriving community.

Kind regards

Graham Berry  
Franz Josef Community Council Chairperson.



**Franz Josef**

**Community Council**

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South Westland**



Date 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Councillors

We are writing in support of changes to the Long-Term District Plan. These changes are to include the availability of pokies in Franz Josef. Pokies were operated in the Scenic Hotel's Haast Bar. However, these were lost due to the flood of Easter 2015.

As a township we would very much like to get these back. They are a great asset to have for the community considering the tourist numbers that we cater for from October to April each year. They offer a revenue stream that has the potential to benefit not just Franz Josef but South Westland also.

We are asking that you take this request into consideration when drafting the Long-Term District Plan.

Kind regards,

Graham Berry

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**Phone:** 07 959 7321      **Email:** kristen.price@toimata.org.nz      We **DO NOT** wish to speak to this submission

Toimata Foundation (a charitable trust) is the national support organisation for Enviroschools and Te Aho Tū Roa.

***This submission covers the following points:***

**1. *What is Enviroschools?***

- Enviroschools is a holistic framework that supports the development of resilient, connected and sustainable communities.
- Enviroschools operates nationwide as a collaboration between school communities, Toimata Foundation, Local Government and Central Government with additional community partners.
- It is specifically designed to meet multiple Local Government outcomes and is supported by over 80% of all councils in NZ.
- Enviroschools is proven. It has a 20-year track record and is backed by a 5-year research and evaluation programme.
- It operates at a significant scale. Nationally over 1,100 early childhood education (ECE) centres, primary, intermediate and secondary schools are part of the Enviroschools network – this is a third of all schools and 6% of the large ECE sector.



**2. *Thank you for your support.***

- We thank Westland District Council (WDC) for supporting your community to participate in Enviroschools and request that WDC maintains its valuable supporting role in Enviroschools.
- Currently there are 5 Enviroschools in Westland. This is made up of 3 of the 13 schools (23%) and 2 of the six ECE centres (33%) in your district are part of Enviroschools.
- Due to increasing community demand for Enviroschools, this submission requests that WDC invest in the further growth and development of the Westland District Enviroschools network.

**3. *The Enviroschools implementation model provides value for council partners***

- Creating sustainable, resilient communities involves bringing together many different skills, perspectives and resources. It requires organisations to work together.
- The implementation approach and collaborative funding model of Enviroschools provides significant value.
- Councils provide cornerstone investment in regional implementation that equates to 20-25% of the total annual investment in Enviroschools, with the balance being funded by other contributors.

*Appended: Key Results from the 2017 Enviroschools Census* - overview for partners

## ***1. What is Enviroschools: A proven programme specifically designed to meet multiple Local Government outcomes***

Enviroschools is a holistic framework that supports the development of resilient, connected and sustainable communities. Through Enviroschools children and young people plan, design and implement a wide range of sustainability projects in collaboration with their communities.

The Enviroschools Programme was first developed by councils and community in the Waikato region. It is specifically designed as a programme that empowers children, young people and their communities to take action that addresses a wide range of the key outcomes that councils are also seeing for their communities.

Nationwide, **81% of councils are currently part of the Enviroschools network**. This is made up of:

- 94% of Regional Councils and Unitary Authorities
- 77% of Territorial Authorities

Toimata Foundation has undertaken a 5-year research and evaluation programme with external evaluators Kinnect Group. This has involved two national censuses (2014 & 2017), return on investment analysis and a comprehensive evaluation drawing on multiple sources. Highlights include:

- Participating schools and centres are **highly engaged in a wide range of environmental actions and sustainability practices**.
- Evaluators found that Enviroschools is “a very high-performing programme”<sup>1</sup> that provides a **broad range of outcomes** covering environmental, social, cultural, education and economic aspects.
- **11% Return on Investment**. While only a small number of the outcomes can be monetised, so results are conservative, expert analysis showed a ROI of 11% per annum.

## ***2. Recognising your support for the Enviroschools Programme – Thank you***

We would like to acknowledge WDC for supporting young people in your district to be part of the Enviroschools network. Thanks to this support there is now a network of 5 Enviroschools (23% of your schools and 33% of your ECE centres). The Enviroschools in Westland District are:

- Active Explorers Hokitika
- Kidsfirst Kindergartens Hokitika
- Hokitika School
- Kokatahi-Kowhitirangi School
- Kaniere School

The funding from WDC supports an Enviroschools Facilitator who provides support and guidance to these schools and centres.

Across the West Coast region there are 13 Enviroschools. The support for the wider network is:

- Funding for a Regional Coordination role is provided by *Toimata Foundation* with additional support from *DOC* and *West Coast Regional Council*.
- As with WDC, the *Buller and Grey District Councils* fund facilitation of their local schools and ECE centres.

Due to increasing community demand for Enviroschools, this submission requests that WDC invest in the further growth and development of the Westland District Enviroschools network. Currently Toimata Foundation has a 3-year agreement with WDC that includes annual funding from WDC of \$15,000. This agreement expires in June 2018 and we are working with WDC staff on a new agreement. An increase in annual funding of \$5,000 would assist us to meet community demand.

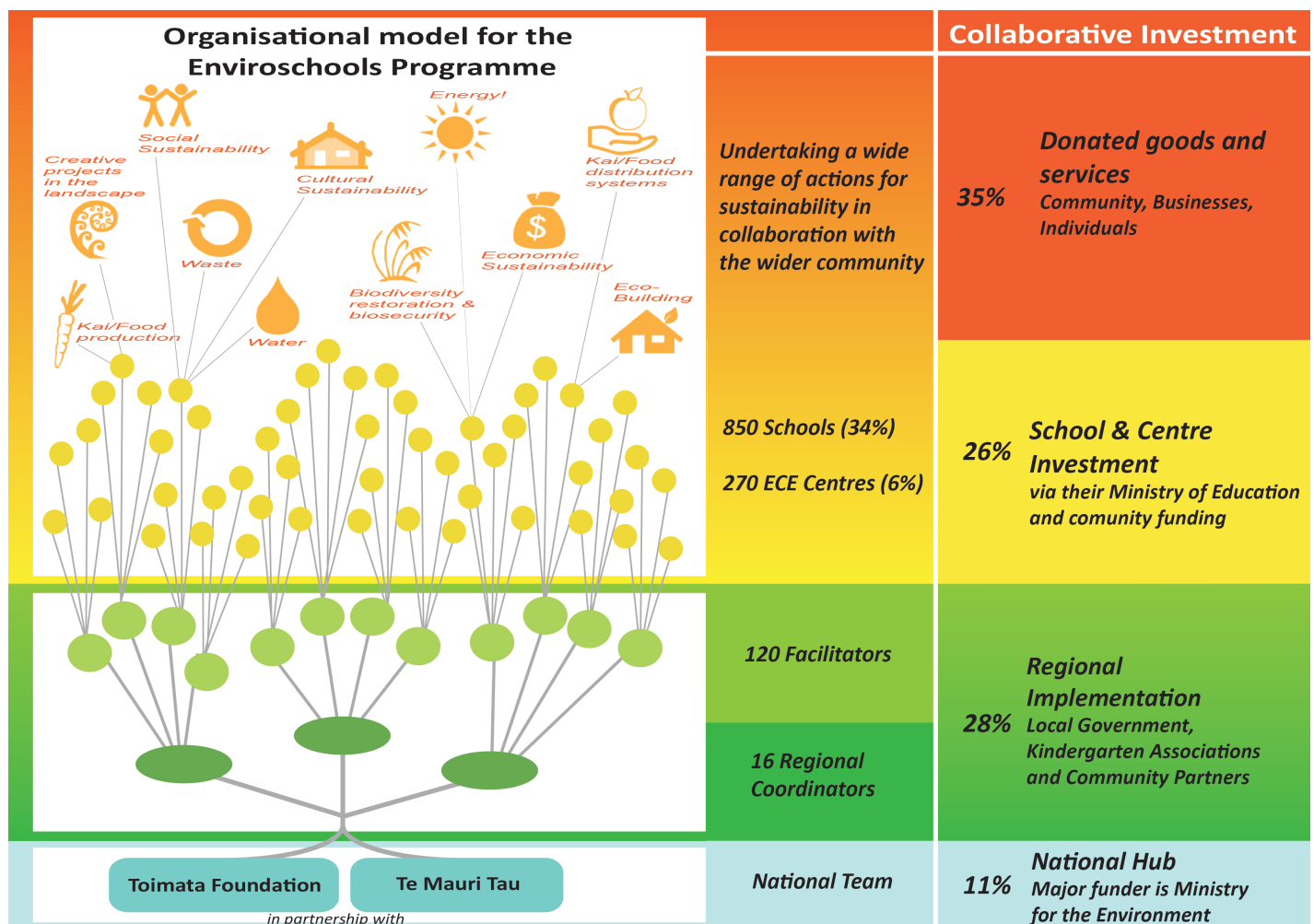
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<sup>1</sup> Page 4, The Enviroschools Programme: Evaluation Report, Kinnect Group, 2015

Creating sustainable, resilient communities involves bringing together many different skills, perspectives and resources. The complex environmental, social, cultural and economic challenges facing us today call for a holistic response from a range of different people and organisations working together. Key aspects of the EnviroSchools model are:

- **A focus on connecting with, and working, with the wider community.** This results in a substantial level of support from businesses, community organisations and individuals providing donated goods, volunteer time, advice and expertise to the EnviroSchools network.
- **Commitment from schools and centres investing their own resources** including staff time, project costs and capital investments. This resourcing comes principally via Ministry of Education funding.
- **Role of the EnviroSchools Facilitator** – unlike many programmes in schools that deliver key messages to children in a classroom setting, EnviroSchools Facilitators work principally with adults – teachers, caretakers, school management, community members etc. – supporting them to develop their knowledge of sustainability and integrate it into how they undertake their roles.
- **Collaborative approach to regional implementation** with EnviroSchools Regional Coordinators and Facilitators are funded by/employed by over 90 organisations - Local Government/Councils, Kindergarten Associations and other community agencies.
- **Toimata has solid support from Central Government** through Ministry for the Environment for our work as a national hub – providing a wide range of support and ongoing programme development.

The graphic below shows the organisational model and the percentage investment provided by different groups for the different aspects of EnviroSchools. The percentages are from analysis undertaken in 2014/15 and based on a total annual investment in the programme of \$10.4 million.<sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup> Model information and monetary values are from The EnviroSchools Programme – Return on Investment Scenario Analysis, Kinnect Group, 2015

## Key Results of the Enviroschools Nationwide Census 2017

### Overview for partners - March 2018

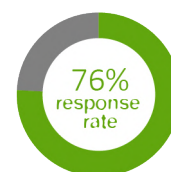
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In 2017 Toimata Foundation, the national support organisation for the Enviroschools Programme, undertook a nationwide census of the Enviroschools network. This was the second nationwide census, the first was in 2014. In both census projects, Toimata has worked with external evaluators and engaged a specialist advisory panel to ensure a highly robust process. Both census had high response rates and have provided a wealth of valuable information for reporting purposes and for ongoing programme development.

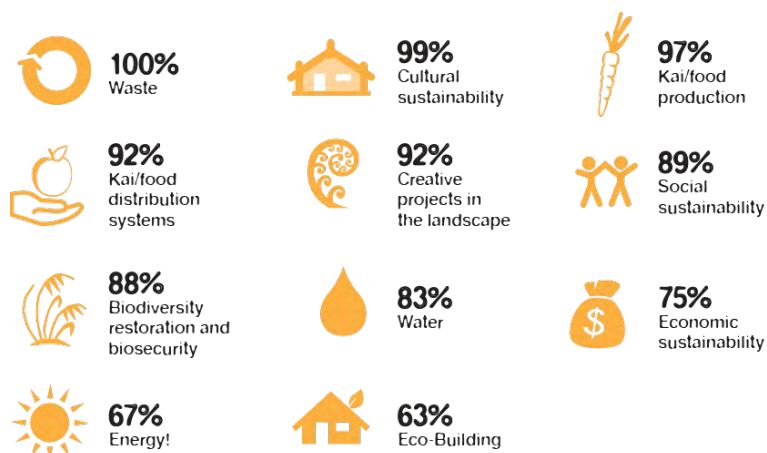
We have produced this initial results overview of the 2017 Census to share with our partners in Central and Local Government. Further reporting will be undertaken in the coming months.

#### There is significant nationwide reach through a large number of active participants and a focus on collaboration with the community

- **1,100 + Enviroschools** - schools and early childhood education (ECE) centres, representing 34% of schools and 6% of the large ECE sector.
- Actively participating are **153,000 children & young people**, supported by **15,700 school and centre staff** - teachers, caretakers, administration staff, principals, boards of trustees.
- **Reach is growing** – around 50% more children & young people and over 1.5 times the number of adults actively participating compared to 2014.
- **Strong commitment** – high response rate to a comprehensive questionnaire
- **88% are connecting with other organisations in their community** - councils, restoration groups, Iwi, landowners, businesses etc.
- Data shows Enviroschools has a substantial positive influence on the degree of **interaction with families/whānau and the wider community**.



#### There is a wide range of action for sustainability - environmental, social, cultural & economic



All Enviroschools are engaging in a range of sustainability action areas ...  
...and participating in multiple ways within each action area.

\* Percentages are the total % of participants who are taking one or more actions in the area





## Enviroschools is positively influencing a wide range of sustainability outcomes

The Census asked to what degree participants thought Enviroschools positively influenced 40 different outcomes associated with creating a sustainable world.

In addition to the positive influence on the sustainability of the physical environment, there was also evidence of a positive influence on a wide range of other outcomes. Examples include:



### Citizenship

*Children and young people initiating and taking action on sustainability issues that are important to them - 74%*



### Educational

*Motivation to learn - 84%*  
*Teachers collaborating - 77%*



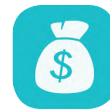
### Social

*Ethics being a key part of people's decisions and actions - 79%*  
*Healthy eating and physical activity - 79%*



### Cultural

*Respecting differing beliefs - 80%*  
*Correct te reo Māori pronunciation - 80%*



### Economic

*Integration of sustainability into their strategic and operational planning - 71%*

\* Percentages are the total % of participants who rated the influence as 'moderate', 'considerable' or 'high' (ratings 3, 4 & 5 on a 5-point scale)

## Key aspects of programme design are valued by participants and contribute to effectiveness

The Enviroschools Programme was intentionally designed to be a long-term journey supported by a collaborative network.

The 2017 Census showed the value participants place on key aspects of the programme's design and the relationship of programme design to the effectiveness of the programme. The aspects of programme design strongly reinforced by the census data include:

- **Student-led action**
- **Support from an Enviroschools Facilitator**
- **Long-term nature of an Enviroschools journey**
- **Integration of Māori Perspectives**
- **Focus on community involvement**
- **Emphasis on participants networking with each other**
- **Links made to global issues**
- **The Enviroschools visioning process**

*We need to prepare students for their future - sustainability is a no brainer, Enviroschools is the only comprehensive programme to address that.*



Teacher 2017 Census

Submission information

Form: [Submission Form: Long Term Plan 2018-2028](#)

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified)

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Topic 4: Please provide any comments:

A facility for youth and community groups is long overdue.

Promotion of sports and activities is important.

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Submission information

Form: [Submission Form: Long Term Plan 2018-2028](#)

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified)

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Topic 2: Please provide any comments:-

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Fully support this. This facility is missing from Hokitika and will benefit so many not just the youth. This needs to happen ASAP.

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Topic 5: If yes, what would be the benefit to you of having this option?

Topic 5: Please provide any comments:–

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Submission information

Form: [Submission Form: Long Term Plan 2018-2028](#)

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Topic 1: Please provide any comments: 1

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Topic 2: Please provide any comments: 2

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Topic 3: Please provide any comments:3

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Topic 4: Please provide any comments:I think a recreation centre would be an amazing asset for hokitika

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Topic 5: If Council offered this service, would it be something that you would use regularly?Unsure

Topic 5: Please provide any comments:It might help stop some of the ridiculous letters to the paper

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Submission information

Form: [Submission Form: Long Term Plan 2018-2028](#)

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Improving facilities would hopefully encourage parents to encourage their children to get out there. There seems to be a decline in kids playing sports. The more funding we get the better 250–300k would be a more realistic figure to contribute

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Submission information

Form: [Submission Form: Long Term Plan 2018-2028](#)

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Topic 1: Please provide any comments: X

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This facility is very important for the community and youth of the town as a hub and place they can all meet and have fun

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Submission information

Form: [Submission Form: Long Term Plan 2018-2028](#)

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Topic 1: Please provide any comments: Needs to be sorted urgently

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Submission information

Form: [Submission Form: Long Term Plan 2018-2028](#)

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified)

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be good to have reliable water source – query why they don't have water tanks to supply themselves?

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Topic 2: Please provide any comments:Might be good to have everything under one umbrella better management, etc.

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Would be good to know what the capital projects are and what delays on asset renewals are. Realising council can't do everything immediately and things have to be scheduled whilst staying within budget.

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Have been extremely disappointed at previous councils lack of vision & support for sporting & recreational facilities over last 40yrs – huge part of community groups and health of community – also weather has big impact on participation so be good to have covered facilities. Families that move here decide where to live & do take into consideration facilities for the children – if we don't have good facilities they go to elsewhere.

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Topic 5: Please provide any comments:

maybe particularly if issues I want to see what is discussed and see if councillors supporting what community wants or have their own agenda.

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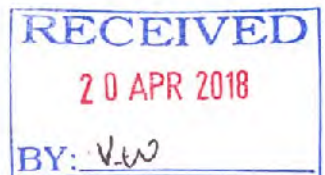
If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?:Yes

Specify the party:Netball, basketball, tennis, hockey – all sports codes

Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?:No

Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio–visual link?:No

60 Keogans Road  
Hokitika RD2 7882  
20.04.2018



The Mayor  
Westland District Council  
Hokitika

Dear Bruce and Council members,

I wish to register my interest in being involved in any discussion and or submissions possible regarding this years rates review.

I am not sure about how this is done as part of developing the annual plan but have concerns, some of which are:

- We think it is unfair to pay all the rates we do for our white baiters bach in Harihari.
- We do not receive any council services at all.
- The bach is located at the mouth of the Poerua River and situated on DOC controlled land.
- Some of the comments in the local paper regarding comparison between Council administered land and DOC administered land are blatantly wrong and should not be used either way to set fees.

I have put thought into how the rating base could be expanded via Tourism and would be pleased to take this further if required.

If appropriate I would like this letter to be included in inward correspondence at the next Council meeting.

I am happy to have a discussion with you at any stage and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

David R Waugh  
Phone: 03 7556521

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		PCE	DA	CS		

Submission received on: 6/04/2018 from: Ian James.

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Okarito Community Association Inc.



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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Westland District Council  
Private Bag 704  
Hokitika 7842

**Re: Purchase of land from Ngai Tahu Property LTD**

Dear Mayor & Counsellors,

The Okarito Community Association would like to request that Westland District Council purchase the land directly behind the historic schoolhouse currently owned by Ngai Tahu Property LTD.

Okarito is facing increased pressure from tourists, and one thing we are in desperate need of is more area for car parking. The current trig carpark is far too small for the number of visitors each summer, and we need to find a more permanent solution. Ngai Tahu Property owns land that borders the current carpark and, in our opinion, would be ideal.

We have begun discussions with Ngai Tahu Property and they are willing to sell. They have initially offered a price of \$125,000 + GST for all sections (see map attached). They have requested as part of the sale process that they retain first right of refusal if the land is ever re-sold.

If Council could assist with the purchase of this land then the community could potentially look at funding the cost of clearing & levelling the section.

We're proud to be partnering with Ngai Tahu Property on this endeavour, and hope that Council will be able to come on board.

Thank you for considering our request. If you need any further information please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kindest Regards,

**Aaron Smith**  
Chairperson  
Okarito Community Association

**Brett Ellison**  
GM Business Development  
Ngai Tahu Property LTD



Okarito – Land owned by Ngai Tahu Property





Submission information

Form: [Submission Form: Long Term Plan 2018-2028](#)

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Topic 4: Please provide any comments:

I think that the council should contribute as much as possible. It will have a huge positive impact on the community and westland high school. Just what we need at the moment.

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Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:No

Submission information

Form: [Submission Form: Long Term Plan 2018-2028](#)

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Topic 2: Please provide any comments:makes sense to centralise

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Topic 3: Please provide any comments:need to keep water safe

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Topic 4: Please provide any comments:

I would suggest more investment as we have fallen well behind West Coast and Buller in this area.

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Topic 5: Please provide any comments:doubt there would be much uptake for the cost

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Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:No

Submission information

Form: [Submission Form: Long Term Plan 2018-2028](#)

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Absolutely support this proposal. The residents in this area should have better water quality.

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Topic 2: Indicate your support for this topic: I am neutral to the proposal

Topic 2: Please provide any comments: No comments

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Best to spend the money and get things up to speed to support the forecast growth in tourism, as well as current tourism numbers which we appear to be struggling to cope with.

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Topic 4: Please provide any comments:

Absolutely, young people are the future of our district. It seems Westland has fallen behind what the others are doing in Grey and Buller in this regard.

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Personally I believe this wouldn't be used that much considering the amount of ratepayers in the district. Although a small cost it could probably be better used elsewhere.



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Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:No

Submission information

Form: [Submission Form: Long Term Plan 2018-2028](#)

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Surely in consultation with Arahura Pa/Three Mile ratepayers rather than all ratepayers. Who brought this issue into discussion?

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If not, which activities, if any, do you think are non-core Council activities and should be transferred? Is there another option that would be preferable or something you think Council has not considered?

NO to transferring anything to CCOs. NO to CCOs...especially that Property Company part....

NO to expense costing by Wilderness Trail from rate monies. Library should be transferred back to Council Building – i-site within same space.

Topic 2: Please provide any comments: Definitely NO for CCOs...where is democracy?

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Council have overspent, spent on fanciful extravagance – now wanting more money quickly for infrastructure needs.... cut back overhead costs immediately stay with core functions, advocate to government for tourism entry tax to cover infrastructure. We do not want to pay for water meters or transported water..get it right Council.

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Topic 4: Please provide any comments:

Westland High School should have been fundraising well before now within sports events to maintain sports facilities.

Rates money in reserve was not paid for this purpose nor should it be grabbed for such – as has the MDI money. It must be remembered that Govt. compensation money held by DWC is for loss of jobs re Logging/Milling and is there for employment opportunities. It was never for Sports Facilities...neither is Reserve Funds at Council.

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Topic 5: Please provide any comments:

Council should always be transparent... Agenda items are becoming less while more goes on behind the scenes. Why bother to live stream meetings if public are excluded and some elected members CCOs are planning behind closed doors. Sorry no trust.

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Forget any playground, clown show, lunch paid activities and get on with what is necessary.

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Ratepayers are fed up with writing submissions – letting Council know what is wrong yet Council do not listen. There are too many connections within the set up and including CCOs looking after yourselves, instead of others/our heritage/ our assets and what is necessary from rate paid money. Its gone on too long.

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:No

Submission information

Form: [Submission Form: Long Term Plan 2018-2028](#)

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As a result of the meeting held at the Bruce Bay Marae on the 29th of May I wish to make the following submission.

The council has made no progress over the last 3 years of consultation regarding the recognition of Bruce Bay as a separate area for the Community Rate. This is despite an agreement between Council and both the Bruce Bay and Fox Glacier Communities in December 2016. The council is proposing making the amount of \$12000 available to the Bruce Bay Community from the Fox Glacier Community Rate. This figure was not an amount requested by the Bruce Bay Community but is in fact the amount calculated by the council to be Bruce Bays entitlement as a percentage of the total amount. I quote an email received from the Chief Executive on the 9th of March 2016." The rating units in the area specified contribute approximately 34.64% of the Fox Glacier Community Rate, which equates to about \$12,122.60 towards the Township Development Fund". The council now proposes to increase the Community Rate in order for Bruce Bay to receive the \$12000. If the Community Rate is to

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increase then our share should also increase to ensure the Bruce Bay Community receives the 34.64% it is entitled to. The proposed increase is grossly unfair to the Bruce Bay Community. Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:No

Submission information

Form: [Submission Form: Long Term Plan 2018-2028](#)

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If not, which activities, if any, do you think are non-core Council activities and should be transferred? Is there another option that would be preferable or something you think Council has not considered?Hokitika wild food festival,flash in the pan give it to the privateers

Topic 2: Please provide any comments:

These are both local and external visitors destinations.Does the Auckland council run a partially privatised model ,,,no it looks after the ratepayers and holds the assets in perpetuity for all.Make entrance free to locals and charge visitors this way you can make it partially funded commercially. As soon as these become commercial ventures the council will reduce its stake and try to divest.look what happened to the national rail system .What a mess

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This is the council duty to promote a city and area for future revenue generation.however why is this linked to asset condition???if a road cannot take the tourist traffic surely it needs renewal.It does not take 10 years to look at this .....this looks like a trick question ,sorry perhaps it does in Hokitika

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Topic 4: Please provide any comments:Kids are you future .....do it

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Topic 5: Please provide any comments:I guess if I was having difficulty sleeping I might

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### **Submission to Westland District Council Long-Term Plan**

1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

Re: Rubbish Collection

Dear Mayor and Counsellors

Okarito Community Association wishes to make a submission to the Long-Term Plan regarding Rubbish Collection.

Our small community of 30 permanent residents has seen visitor numbers grow significantly in recent years and we now host over 200 people each night in the height of summer. Many day visitors also spend time in Okarito enjoying the beach, lagoon and local walks.

At present Council funds two rubbish bins located in the Okarito Wharf area for use by those visiting our community. These bins are emptied every week in summer and every fortnight in winter.

Due to the growth in visitor numbers, two bins emptied weekly is proving to be insufficient. The bins regularly overflow and become surrounded by rubbish dumped on the ground. This is both unsightly and attracts rats.

Day visitors also dispose of their rubbish at the community run campground (almost every day in the height of summer) and this costs Okarito community.

Residents even report instances where visitors are dropping off rubbish on private properties for them to dispose of.

To solve this rubbish problem Okarito Community Association is requesting the number of rubbish bins provided and funded by Council increases from two to six. This would allow one more rubbish bin to be sited at the Okarito Wharf and three bins to be placed near the new public toilets in the village centre. Alternatively we could look at larger bins at key positions within the village.

We would like to speak to this submission when the time comes.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our submission.



**Aaron Smith**  
Chairperson  
Okarito Community Association

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## **Submission to Westland District Council Long-Term Plan**

1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

Re: Freedom Camping

Dear Mayor and Counsellors

Okarito Community Association wishes to submit on the Long-Term Plan regarding Freedom Camping.

For over three decades the Okarito Community Association has leased the Okarito Community Campground from the Department of Conservation.

We've seen visitor numbers grow significantly in recent years, and now our small community of 30 permanent residents can host over 200 people each night in the height of summer. These mostly stay in the campground and other accommodation but we unfortunately do also have a problem with freedom campers.

We consequently are requesting Westland District Council's help in permanently banning freedom camping from the Okarito / Forks area for the following reasons:

### **Create Pollution**

Freedom campers use the bushes alongside the access road from the State Highway and in the village area for toileting, and the resultant toilet waste is both unsightly and a health and safety issue for both residents and visitors.

### **Lack of Infrastructure**

Okarito doesn't have the infrastructure e.g. effluent dump station or adequate public rubbish facilities needed to support freedom camping.

### **Undercutting of Local Businesses**

Tourism is an industry that supports thousands of jobs in South Westland. Allowing people to stay without contributing anything to the cost of maintaining infrastructure undercuts local accommodation providers including our community run campground.

Further, it transfers the cost of maintaining and upgrading infrastructure to locals, through local, regional and nationwide taxes. Okarito community believes visitors should not free load but instead contribute to the cost of the infrastructure and facilities they require.

### **Ready Availability of Affordable Accommodation**

There are already many affordable camping opportunities in Westland. These include DOC owned campgrounds and others such as Okarito Community Campground offering overnight stays. Charges are very modest at these sites ranging from \$8 to \$15 per person. If someone is travelling internationally and cannot afford to pay this amount for their accommodation we question their value to South Westland.

Okarito Community therefore urges WDC in the strongest possible terms to support a revamp of the Freedom Camping Act (2011). Currently the act allows freedom camping anywhere it isn't banned. We would like to see this reversed so that freedom camping is banned or restricted except in places where it is specifically allowed. This would give Council a much greater ability to manage freedom camping and help local communities such as Okarito in this regard.

We would like to speak to this submission when the time comes.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our submission.



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### **Submission to Westland District Council Long-Term Plan**

21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

Re: Open Spaces

Dear Mayor & Counsellors,

The Okarito Community Association would like to make a submission to the Long-Term Plan on the preservation of open spaces in Okarito.

In the last few years we've seen tourist numbers grow significantly, and now our small community of 30 permanent residents can host over 200 people each night in the height of summer. One of the challenges associated with this is how we manage our open public spaces.

At present we have significant open grassed space on the West side of the village, along with wetlands to the East of the village. As part of a recent long-term planning process residents indicated strongly they would like to see these areas preserved as much as possible. This means being mindful of any proposed development, as well as how we make use of these spaces for tourists and visitors.

This submission supports others made by the Okarito community on carparking, rubbish removal, and freedom camping. We would also like to ask that Council are mindful of our community's wishes regarding any future consents granted, where appropriate.

One of Okarito's greatest assets is its pristine natural wilderness. We want to make sure that this gem is still able to be enjoyed by future generations. We look forward to partnering with Council to make sure this can be achieved.

We would like to speak to this submission when the time comes.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our submission.



**Aaron Smith**  
Chairperson  
Okarito Community Association



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Topic 5: If Council offered this service, would it be something that you would use regularly?Please select...

Topic 5: Please provide any comments:Nil response

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Lighting and Parking at the Glow-worm Dell just north of Hokitika.

I have concerns about safety at the Glow-worm Dell.

My belief is that more parking is required as at present the potential for tragedy is evident with visitors often leaving their vehicles over the road and crossing the state highway to reach the attraction. More parking spaces will ensure all of the vehicles will be safely on the same side of the road.

The safety of those visiting the area is further compromised by the darker winter evenings and so improved lighting will help visibility of pedestrians moving around the area to on-coming traffic.

If improved parking can be combined with better street lighting at the site, safety will be very much enhanced.

I believe provision for this work needs to be included in the L.T.P. and started as soon as possible to help avoid those coming into our region and district getting hurt or even killed. Should that occur it will naturally not enhance our district or region's reputation as a tourist friendly place.

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Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:No

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Topic 1: Please provide any comments:They need a good water supply.

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Topic 2: Indicate your support for this topic:I support the proposal

Topic 2: Please provide any comments:Makes sense

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Topic 4: Please provide any comments:Its part of the overall plan to ensure we have a good sports hub.

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Council's new vision statement needs to include the word "safe" in it .  
Westland became an accredited safe community with New Zealand's Safe Community Foundation in February 2017 and this achievement needs to be recognised in Council's vision statement.

Westland's Safe Community Coalition meets bi-monthly every Friday morning and has a strategic plan which has a mission statement of "People working together for the wellbeing of Westland" and a vision statement which states "Communities in Westland are safe, vibrant, resilient and connected. "

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Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link?:No

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Topic 1: Please provide any comments:

1. It is in the best interest of the public to manage its own water supply contrary to false council statement -- that's why we have elected councils. too... I am managing my own water supply for decades by drinking purest West Coast river water directly taken from the river, except when I visit Hokitika/Greymouth or after aerial 1080 poisoning ...

2. No water treatment (esp. chlorination for later fluoridation, also in water-processed food that should be mandatory labelled) is needed for the whole West Coast's purest water!!!

3. A permanent regulated flushing is sufficient & feasible (except during short draughts) as was achieved in the past by leaking pipes -- this should be implemented by design, incl. automatic closure of intakes during flood levels to prevent an unlikely Havelock-North-type contamination by sheep shit from their barren hills (West Coast hills are bush-covered without bush sheep...).

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If not, which activities, if any, do you think are non-core Council activities and should be transferred? Is there another option that would be preferable or something you think Council has not considered? None should be transferred –

Topic 2: Please provide any comments:

1. Some "non-core" activities are still essential for the common good -- like museum, library, etc., even if they cannot independently produce sufficient revenue...

2. We don't need a semi-privatised CCO (Council-Controlled Organisation) to help some business mates, like with the Hollyford-Road trial...

3. A CCO would lack accountability/transparency due to "commercial sensitivity"; Example: The finances for the Harihari Community Centre miraculously vanished under the council's semi-privatised property "CCO", until former CEO Winter publicly raised corruption issues -- then suddenly hush-hush it re-appeared out of nowhere without explanation...

4. A CCO needs an expensive additional middleman manager/mate, and your statement that it would be cheaper for the same results is therefore plainly false!

5. No privatisation creep -- that anti-democratic era is past!

6. The small museum can never charge high self-sufficiency fees, because it would lose visitors! It would achieve more visitors, if it were physically integrated with the (voluntary non-CCO-run!) Heritage Park that has a treasure of machinery -- the distance is a problem needing some ideas...



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Topic 3: Please provide any comments:

1. The Drinking Water Standards as interpreted by council are unsuitable for the West Coast's pure & plenty water -- they reduce water quality by chlorination and later fluoridation that is also meant to disable 1080 fluoride tests and controlled limited fluoride intake (e.g. via toothpaste), and is accumulative! (Fluoride results in removal of calcium and accumulative depositing e.g. as kidney stones/blockages)
  2. There is no need for expensive water meters and meter readers in order to allocate the costs of unnecessary chlorination/fluoridation against the public's interest in pure drinking water. Water meters only for those businesses that naturally use large amounts, while a basis amount equaling the estimated maximum (average) residential use remains "free" as part of the standard rate.
  3. Define water catchments via a bylaw (and lobby gov't for national regulations) including forbidden activities and public signage/borders as done in Germany and Palmerston North.
  4. See Topic #1: Arahura Pa water supply for more details...
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Topic 4: Please provide any comments:

Council should only contribute to school facilities shared with the general public according to shared use.

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Live-streaming is a luxury costly one-sided re-election ad for sitting councilors; Council website should suffice

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A Hokitika beachfront playground is long-term unsustainable:

Despite the newly installed anti-townflooding pump, it will not be able to cope with extremes, because the large river bend will cause the floodwater to exceed the height of the quay. Therefore the tip must be cut back to the concrete ship to give the river an easier outflow. A beachfront playground is a luxury and has additional safety problems; It appears wiser to invest in the Cass-Square playground and signs to it...

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The Most Important Proposal:

The primitive fascistic-mates-favouring relative-majority FPP (s)election method must be changed to Single-Transferable-Voting method; Some councils are already using it (e.g. Palmerston North, Kapiti Coast, Porirua, Wellington, Dunedin, some regional councils and all district health boards according to Wikipedia [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Single\\_transferable\\_vote](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Single_transferable_vote)), so it is easy to copy/implement.

Mayors should thus be elected via a >50% majority, not the present minority dictatorship, while in general fewer votes are wasted and democracy increased/optimised. This method does not change the structure, and a referendum-like approach is not necessary due to STV being in all aspects better than FPP, unless FPP councillors vote against it while suffering from a conflict of interests...

### Administration Remark:

This is not a submission but a refined proposal, because I do not submit as of general principle; Please discard my previous proposal form from a few days ago, as it does not reflect newly discovered vital facts!

I will contact you for the hearing details; please don't send them to the above e-mail address!

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:Yes

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Topic 1: Please provide any comments: Having safe water is a must in all our communities.

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If not, which activities, if any, do you think are non-core Council activities and should be transferred? Is there another option that would be preferable or something you think Council has not considered?

The management of the Hokitika Museum its collection and archives should remain with Council as museums and libraries are listed among the CORE SERVICES in the Local Government Act of 1992 so should not be transferred.

The Hokitika Museum should continue to be the community guardian of Westland's Tales and Treasures.

An other alternative could be having the Hokitika Museum administered by an independent Community Trust Board reporting to Council.

Topic 2: Please provide any comments:

The West Coast Wilderness Trail, Hokitika i-SITE, Hokitika WildFoods Festival and Events Department should be managed by Destination Westland as they are potentially commercial entities that are capable of and should be run profitably. Museums should focus with a strong community role first and for tourism purposes secondary and should contribute but not be

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expected to be a fully commercial profit making venture. The new plans for the museum sound most interesting but seem to be lacking any real substance, feasibility reports or timeline that has been made public to make any short term decision on. In the past the museum has undergone similar management ideas that haven't been entirely successful so should remain as is with dedicated trained staff and a professional qualified director. Is the Carnegie Building still on track for its seismic strengthening work to start?

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Some good ideas that maybe achieved with central Government assistance. We cannot presume all will be granted funding. It took a few years to accept that there were storm water & pumping issues in the CBD some of which could be attributed to deferred asset renewal and maintenance.

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Topic 4: Please provide any comments:

Again little public information regarding the detail. Hopefully the facility would not compete too much with other community groups providing similar venues. Surely central Government ie Ministry of Education should be a major contributor.

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It would be a benefit for ratepayers in rural areas I suppose but am I right in thinking that a reasonable amount of Council meetings are held 'public excluded' so wouldn't be available to view anyway?

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I would support any proposal to increase operational funding for the Hokitika Regent Theatre. This is an important Hokitika community venue that requires ongoing public support.

For financial reasons I would oppose any move to relocate the Hokitika Library from its current site. However an enquiry into its financial leasing and rating detail could take place.

Council should continue funding for Tourism West Coast and get the Carnegie building seismic strengthening underway.

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We are all invited to view the online Rating information . However it always has an over rider stating that it is only an indication. Could this imply that it is constantly changing?. Why is this? As yet the new rating detail pertaining to 'commercial use' is still not transparent or visible. A reminder – this was to be addressed by Council in 2009/2010. Not a lot has been achieved in between but hopefully this term.

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:No

Submission on the LTP – specifically Sewage Rate

The Sewage rate is proposed to increase by 68% in year 1. I would like to submit on two fronts

### **Fairness of the rate**

All residential properties who are connected to the network pay a single rate (currently \$267.30), regardless of the number of pans, the number of residents, and the number of nights per annum that the house is occupied. A family of 4 produces a lot of brown & grey water for that one amount over the course of a year

Commercial accommodation providers pay the same rate, BUT pay it for every 'pan' in their property. We have 12 motel units and a managers residence, so pay **13 times** the sewage rate that our residential neighbours do. Our units are not occupied 365 days per year, we do not sell out every day. We often have 1 or 2 guests rather than families of 4 and our guests are not in house to use the facilities 24 hours of the day. We rarely have anyone on site between 10am and mid-afternoon.

How is it fair that we have to pay 13x the amount of a residential property when we produce much, much less than 13x of the waste?

You need to re-consider the fairness of this charging regime. Perhaps

- Have a commercial pan rate that is less than the residential rate to reflect the fact that the pan is not used 365 days per year?
- Or charge residential users a per pan rate too. If your house is large enough for 3 toilets then perhaps you need to pay more?

### **Amount of the increase**

I understand that WDC needs to spend money on improving and future proofing Westland's waste water system. I would contend that it has been a bit slow in putting funds aside to achieve this over the past few years. Ratepayers should not get hit with large increases due the lack of forward planning by WDC.

**A 68% increase in year 1 is not acceptable.** No commercial activity in Westland will increase its prices by 68% over the next 12 months. Why does the local council feel they can do this?

You need to revisit your figures and come back with a more sensible increase. Any increase needs to be phased over the life of the plan. If you are short of the required funds in year 1 or 2 then you will need to debt fund it.

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Submission on LTP – specifically Hokitika I Site

I support the idea of transferring non-core assets to Destination Westland.

I do not believe 20% reduction in rates is ambitious enough. I think 33.3% in year 1 would be better

### **Hokitika I Site**

- The Hokitika I site is far too big for purpose
- It has an operating model where it earns income via booking commissions that is out of date. A significant number of bookings are now made long before tourists arrive in town
- The operating costs of the i-site need to reduce to reflect the reduced income that it is generating
- It is funded by the tourism rate. It would have been nice for WDC to actually talk to the operators who pay this funding to find out what they want from the facility. Remember we spend a lot of money obtaining bookings from the OTAs that most tourists use and then have to pay for the I-site as well

I notice that there is capital projects for the I-site of \$75k in the LTP, 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of which are in year 1. If Destination Westland are to take over the function in Year 1 then this is their decision, not WDC's . I DO NOT SUPPORT these capital projects being approved at this stage. They are decisions to be made after the management regime has been finalised.

Finally at the Hokitika meeting it was voiced by WDC that the I-site had its busiest days during the disruption caused during the February cyclones. The valuable work achieved on those days is little to do with tourist operators – we have our own systems. **Perhaps some of the costs of the I-site should come out of the civil defence budget?**

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Long Term Plan 2018—2028

Consultation Document

Submission Form



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The closing date for submissions is **June 15<sup>th</sup> 2018, 5pm.**

Full name: \*

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Are you writing this submission as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

*If submitting on behalf of an organisation, please specify the name of the organisation and your position:*

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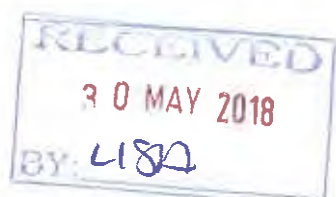
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10.06.2018

Submission: RATES

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I have received notification from Council that my letter would be received as a submission and I wish to add further detail to explain the points that I have made.

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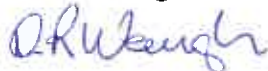
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I wish to ask for speaking rights for this submission.

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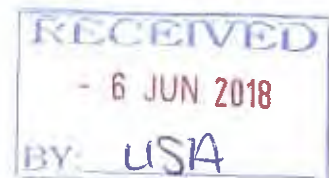


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1. The brass band
2. The Junior band
3. The Cool Little Town Band
4. The Singing group.

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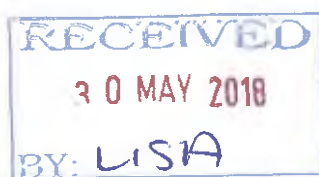


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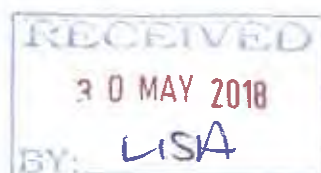
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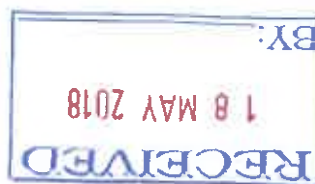
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SUBMISSION TO  
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Dear Chief Executive and Elected Members

**PRIORITY FOTTPATH WORK REQUIRED**  
**OPPOSED TO RATE INCREASE AS PER LONG TERM PLAN**

We are concerned and against Council's intention in it's Long Term Plan to again increase rates as predicted, of near 10% for Hokitika residents.

Brought to your attention is the uneven and subsided state of foot paths within the residential area which are in need of repair and upgrade. Falls and tripping have been witnessed.

In particular the path between Fitzherbert St (Coasters Supermarket) and Sewell St, is one which has significant foot traffic, yet is difficult for especially elderly people, those with walking aids and or push chairs to be stable.

Our request is that Council prioritises its workload to what is absolutely essential. We expect that dangerous or uneven foot paths are given attention urgently.

Yours faithfully

*Janice Havill* ..... Signed Name:

*J J Felt* .....

*m.m. [signature]* ..... 19 Park rate payee

*Marshall* .....

*R. White* .....

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Fri, 06/08/2018 - 10:16

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Topic 3: Please provide any comments:

I support this but I think that the council should be looking at alternative options for water treatment and some forward thinking on this. Look at future proofing with alternative options.

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Topic 4: Do you support this allocation of reserve funds to the Westland High School Recreation and Community Centre project? Yes

Topic 4: Please provide any comments: I support this so long as this is still available for public use.

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Topic 5: If Council offered this service, would it be something that you would use regularly? Unsure

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Topic 5: Please provide any comments:

Not sure about this although it might make Councillors more accountable ! How much would this cost?

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I would like to see the Council helping with providing spaces and financial assistance for Community Gardens, Incredible Edible, Orchard of Legends. I would like to see Westland become more Sustainable at all levels. Including waste reduction, food sustainability, walking and cycling friendly through towns.

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Further feedback – please provide any comments:

I would like to have known about the public meeting that was held – more advertisement / encouragement to go to this.

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:Yes

If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?:No

Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?:No

Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link?:No



Submission information

Form: [Submission Form: Long Term Plan 2018-2028](#)

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Important for the long term for Arahura residents

Prefer to keep the cost to Arahura residents

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I do not think this should be rushed

I feel strongly those people who will comprise Destination Westland require a good knowledge of all the assets being transferred especially the Museum

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Topic 3: Please provide any comments:Drinking water standards must bet

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Topic 4: Please provide any comments:improved facility for youth and wider activities who would use it

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Topic 5: If yes, what would be the benefit to you of having this option?

If there is a swimming pool would use it but support other activities that would be provided for the younger resident

Topic 5: Please provide any comments:

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A costly facility but wide publicity to reach all sections of the community to explain and encourage fund raising

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Hokitika Museum

I am a strong supporter of Museums

A Museum is a core facility for the District Council

I have concerns as to the knowledge and support members of

Destination will have re this precious asset

I support the new concept and realise the cost

If this does not go ahead because of cost, an improved facility must be found for the staff working in Revell Street facility

Hopefully if needed be a return to the Carnegie building is my suggestion depending on preference of Council Members and submissions

I want to see this facility as a Museum alone and not a tourist facility

Combination with Te Papa I support

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I wish to speak re Disabilit Suppor and Access in Hokitika

With roading and upgrade of Footpaths that the on and off ramps of footpaths a smoth and not to steep for people riding motorised scouters,walkers and childrens prams are able to usesafely

Encourage ample Disability parking

Identify accessible entances and exits

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:No

Submission information

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Topic 2: Please provide any comments:

I fully support the transfer of management of strategic and non-core activities [ as above ] to Destination Westland.

I know working for WDC for 21 years doing events and especially the Hokitika Wildfoods Festival it was hard to get funding and sponsorship money for the event,as lots of funding organizing thought that WDC had lots of money \$\$\$\$ to support there own event-----what a joke !!

The profits from the events could go into next years event.....plus do more events for the

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community.

Fully support Destination Westland taking over the above portfolio

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Topic 3: Please provide any comments: Fully support

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Topic 4: Please provide any comments: Will be a great asset and just what the community needs

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Topic 5: Please provide any comments:Fully support live streaming of council meetings

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Further feedback – please provide any comments:

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Submission information

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Any spending must be maintained at the minimum level. Where possible council should be looking for private partners who would be willing to fund this type of investment, especially those who will obtain the benefit.

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Topic 2: Indicate your support for this topic:I oppose the proposal

If not, which activities, if any, do you think are non-core Council activities and should be transferred? Is there another option that would be preferable or something you think Council has not considered?No activities are non-core council! Especially the Hokitika Museum

Topic 2: Please provide any comments:

Museums are considered to be CORE Services by the LGA 2002. Our museum's main objective should be to preserve our own heritage, being attractive to tourists should always be a

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secondary requirement. Our council is not big enough to require a subsidiary company & the associated costs of another management & director layer. This should be managed by the current management structure with maybe 2 to 3 FTE's who can take on other duties to support council operations. The Carnegie Building, which is essentially empty & operating a zero entrance fee should be closed, the budget used to pay for these employees returned back to the museum budget & the repairs required to return the building to council's code requirement started immediately.

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Topic 3: Please provide any comments:

Any investment needs to be achieved in a considered & cautious manner. Development should not be to the benefit of tourists. Any development should first meet the needs to the locals & only locals. Any further development to accommodate tourism should be funded by the tourist industry & they gain the benefit. I don't & I don't want any of my rates going towards tourism.

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Yes but you need to focus on developing jobs. Tourism does not create wealth within a community, the work by nature is seasonal, transient & menial (minimum wage). You need to focus on relocating industry & other wealth creating initiatives.

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Topic 5: Please provide any comments: As long as operational costs do not go up?

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If the water supply needs to up graded there is no use putting it off, it is financially viable at this time the do it.

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Topic 2: Please provide any comments:

Having all tourist focused activities under the same umbrella is going to ensure everything is moving in the same direction. Tourist feedback can be applied to all areas, hence improvements that are from the coal front.

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Topic 3: Please provide any comments: You know what is important so prioritise as you need to.

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An indoor recreation and community area is beneficial to the whole community. Our weather alone means that this will be an asset to the community.

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Anyone is able to go to open council meetings. The minutes are readily available to read. The council is elected by the community so why would you want to record the meetings.

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I work in Hokitika but live in Greymouth, tourism is the future on the coast, you have a unique area here and to move forward in the right direction you need to consolidate and all be moving in the same direction. Family, history and community. Greymouth has no focus and you can all see what is happening there.

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Water is an important commodity going forward and we need to protect and utilise it however we can.

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The current museum function is not working and not providing the level of service that I would expect for the money we are rated on. If it can't be transferred, I submit it should be closed.

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Youth are our future, we need to keep them in Westland and also attract young families from away.

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The current museum structure appears to not be working and not providing the service we would expect from our tax paying dollars. If it can't be transferred, I submit it should be closed.

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Topic 4: Please provide any comments:We need to give our youth the best opportunities for their futures.

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Topic 5: Please provide any comments:none

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Other proposed projects – please provide any comments:

I note a proposal to spend \$208000 on a childrens playground on the beachfront  
we already have a good playground more central in cass square with room for expansion

The beachfront is becoming a mess with a huge ugly granite rock near weld lane and  
uncoordinated seating on beachfront and sunset point

I propose the shifting of the explorers monument from cemetery to the beachfront where it  
would become a major attraction for locals and tourists

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- Other associated documents.

Further feedback – please provide any comments:none

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:No

Submission information

Form: [Submission Form: Long Term Plan 2018-2028](#)

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified)

Tue, 06/12/2018 - 21:17

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Are you writing this submission as (please select one): An individual

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Council proposes to construct a new water treatment plant at Arahura Pa to treat water drawn from a new water source.

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Topic 1: Please provide any comments:

It is important for us all to have a sustainable and clean water supply. It is a basic right for all.

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Topic 2: Indicate your support for this topic: I am neutral to the proposal

Topic 2: Please provide any comments:

My concern is with the comments regarding the Museum. I am disappointed that there is a suggestion that the funding will be reduced substantially, and I wonder what that will do to assist attracting a replacement for Julia Bradshaw. While Julia was the Curator, the Museum grew and developed and became a vibrant part of the community, offering many services as well as showing off much of our history. Unless we can attract a person of similar quality, the idea that our Museum will become a wondrous thing will not eventuate. I believe that a museum needs a person who has the skill and the knowledge to know what is important and what is to be cherished.

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I am also disturbed when I read that with the new entity managing the Museum includes the idea of "the potential to offer a destination museum attraction that can charge high entrance fees". I suspect that will immediately cause a reduced number of visits. Why do we have to make it a profit making business? Why can we not cherish our history and be willing to help pay for its upkeep?

While I am not opposed to moving the Museum to the new entity, I am opposed to reducing the amount of funding it receives and that there is to be a high entrance fee charged. I would also like to advocate for a suitably qualified Museum Curator to be appointed.

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Topic 3: Indicate your support for this topic: I support the proposal

Topic 3: Please provide any comments:

Again – it is important to protect our water supply. We have to accept that tourists numbers are increasing so we must plan for this.

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Topic 4: Do you support this allocation of reserve funds to the Westland High School Recreation and Community Centre project? Please select...

Topic 4: Please provide any comments: I agree that we need to have a high quality facility in the town

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Topic 5: Please provide any comments:

People may or may not watch the live stream, but having a live record of the meetings is a good idea.

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I am concerned about the proposed spending to be carried out on the I-Site, and the desire to have "new and innovative technologies and processes". I suggest that spending a lot of money on these types of things would be a complete waste. As stated in the plan, tourists are using their smart phones much more to do their bookings and working out their plans. Why should we spend a lot of money trying to not only keep up with but beat technological innovation? History is proving that the speed of advancement will prevent us ever keeping up so I would suggest that a total rethink of the proposals is needed. I do not have the answer, but I don't think trying to outrun technology is the right way to go.

We recently spent time in Melbourne and Adelaide – their I-Sites are tiny – they have brochures available, and people willing to chat. A couple of small towns we went to incorporated

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historical memorabilia in the I-Site, or had short reel films running. Again – all for free but it encouraged us to stay and look, and then we found things to do we may otherwise have missed. Perhaps the I-Site could actually employ appropriate staff and offer short trips for tourists – to the Gorge, to the Heritage Park, to the Treetop Walk as a way to increase revenue.

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Further feedback – please provide any comments:

I am thrilled at the concept proposal for the new museum complex however I am very surprised that it is to be built in what I would consider a flood prone, and likely liquefaction prone, area. It seems a very strange decision especially as the suggested cost is considerable. I would like to know how this decision to build here has been justified and how the building will be protected should a major earthquake happen. To house our valuable historical material in such an area is taking a very big risk and as a local I would like to be reassured that these artefacts will be safe.

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:Yes

If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?:No

Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?:No

Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link?:No

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**From:** Council

**Sent:** Wednesday, 13 June 2018 10:05 AM

**To:** Vanessa Watson <[Vanessa.Watson@westlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:Vanessa.Watson@westlanddc.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** FW: Website Enquiry - re LTP submission

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**From:** Christine and John <[wuzzledowns@gmail.com](mailto:wuzzledowns@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 13 June 2018 9:54 AM

**To:** Council <[council@westlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:council@westlanddc.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** Website Enquiry - re LTP submission

Good morning

I would like to add something to the submission which I completed last night. Can I reopen it and add this?

Thankyou

Christine Stet

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Hokitika 7810

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Submission information

Form: [Submission Form: Long Term Plan 2018-2028](#)

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified)

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Hokitika

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Are you writing this submission as (please select one): An individual

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If not, which activities, if any, do you think are non-core Council activities and should be transferred? Is there another option that would be preferable or something you think Council has not considered?

I believe that the Museum should remain within the Council. Destination Westland could promote the museum, but management of the museum assets – local history and treasures, should be retained as a Council activity, run by appropriately trained and experienced staff.

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I am keen to see the WCWT receive the necessary support to thrive and bring visitors to the District. If that can be achieved better through the CCO, I would support it. I'd support Mr Inwood's view on that.

I would support the view of Manager Maire Hearty on how the I-Site can best be managed, whether within the Council or by the CCO.

Topic 2: Please provide any comments:see above

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Topic 3: Please provide any comments:Don't know enough about the subject to support or oppose

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The school's facilities are long overdue for upgrades and they are an essential component of community life. It would be great to see better facilities and better shared use made of them.

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A new approach to the Carnegie building and museum through investment will be great for the town and the District. Any new proposals must have the District's history at their heart and the input of trained historians and curators must be heard and incorporated.

I oppose any funding cuts for the museum and the curatorial services.

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As evidenced by a huge turn out for a zero waste talk at the library recently, improved waste management must be high on the agenda. Targets need to include reducing waste to landfill and reducing plastic destined for recycling but that is increasingly difficult to recycle. Education programmes and support for initiatives to reduce waste need to be part of the long term planning.

Sustainability more broadly needs to be part of all planning and decision making at the Council and at the CCO. Westland Milk Products and New World are leading the way locally – the Council can learn from these two and lead and support change for the long term benefit of our community and environment.

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Submission information

Form: [Submission Form: Long Term Plan 2018-2028](#)

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified)

Wed, 06/13/2018 - 11:13

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Ross

Are you writing this submission as (please select one):On behalf of an organisation

*If submitting on behalf of an organisation, please specify the name of the organisation and your position*Waitaha Hall Board, Secretary

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For the provision of a safer Waitaha Valley Road, the board on behalf of the residents, proposes that passing bays are constructed and situated at convenient locations along the road. Heavy trucks cannot pull off the road so smaller road users are in danger of becoming mired, particularly the school bus which is not allowed by law to take four wheels off a hard surface. The great unknown is the proposed construction of the hydro scheme at the top of the valley, which would increase traffic considerably.

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Transfer of Management of Strategic Assets and Non-Core Activities to CCO.

I oppose this proposal.

Comments:

My main concerns are:

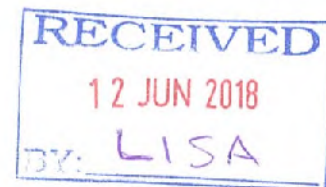
Changing the management of the museum, and

I object to funding to the museum being cut.

The museum staff have, over a period of time, been working in a very difficult environment. We have a very dedicated and talented team of museum workers who have a passion for the history of Hokitika and the surrounding areas. Their preservation and cataloguing skills are a real asset to our district. Any decrease in funding must affect staff numbers and hours they work.

The museum, regardless of profit-making, should be an intrinsic part of our community.

Under the proposed new management plan, history has shown that profit making is regarded as being high in importance. An asset such as a museum should not be treated the same as for example - The Wild Foods Festival which is entertainment.



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**Public Consultation – LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028**

You can find information about this Public Consultation and the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 document on our website. The Long Term Plan document summarises the big issues affecting Westland over the next 10 years. Please give us your feedback regarding the services outlined and the rates and charges associated with those services. You can include comments on the consultation issues and on other aspects of the related documents including the Long Term Plan, Financial Strategy, Infrastructure Strategy and Fees and Charges document.

The closing date for submissions is **June 15<sup>th</sup> 2018, 5pm.**

Full name: \*

Phone number:

Email:

Postal address:

Are you writing this submission as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

If submitting on behalf of an organisation, please specify the name of the organisation and your position:

NB. Phoned Heather 13.06.18 3.15 PM  
Confirmation Heather declines to speak to Submission

Note: In this section, we're seeking your feedback on a few key issues specifically. An option for submitting on the rest of our LTP issues is available further down in the "Other Proposed Projects" section of this form.

**From:** Annabelle Motel <annabellemotel@xtra.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 12 June 2018 11:04 AM  
**To:** LTP Submissions  
**Subject:** Submission

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Hi

**Submission regarding Tourism West Coast funding**

We understand that in the Draft Long Term Plan 2018-2028 currently out for submission that WDC is proposing not to fund TWC for the 2018 – 19 financial year.

If the Hokitika Guardian is to be believed, then the funding TWC was expecting from DWC may not be forthcoming, and comments have been made by the mayor that WDC may look to fund in 2018 – 19 after all.

We are strongly of the view that WDC should not fund TWC for 2018 – 19 via the Tourism Promotion Rate without consulting the ratepayers prior to this rate strike. This is not happening as part of the current process.

The \$\$ amounts involved are significant to the commercial ratepayers of Westland.

Simon & Jill Robinson  
Annabelle Motel  
214 Weld Street  
Hokitika 7810



Phone: 03 755 8160  
Reservations: 0508 54 94 94  
Web: [www.annabellemotel.co.nz](http://www.annabellemotel.co.nz)  
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Valid credit card details are required to confirm all bookings.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:-** No charge 48 hours or more prior to arrival.

No shows or cancellations within 48 hours maybe charged the cost of the first nights tariff.



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Council.

The copy given at the W.D.C. Road Show, does not give a real inside, what the Council intends to do.

The vision of given money to Westland High School is nothing to do with W.D.C. schools are under Education dept. But because of the Deputy Mayor Council will get involved. No way.

Haast - Hollyford rd. The status of the park cannot be changed, because it's World Heritage Park and the change for a road. Will take time and money, and the benefit for the Coast is not much. It's a dream.

FRANZ Josef Sewage ponds.

Costing gone up, and because some one has not got the ear of the Mayor and the likes it still has not got done, but The Council has no idea how to do it, the drain digging and filling in with out consent, why.

The biggest risk to this Council is, rates rises, no local knowledge, and sloppy work.

as for rates increases, and Future FRANZ Josef is for incompetence, the others will go round in circles, because Government should not pay out if people make the wrong decisions.

A K R A M E R.



14-6-2018.

Hohidika airport - FRANZ Josef Helliport.

Exsdtention Hohi airport for International planes, is  
a other dream. If it was not for FRANZ Helliport  
the Hohi airport would not be able to make even,  
so making it bigger, when the Glacier is gone  
there will be no need for Helicopters.

Future FRANZ Josef, is a waste of time and money  
because the fault line has been here all the time  
If people build on it, then they have to live with  
it. And the Government given money, do not  
think so.

The Comit has forgotten about 1 House  
in relocation is up opposite the old Camping  
ground. That should have been done,  
But I think you all have forgotten about it.

Thank you.

A. KRAMER  
FRANZ Josef.

P.O. Box 40.



**From:** info@252beachside.co.nz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 13 June 2018 9:57 AM  
**To:** LTP Submissions  
**Subject:** Submission from 252 Beachside Motels - Hokitika.

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Submissions on the LTP – specifically the Sewage Rate.

Totally Unfair!

We are absolutely against the idea of an increase in the sewage rate for this town especially the commercial properties.

We have 14 motel units many of which are unoccupied during the winter months as we all know the accommodation industry is very seasonal. A lot of households in Hokitika have 2 or 3 pans and are housing 4 or 5 in their dwelling and using it 365 days a year.

Our rates in 2007 – 08 were \$9,834.00 - currently \$13,460 - this is a 60% increase for that period. On top of that the proposed rates of \$16,386 is another increase of 59.6% is this fair?

As I recall aside from the basic facilities as you get in any town in the 13 years we have run this business the only thing we have got back from the council is 2 wheelie bins!

We see you are supposedly saving money on the promotions rates but really all you are doing is robbing Peter to pay Paul.

We would also be interested in the tax increase on households in this town that are being used commercially under the umbrella of AirBnB. Last count I believe there was something like 70+ what is the council doing regarding the use of these properties for commercial gain? How many pans does this involve???

I hope this submission is not cast aside in a gung ho way and the council goes ahead anyway regardless of rate payers opinions. This is the first time in 13 years we have put in a submission.

Kind regards  
Adele and Brian Dow  
252 Beachside Motel and Holiday Park

252 Revell Street  
Hokitika  
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Fax: 64 3 7558772  
www.252beachside.co.nz

**From:** Joyann Glass <jmglass@outlook.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 13 June 2018 4:49 PM  
**To:** LTP Submissions  
**Subject:** Playground ideas for Cass Square

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Dear Council members,

As a 64 year old mother of five, who has lived here in Hokitika 30+ years and loves the place, and who has used the square regularly with friends and family during this time, I would love to add my support to the council upgrading the facilities at Cass square.

My ideas would be pretty basic really but would be extremely appreciated by all people using the play equipment on offer now. A good unisex toilet and the other is a secure area with appropriate play equipment for toddlers. I would also love to see a water play area on a smaller scale of Queens Park in Invercargill. It would make you want to be a kid again.

Yours sincerely,

Joyann Glass  
84 Fitzherbert St  
Hokitika  
037557324

13th June 2018

Submission received on: 12/06/2018 from: Paul Elwell-Sutton.

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**From:** Paul Elwell-Sutton <pelwellsutton@fastmail.fm>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 12 June 2018 12:45 PM  
**To:** LTP Submissions  
**Subject:** Submission to Long Term Plan 2018-2028  
**Attachments:** Submission to the Westland District Council.docx

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Dear Sir or Madam,  
Please find attached my submission to the WDC's Long Term Plan 2018-2028.  
Regards,  
Paul Elwell-Sutton.



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[www.avast.com](http://www.avast.com)

## **Submission to the Westland District Council's (WDC's) Long Term District Plan 2018-2028.**

**Name:** Paul Elwell-Sutton

**Address:** Snapshot creek, Haast, Westland 7886.

**Email:** [pelwellsutton@fastmail.fm](mailto:pelwellsutton@fastmail.fm)

**Phone:** No phone.

### **Statement:**

- 1.) I make this submission on my own account, and do not represent any group, party, organisation or institution etc.
- 2.) I am a retired DOC trapper.
- 3.) I have lived at Snapshot creek, Haast, since 2001.
- 4.) I do not wish to be heard.

### **Submission.**

#### **Transport:**

1.) Under the provisions of sections 5(c), 6(b)(c) and 7(d)(g) of the RMA, Council has certain defined statutory duties with regard to areas with high value natural, landscape, indigenous flora and fauna and ecosystem features.

Consequently, I oppose Council's support in principle, of construction of the Haast-Hollyford road.

#### **Reason:**

The proposed road would be a privately funded toll road through high conservation value Public Conservation Land (PCL), and adjacent to or through gazetted Mount Aspiring National Park (MANP) and the Olivine Wilderness Area.

I consider it completely unacceptable for any road to pass through an area of such extraordinarily high conservation and scenic values, and state that collectively we have a duty to our future generations and to Nature, to leave large wild areas of our country as undisturbed as possible by human activity, so that Nature can continue to exist on her own timeless terms.

Also, a private toll road funded from overseas will necessarily be a profit-making venture, and would establish a precedent for the defilement of high conservation value publicly owned land in New Zealand, by private interests.

It should be noted that China, is a likely source of funding, has vast financial reserves, and is under pressure to find places to invest or 'park' those reserves, so pressure will be on to progress the road.

The proposed road is not in our national interest, seeks to pander to the desires of vehicle-bound tourists, and must be out of bounds to all investors.

Space for self-reliant and intrepid on-foot adventurers and explorers is a very valuable asset in our world where such areas are becoming increasingly rare.

Therefore I request that the wording in paragraph 3, on page 100 of the LTP, be amended to read that Council '**will oppose**' or '**not support**' the construction of a Haast-Hollyford road.

2.) In order to prepare for the predicted electrification of a significant segment of New Zealand's vehicle stock, Council should avail itself of central government's Low Emissions Vehicles Contestable Fund (LEVCF) to install electric vehicle (EV) fast-charge stations at strategic locations in Westland, where private providers would find it uneconomic to provide them.

Ideally, the distances between stations should not exceed 150km. and suggested locations would be Harihari, Whataroa, Franz-Josef, Fox and Haast, with the latter three obvious choices.

I request that the LTP Transport section incorporate the intention to apply to the LEVCF to assist with funding the installation of EV fast-charge stations at strategic locations on SH6 within Westland.

### 3.) Resource Management:

Recent case history has established that local and regional authorities have the power to control the release and use of genetically engineered (GE) organisms within their jurisdictions.

I include the following links on the matter.

<https://www.environmentcourt.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/2018-NZEnvC-044-Whangarei-District-Council-v-Northland-Regional-Council.pdf>

<http://www.wdc.govt.nz/PlansPoliciesandBylaws/Plans/Genetic-Engineering/Pages/default.aspx>  
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Westland has the enviable advantage of geographical isolation which will protect it from potential GE contamination and enable its primary producers to capitalise on the expanding global demand for GE-free food products, especially from the growing middle classes in Asia. We should be under no illusions that NZ 'feeds the poor of the world'. Our agricultural products are unsuited to the needs of the latter which lie mainly with grains, and our markets supply the affluent sections of global society.

It is in Council's interest and its duty to protect and promote the GE-free advantage of "Brand Westland" for the sustained profitability and economic wellbeing of Westland's primary producers and residents.

GE-free status can also be a continuing tourist draw card complementing our natural environment.

I request that Council include in the section on Resource Management, that the release of GE organisms will be a non-complying activity, while their contained and confined use within a strictly controlled laboratory environment will be a discretionary activity.

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In order to do that, Council must identify such areas.

In the Westland context, where most Public Conservation Land (PCL) administered by the Department of Conservation (DOC) is mountainous, inaccessible and unsuited to agricultural and forestry use, lowland coastal forests and wetlands are largely outside that estate, especially north of the glaciers, and require identifying against recognised criteria by trained and qualified personnel. These lowland and coastal areas are becoming increasingly rare and are therefore of national importance.

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Reason

meet our emissions targets. Any reduction in forest cover jeopardises our ability to reach that target.

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**Reason**

We have an ethical duty of care which extends beyond Westland and should recognise both the global efforts to combat climate change and the obligations to abide by the principles set out in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to which New Zealand is a signatory.

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**Reason**

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**End of submission.**

Haast

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Are you writing this submission as (please select one): On behalf of an organisation

*If submitting on behalf of an organisation, please specify the name of the organisation and your position* Franz Josef Community Council Chairman Graham Berry

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Topic 4: Please provide any comments:NA

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Spending on Other Project as proposed in LTP – there is a large amount of funds that have been allocated to funds in the Hokitika area. The portion of funds allocated is not relative to the population of Hokitika. There is are very little funds allocated for other projects to any town in South Westland.

Park – Franz Josef lacks an outdoor facility such as a sports field, park and/or skate park. The township of Franz Josef is growing and it is important to be able to provide an recreational and educational area.

Cron Street Widening – There continues to be development along Cron Street in Franz Josef however to date there has been nothing done to alleviate the problems long term.

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:Yes

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If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?:No

Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?:No

Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link?:No

Submission information

Form: [Submission Form: Long Term Plan 2018-2028](#)

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I believe this is a matter for Maori consultation and that their views should be respected.

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Topic 2: Please provide any comments: I would need more information about this to make an informed comment.

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Access to safe drinking is definitely an urgent need for anyone on the coast. Having to boil our water at any time is not a great advertisement for the Coast. Adequate public toilet facilities go hand in hand with this.

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Topic 4: Please provide any comments:

There are a few unknowns in this proposal for me

–What percentage of the reserve funds does \$100,000 represent?

–While this sounds good for Hokitika, what is planned for the rest of Westland/Sth Westland?

–Are there other funding providers

–What is the overall projected spend for this project?

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Topic 5: If Council offered this service, would it be something that you would use regularly?Yes  
Topic 5: If yes, what would be the benefit to you of having this option?Directions timely access  
to information in a medium that is easily accessible  
Topic 5: Please provide any comments:Better communication with the community you serve is  
an excellent aspiration.

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## RATING

### Point 1

The council asserts its right to review the differential factors when required.

In many of our small communities there is no difference between the differential factors.

I strongly suggest that when a review is undertaken that this process is widely consulted and any changes have a long lead in period so the financial impact of those changes can be managed without undue hardship to the ratepayer.

### Point 2

There has been a lot of recently talk in the media about designating short term accommodation providers who have guests for a specified number of days per year as commercial.

In many cases the income of these operations may just cover the expenses of operating the business and keeping the property maintained.

Council needs to consider that many small short term accommodation providers operate on a very slim margin and rate increases cannot necessarily be passed onto guests or absorbed by the rate payer. They run the risk of

- \*pricing themselves off the market or

- \*going out of business

Thereby:

- decreasing the number of beds available to visitors (when there is already a shortage) and

- jeopardising their ability to maintain their property

I recommend that determination of when a property becomes designated ‘commercial’ should be based on net rather than gross income.

### Point 3

Council Policy accepts Council responsibility to undertake the division of rating units when a property has more than one use (as defined for differential rating). The legislation provides that it is Council’s responsibility to apportion the differential categories.

In the case of change of use from residential, rural residential or rural to commercial that a division of rates is undertaken at the same time as the change of use is determined.

For example:

- \*The house used for short term accommodation & the land used as run off; or

- \*A cottage used as short term accommodation, the house used as the family home & the land used for farming; or

- \*A room used as a workshop within a family home; or

- \*A room used as short term accommodation within a family home.

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I suggest that a change in rates should not occur before the division of rating units is completed.

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If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?:No

Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?:No

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If not, which activities, if any, do you think are non-core Council activities and should be transferred? Is there another option that would be preferable or something you think Council has not considered?

Hokitika Museum

As a member of the working party that is looking at plans for a National Pounamu Centre and Hokitika Museum, I believe the proposal to move the museum under the control of the council CCO, 'Destination Westland', would be a grave mistake.

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Those of us who are long enough in the tooth remember that this is not the first time a council has decided it can dispense with the museum as being 'not its core business' by palming it off to a council contractor. It was a miserable failure last time and if this latest plan goes ahead it will fail again — not because of any shortcomings on behalf of the CCO, but for the simple fact that the museum is not a commercial enterprise, entity or proposition. It is the soul of this community, as old as the town itself. And you cannot put a soul on a ledger book.

Likewise, it is a mistake to look on the Hokitika Museum as some sort of under-performing tourist attraction that will do better once it's out of the council's hair. While museums everywhere naturally draw visitors, this is not their main purpose. First and foremost a museum is a safe repository of local history, a permanent memory bank of every generation. Local government was never intended to run everything as a business. Cemeteries, libraries and museums are every bit a part of a council's business as roads, footpaths and water, but they should never be expected to 'pay their way'. They are the palatable bits of what we pay rates for. This Act Party-like drive to cleanse councils of everything but infrastructure and run it all on business lines is not only misguided but it overrides basic community values.

Of course a council must always strive for efficiencies, and in the case of the museum that ought to include cost recovery and some income generation. But this council of 2018 is only the caretaker for now — as every other council has been before you — and so it also has a duty to the present and future generations to ensure our heritage and whakapapa is stored and treasured, just as you have inherited it. This collective heritage, i.e. the museum, cannot be treated simply as a commodity in a company balance sheet where it is subject to business targets and whims.

Further, as we whittle and rasp into shape the proposal for a national pounamu centre and museum, I would strongly suggest the council takes independent and informed advice of how this current proposal to slide the museum into a CCO might affect future funding streams. Regardless, before deciding its fate, I would also urge the council to talk to Poutini Ngai Tahu (Makaawhio and Ngati Waewae) about whether they would still be comfortable with sharing their histories and stories in the national pounamu centre/museum if it was moved under a company because that is an entirely different scenario to what we had been working on.

Thanks for listening.

Topic 2: Please provide any comments:see above

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In terms of population base there seems to be a disproportionate number of other proposed projects identified for the Hokitika area yet very little in other areas of the rating district.

Why is so much of the spend allocated to the Hokitika area and not others?

Franz Josef does not currently have an outdoor recreation facility such as a park or sports field, this is a facility that would benefit both residents and visitors. There is a huge need for such a facility as currently there is a very small area at the local school and the indoor community hall.

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Council's preferred option seems reasonable. I assume that consultation with the Arahura community regarding their preferred option has been undertaken, and that they also support this approach.

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I would like to see this CCO still subject to public scrutiny, accountable to the public, and undertaking public consultation on controversial issues, e.g. whether or not to continue with the Wildfoods Festival.

Also, I don't agree with much investment in the i-site and the proposed investment in a museum/pounamu complex as proposed in the long term plan, see below.

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From what I have seen in the paper the plans for this project are very ambitious and possibly unsuitable for a small community like Hokitika. Also, as far as I know, the question of who will fund the ongoing maintenance has not been resolved.

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I am opposed to funding a playground at the beachfront reserve. We are lucky to still have enough natural areas in our environment for children to play such as the beach itself, that we don't need a man-made playground. There are already playgrounds at Cass square and all the schools.

I am opposed to much more investment in the i-site. The long-term plan rightly states that the usage of visitor information changes, with more people being online. A reduction in size of the i-site and nature of information provided should be looked at.

I am opposed to funding the construction of a dog park. We are lucky to still have plenty of space and few people, so that dogs can run and roam and get their daily exercise without a dog park.

I am opposed to the proposed investment in a new museum/pounamu complex. This is a substantial project that, in my mind, Westland DC should not aim to go alone. It is mainly for the benefit of visitors, i.e. not core Council business. Westland District does not have the population base of Timaru or Dunedin, where apparently similar projects have been undertaken. If at all, the council should as a first step investigate, if the other two West Coast councils would come on board for a joint initiative.

I would like to commend the Council for their focus on core services in this long term plan.

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**From:** R & A Keenan <[keenanr@kinect.co.nz](mailto:keenanr@kinect.co.nz)>  
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**To:** LTP Submissions <[ltip@westlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:ltip@westlanddc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** SUBMISSION TO 2018 - 28 LONG TERM PLAN

**SUBMISSION TO LONG TERM PLAN 2018-28**

**URGENT ACTION NEEDED TO BE TAKEN BEFORE NOW.....for only 6600 rateable properties.... You know very well.....**

**STAY WITH CORE BUSINESS FUNCTIONS - TOURISTS AND CYCLISTS WILL NEED TO PAY AS THEY USE – NO RATES MONEY TO CYCLEWAY**

**CUT OUT PROPERTY COMPANY AND ITS COSTS – TAKE THAT COMPANY AND ITS EXPENSES BACK INTO HOUSE AT COUNCIL (one/two staff members to run it)**

**WESTROADS MUST RETURN THE DIVIDEND – FAIR TENDERING, EFFICIENCY, CUT BACK UNNECESSARY COSTS/MANGEMENT/DIRECTORS.**

**CUT OUT LIBRARY LEASE COSTS – TAKE IT BACK TO COUNCIL BUILDING WITH I-SITE and or transfer I-SITE TO CARNEGIE BUILDING**

**CUT UNNECESSARY AND EXTRAVAGANT OVERHEAD COSTS WITHIN COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS –REDUCE DEBT/FINANCE COSTS..collaborate with other Councils/standardise policy work**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUPS ARE NOW IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY – give them rates relief as Community ratepayers are also becoming overloaded with voluntary work.**

**OUR CARNEGIE, MUSEUM is to be given priority – keep it sensible. .Heritage Park will have to charge to enter as well.**

**NO TO RATE INCREASES.... COUNCIL HAS TO CUT THE CLOTH AND BE FAR MORE COST EFFECTIVE/EFFICIENT stop deterring small business by rate increase for no extra service**

**4000 staffing hours and along with Cr. Martin assistance – on this draft long term plan is ridiculous .... we have seen this before during Long Term Planning.**

**WE REQUIRE TRANSPARENCY – A COUNCIL WE CAN TRUST – CONSULTATION WITH LONG TERM RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS IN RESPECT**

**Yours faithfully**

**ANTHEA KEENAN**

-----Original Message-----

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To: LTP Submissions <[ltp@westlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:ltp@westlanddc.govt.nz)>

Subject: LTP submission - community rates

The current Franz Josef community rate varies between rural, residential and commercial.

The rate funds community activities and some tourism promotion activities.

There is no logical reason for a variation between rural and residential properties, in fact many rural properties have more than one house on them but only pay one low contribution to the community.

The rate appears to fall disproportionately on commercial properties- who may or may not be involved in tourism (as does the general rate). Councils argument that businesses need a vibrant community to attract staff also applies to dairy farms who need to attract staff. Residential properties also need a vibrant business community offering facilities and employment opportunities.

It is logical to assume the capital value of most dairy farms is greater than the capital value of most commercial properties. Many of these farms have several households living on them where often commercial properties have no one residing on them.

This rate should be one fixed rate per property.

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: Sewage charge

The current system of charging for sewage is grossly unfair and has a weak correlation with use.

Sewage should be charged based on use.

There are two main components of the sewage costs, sewage ponds and the pipes from properties to the sewage ponds. It would appear in recent years most of the sewage costs related costs in the Westland District have been for the sewage ponds.

All pans in the district ultimately dump into the sewage ponds, so a rate should be applied to all pans in the district, not just those directly connected to the ponds by pipes. The current charging process encourages development on land not connected to sewage ponds - for example the large hotel in Haast dumps sewage into ponds but does not pay sewage rates.

Charging per pan does not reflect use. A pan in a restaurant will be constantly flushed all day (the restaurant kitchen will also produce significant waste water which ends up in the ponds and is not charged for).

A pan in a low use motel room will have less than 50% occupancy and normally two occupants - this motel room will produce significantly less waste water than a restaurant pan.

In Franz Josef some residential properties have 3-4 just cabins with staff living in them. 3 bedroom houses can easily have 12 or more staff using one bathroom. These properties pay the same for waste water as a house with one person living in it.

Pan charges should be replaced with a charge based on water consumption, the best measure of waste water production. Until water meters are installed on all properties a better proxy for use should be used.



-----Original Message-----

From: Logan Skinner <[loganskinner1@gmail.com](mailto:loganskinner1@gmail.com)>

Sent: Friday, 15 June 2018 4:36 AM

To: LTP Submissions <[ltp@westlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:ltp@westlanddc.govt.nz)>

Subject: LTP submission - split rates

The council to be commended for attempting to identity commercial properties it is not currently charging commercial rates.

The split rating approach however needs more thought as there appears to be several inconsistencies.

For example with one holiday home on a residential section will pay a full commercial community rate and full commercial rates. A dairy farm also with a holiday house on it along with one staff house and the owners house will pay less in community rates than the property with a single holiday home (as rural properties pay less than commercial properties). The dairy farm will also pay a lower percentage of general rates.

Where there are one off fixed charges, properties should pay the highest fixed charges that applies to them. Although removing variation in charges between property types would create a more fair approach to rates.

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Subject: LTP submission- general rate

When council moved from Land value to Capital value for the general rate it stated that the general rate was a contribution to a vibrant community based on the ability to pay not a payment for services.

The council stated at the time they would consider reducing the variation between the 4 property classes' rates over time.

There is no logical reason why a \$2m motel in Haast should pay significantly more in general rates than a farm near Hokitika also worth \$2m. The farm may contain more than one household and take far greater advantage of the general council services.

The district is made up of small business, often people work from home or have mixed use properties. Many farms and residential properties also offer commercial accommodation. Council will always struggle to accurately identify properties use and fairly split rates were properties have multiple uses.

The significant difference between commercial farms and other commercial businesses rates when the general rate is not a payment for services has no logical justification.

We need a diverse and strong economy and to sufficiently fund the council services. We need this funding to be as simple to administer and transparent process as possible. I believe over a 5 year period council should move to standardise the general rate across the artificially constructed 4 rating groups who do not directly match any council zoning. This would then save council money attempting to work out what properties are used for.

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re: Submission to the Westland District Council's Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

### Active West Coast

Active West Coast (AWC) is a network of agencies and groups committed to improving the health of West Coasters through the promotion of healthy lifestyles such as physical activity, nutrition, smokefree, youth and older person's health. While member organisations were involved in preparing this submission, the recommendations in their entirety, do not necessarily reflect the views of each individual agency.

The World Health Organisation, as part of its Healthy Communities initiative, has stated that:

People in a healthy community enjoy a clean, safe physical environment that includes:

- adequate housing
- a responsible use of resources sustainable for the long term
- strong, mutually supportive networks
- high levels of participation and control over decisions affecting health and wellbeing
- adequate access to food, water, shelter, income, safety, and recreation
- programmes for promoting health, preventing disease, and limiting the ill effects of disability
- a chance for a wide variety of contact, interaction and communication, including educational experiences
- a diverse, vital and innovative local economy
- a strong local cultural and spiritual heritage, and
- access to quality health services.

We acknowledge the importance of Council's huge role in creating a healthy environment in which its residents can live, grow, learn, thrive, play and work.

### **Physical Activity opportunities:**

Human beings are designed to be physically active across the life span to remain healthy, independent and productive. Indeed lack of physical activity is fast becoming a primary cause of disease and death across the globe. Facilities and environments designed to encourage people to be active is an investment in individual and community wellbeing.

### **Cycling:**

We congratulate Council on its continued support of the Westland Wilderness Trail. This trail has supported many residents to become more physically active and it is also attracting visitors to the district. We support the intention to further develop Trail sections that will remove the need for trail users to cycle on State Highway 6 as this will promote safety and enhance the user experience.

We are aware the NZ Police Cycle safety programme operating in schools across the Coast is likely to cease at the end of this year. Filling this gap may require a collaborative effort and we encourage Council to work with stakeholders to ensure our school children continue to have access to quality cycle skills training.

### **Walking:**

Accessible and well maintained footpaths provide opportunities for people of all ages to be active and connect with their community. The aging population of the Westland District is likely to increase demand for new and improved footpaths. We are therefore pleased to see Council has included provision for annual footpath renewals.

The recent visit to the District by Dr Rod Tolley from Walk 21 outlined how creating pedestrian friendly spaces has a range of community benefits, from increased road safety to better health and economic outcomes. Walk 21 has developed the attached International Charter for Walking to help authorities create policies, activities and relationships to develop a culture where people choose to walk. We encourage Council to become a signatory to this Charter to show its commitment to walking as a key indicator of healthy, efficient, socially inclusive and sustainable communities. For more information and an outline of how each of the principles can be enacted please see [www.walk21.com](http://www.walk21.com).

### **Swimming Pools:**

Swimming pools support well-being through provision of physical activity opportunities and through the 'Learn to swim' programmes. We congratulate Council for its provision of free entry for children to the Hokitika Pool during the school holidays as fees can often be a barrier to families using community facilities.

### **Parks and Reserves:**

The provision of well-maintained parks and reserves supports wellbeing as it increases opportunities to be physically active, develop skills and commune with nature. We encourage Council to undertake accessibility audits for its children's playgrounds and parks to identify physical barriers that prevent meaningful engagement for users of all ages and abilities. Our members are happy to assist with Council with this. We also encourage Council to consider installing equipment designed for use by older people when upgrading playgrounds within the district. This will encourage older people, who often accompany children to parks, to be more active.

- **Cass Square**

AWC supports the upgrade of Cass Square, especially the playground and the toilets. However we would like to see this work brought forward as we are aware many families find both areas uninviting. We encourage Council to consider installing toddler specific equipment, sun shading, and fencing to mitigate the close proximity of the playground to the road.

### **Sports Facility Plan:**

We are aware Council has committed to working with the Regional Sports Trust and other West Coast Councils to develop a Regional Sports Facility Plan to identify and prioritise future sports and recreation facility needs for the region. We support this action as it will help inform a more strategic approach to facility development and use across the region.

### **Working with the community:**

We support Council's intention to work with the people of Westland, and other Councils and stakeholders, to grow and protect its communities, economy and the district's unique natural environment.

### **Iwi consultation:**

We commend Council for welcoming and actively seeking Māori contribution to its decision making processes. This will ensure tangata whēnua have a voice in decisions that affect them.

### **Youth Development:**

We commend Council for its role in the development of the Youth Strategy as this will support young people to have a voice and be involved in decisions that will impact on them and their future.

**Accessibility Strategy:**

We are pleased Council staff have been involved in the development of a draft Coast-wide Accessibility Strategy which will soon be presented to Council for adoption prior to public consultation. The object of the Strategy is to work towards developing a region that is inclusive and supports participation for all people regardless of their level of ability.

**Road Safety & Accessible Transport:**

We endorse Council's role in the promotion of road safety and accessible transport through its continued membership of the West Coast Road Safety Committee and its support of the Total Mobility programme.

**Westland Safe Community Coalition:**

AWC congratulates Council for its leadership in the Westland Safe Community Coalition. This is a useful mechanism for stakeholders and the community to work together to identify issues and develop projects to enhance safety within the district.

**Enviroschools:**

We commend Council for its continued investment in the Enviroschools programme as this will assist the community to make positive changes with respect to the physical environment and waste minimisation practices.

**Regulatory Services:**

Council's role within its regulatory services impacts on the wellbeing of both residents and visitors.

**Alcohol:**

The misuse of alcohol continues to harm individuals, whanau and the wider Westland District community. We encourage Council to work with Buller and Grey Councils, and other stakeholders, to create a formal mechanism to ensure a consistent Coast-wide approach to both alcohol licensing and regulation with the goal of reducing alcohol-related harm within our communities.

**Gambling:**

We are aware Council's Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy is due for review in 2018. In the quarter to March 2018 \$418 090 was lost to Class 4 Gaming Machines within the Westland District. As gambling-related harm is often hidden AWC urges Council to undertake more than a desk-top review of this policy. We offer our assistance with this.

**Smokefree Environments:**

While non-smokers make up a large majority of our population, tobacco use remains a major contributor to disease and mortality on the West Coast. Therefore creating environments that support Smokefree lifestyles is an investment in the wellbeing of our communities. We are aware Council adopted an extension to the Smokefree Environments Policy in April 2016 to include outdoor dining areas on Council land, however this amendment is not included in the policy on Council's website. As the website is a way of keeping residents informed we would like to see the current policy replaced with an updated version.

**Community facilities and support:**

Provision of quality accommodation, and access to cultural and learning opportunities assists in creating healthy and vibrant communities.

**Community Halls:**

We support Council's continued provision of safe and useful community halls as these facilities assist with creating connected and socially active communities.

**Township Development:**

AWC supports Council's role in funding and assisting communities to undertake township development projects. This mechanism allows communities to work together on projects they determine to be important to them.

**Elderly Housing:**

We commend Council for its continued provision of pensioner housing as affordable housing is important to people's wellbeing. We support Council's ongoing investment in upgrading the units, in particular insulation and double-glazing. The continuing increase in the proportion of over 65 year olds within the district will increase demand for smaller, easy care housing. We encourage Council to work with other stakeholders to facilitate provision of affordable housing options within Westland so residents are not faced with moving from the area as they get older.

**Libraries and Museums:**

Provision of libraries and museums supports life-long learning and offers residents the opportunity to extend their knowledge about 'their place' which assists with community connectedness. We support Council's role in the provision of community digital literacy training as these skills facilitate both social and learning independence.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the draft LTP. We do not wish to speak to this submission, however we may be contacted by phone on 768 1160 or by emailing [rosie.mcgrath@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:rosie.mcgrath@cdhb.health.nz) if required.

Rosie McGrath  
Coordinator  
Active West Coast





# International Charter for Walking

**Creating healthy, efficient and sustainable communities where people choose to walk**

I/We, the undersigned recognise the benefits of walking as a key indicator of healthy, efficient, socially inclusive and sustainable communities and acknowledge the universal rights of people to be able to walk safely and to enjoy high quality public spaces anywhere and at anytime. We are committed to reducing the physical, social and institutional barriers that limit walking activity. We will work with others to help create a culture where people choose to walk through our commitment to this charter and its strategic principles:

- 1. Increased inclusive mobility***
- 2. Well designed and managed spaces and places for people***
- 3. Improved integration of networks***
- 4. Supportive land-use and spatial planning***
- 5. Reduced road danger***
- 6. Less crime and fear of crime***
- 7. More supportive authorities***
- 8. A culture of walking***

***Signed.....***

***Name.....***

***Position.....***

***Date.....***

[www.walk21.com](http://www.walk21.com)

# Franz Josef Community Council Inc

PO Box 86, Franz Josef, Westland



14/06/2018

Dear Councillors

**Subject: Amended Letter Long Term Plan Submission – Township Development Fund (TDF)**

TDF allocation to Franz Josef is currently \$35,000 which is 48% of the Franz Josef township maintenance budget, which we are very grateful to receive and is well utilised within the community.

The fund has been at a rate of \$35,000 per annum for a number of years and with the growth of Franz Josef in recent years we would expect this amount would increase alongside the growth of the area.

We request that WDC provide information on how and when such rates are reviewed and provide feedback as we believe our community should be entitled to more funding than is currently received.

Kind regards

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Franz Josef Community Chairman

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Franz Josef Community Council, working together to build a vibrant & progressive community for all.

# Franz Josef Community Council Inc

PO Box 86, Franz Josef, Westland



14/06/2018

Dear Councillors

**Subject: Amended Letter Long Term Plan Submission – Gaming Machines**

Franz Josef lost our Gaming Machines due to being unable to provide facilities as was required in the Westland District Council 2015 Policy on Class 4, of an enclosed separate area.

However, Gaming Machines have been installed elsewhere in South Westland that do not meet the requirements that were stipulated to the Franz Josef Community.

Visitors to the area often request such facilities and given the high number of tourists in Franz Josef it would be an ideal location. Franz Josef is unable to install new machines as the allocation for Gaming Machines in South Westland has been exhausted.

We request that WDC amend the current plan to allow Gaming Machines in South Westland, especially Franz Josef.

Kind regards

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## Glow Worm Dell

I am aware that the Glow Worm Dell is not a WDC Property but we have issues with the parking and lighting as increasing numbers of tourists visit the site. Parking and lighting is a responsibility for WDC and Transit.

Issues are:

- Parking area is too small.
- Cars parking on opposite side of the road
- Poor lighting and people wearing dark clothing
- 50k speed restriction need to be moved further north.

The parking area is too small during tourist season. Present parking space caters for about six vehicles. I have seen a dozen or more vehicles parked in the area on a number of occasions with some parked on the opposite side of the road. Some vehicles park at the Information Kiosk which is sensible.

If the parking area could be extended from the Glow-worm Dell to the Information Kiosk, all vehicles could park on the Glow-worm Dell side of the highway. Parking needs to be deep enough to cater for Camper vans to get well off the Highway when nose in parked. The present car park seems to cater for nose in or angle parking but does not handle double parking that well. I have seen the tail end of a camper van encroaching onto the Highway when parked.

The lighting in the area is not good and at present the light opposite the Glow-worm Dell is not working. When people are crossing the highway wearing dark clothing - even with all present lights going - they can be difficult to see. Even worse when weather conditions are poor. To light this area adequately Council may have to think outside the square so as not to affect the glow worms.

The Glow Worm Dell is in the 80 Kph zone. It would be safer if the 50k speed zone was moved North of the Glow Worm Dell. Locals maybe aware of the Glow-worm Dell hazards but tourists are not.

I have witnessed some silly behaviour on or close to the highway. Drivers need to be extra alert to avoid unsuspecting pedestrian tourists.

During the Winter months not many vehicles visit the site but up to less than a month ago there was not enough parking space. This will be a problem again with the coming tourist season.

Concerns re Glow-worm Dell have been expressed by previous Councillors and members of the public.

Transit and the Regional Development Fund would be partners in making the Glow-worm Dell a much safer area for tourists and locals.

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I understand that Ivan Wilson (West Coast Road Safety Coordinator) has also put in a submission re lighting and parking at the Glow-worm Dell.  
We fully support his submission.

Kees van Beek

On behalf of the Safer Community Coalition, Westland

15 June 2018

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**Submission to WDC Long Term Plan, 2018-2028**

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I am writing this submission as an individual.

**I wish to be heard in support of this submission.**

(but I am unavailable on Tuesday 11am-12 noon and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 8am-4pm.  
Please set me a time on the afternoon of Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>).

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission to the Westland District's LTP. There are several matters I would like to raise.

**TOPIC #1: Arahura Water supply**

Neutral.

**TOPIC #2: Transfer of management of strategic assets and non-core activities to CCO**

I am generally opposed to the proposal.

My experience is that the CCOs

- have little accountability or transparency to the full Council and therefore to us ratepayers.
- are at times a law unto themselves where it's not clear what their funding and activity is going towards until it's too late.
- have a profit-driven focus that is to the detriment of the community functions of the assets they manage.
- are being used by Council to hide the use of ratepayers' money.

The Local Government Act identifies Community Services as a Core Role of Councils, in the same way that water and roads are. This includes museums, libraries and the like.

The draft LTP says services delivered through Council Controlled Organisations "are ones where a more commercial focus is required." To me, this means "less community focus", which I object to. Assets like the Museum and Wildfoods need to remain community-based and under Council control, or risk losing the very valuable community and volunteer component that makes them run effectively. I for one am

not going to volunteer for an asset or activity where profits go anywhere other than back into the community.

The museum is a core asset and not solely (nor even mainly) a tourist facility. It is a community asset that gives valuable direct service to local residents and ratepayers. This includes interpretation of our district's heritage and stories, education and activities for schoolchildren and families, research facilities, and secure storage and curation of our treasures and taonga. The proposal suggests that the museum is being lumped in as a tourist facility, but in my opinion, tourism is just one part of the museum's role. I oppose the reduction in funding for the museum.

The cycleway is a core facility, as much a transport route as any of the district's roads are – it is a travel route into parts of the district that we like and need to go for our work and lifestyles.

### **TOPIC #3: Infrastructure spending**

I've not yet read this bit, so have no views on it.

### **TOPIC #4: Westland High School Recreation and Community Centre project**

I am generally opposed to the proposal.

I agree it's important to make the district attractive for youth and families, and to have sustainable facilities for youth and community use.

I am concerned about the direction that the WHS facility project is going and so I object to WDC funds going into it.

I fail to see why we ratepayers are funding Westland High School developments that:

- replicate existing community facilities and so make them less sustainable (or even redundant) in the long term?
- should instead be funded by the Ministry of Education?
- we will have little control over the use of?
- could well become a financial burden to the school and/or community?

WHS is not a "Sports Hub" but merely a "School", and it will never serve a fraction of the wide variety of sports needs in Hokitika and Westland. For a perspective on this, the map in this link shows the extent of sports facilities in Hokitika.

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/asset/downloadasset?id=ac850978-e7a1-4d78-a3ef-bf63cbff0356>

It is essential that any sports development at WHS does not duplicate existing community facilities unless there is a clear intention and support for removing/replacing the original facility. Also, the maintenance of large sports venues can become a financial burden (eg Westport's Solid Energy Centre) and so any work needs to ensure it is financially sustainable in the long term and that we live within our means.

### **TOPIC #5: Live-streaming Council Meetings**

I am opposed to this. It would be better to use this time and money to do proper consultation with the community in advance of the Council meeting decisions.

Council's public consultation should not be done solely through the Mayor's Facebook page of selective propaganda, as presently seems to be the case.

### OTHER TOPICS:

The very short timeframe and inadequate process provided for the Long Term Plan submissions means that I can only briefly address other important topics:

1. I support the submission of the Westland Community Centre Inc (seeking **support and funding for Hokitika's Regent Theatre** as an essential community asset).
2. I would support WDC committing to becoming a **walking and cycling-friendly** district, which would have many health, wellbeing and financial benefits for the District. There are many things that could be done around Hokitika to achieve this, and the Council should put in place a Walking and Cycling Plan for the town.
3. I object to the Council putting any time or money into the **Haast-Hollyford Road** investigations. I can't see how this proposal can be a positive benefit for the Council and District.
4. I support any Council actions that promote **sports & recreation & healthy lifestyles throughout the town and district** and not poured into a single grandiose "sports hub" facility.
5. I object to the proposal to **move the Hokitika Museum under the CCO and to cut its funding by 20%**. The current costs of keeping the Carnegie Building open should be spent on re-establishing the full Museum there with sufficient resources and competent staff.
6. I support a simple **Beachfront & Sunset Point landscape plan**, but object to the current **plans to spend \$\$\$ at Sunset Point** – Why has the landscape plan for the beachfront been hijacked by a harebrained scheme to 'save' Sunset Point when that part of the seawall should have been pulled back to a more viable position closer to the Fire Brigade ground.  
Council should take a lead on the beachfront. A lot of the labour can probably be done progressively by volunteers etc, but WDC will be needed for some planning, earthworks and infrastructure. I also think that the WCRC should be hit up for some of the costs as the consent holder for the seawall, as part of the remediation of the site that they created.
7. I support funding going to other **community events like Driftwood & Sand** - this should be given financial support in the LTP.
8. I support any moves by Council to **prepare for natural hazards** – Council should develop clear plans for preparing and responding to **Alpine Fault rupture, climate change and coastal erosion**. These could all be the ruin of the Coast if we're not prepared for them.
9. I support any moves by Council to become **"Zero Waste to Landfill"** – Council should reconfirm the Zero Waste policy that it adopted in about 2010. This can be achieved through better education, stronger enforcement, community involvement and financial incentives. It makes financial and environmental sense. Less waste going to Butlers is money in the bank for the Council and ratepayers.
10. I support the continued improvement of the **West Coast Wilderness Trail** by Council. One concern is that the painted marking of the roadside portion of the trail from Lake Kaniere has made the cycle lane far too narrow. The effect has been to widen the road to encourage cars to go faster, while providing a ridiculously narrow cycleway strip that only makes it more dangerous for cycles.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Plan.

Yours sincerely

Don Neale



Submission information

Form: [Submission Form: Long Term Plan 2018-2028](#)

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified)

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**Topic #1: Arahura Pa water supply**

Council proposes to construct a new water treatment plant at Arahura Pa to treat water drawn from a new water source.

Topic 1: Indicate your support for this topic: I support the proposal

Topic 1: Please provide any comments: High "iron" content is a problem on some properties up the valley

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**Topic #2: Transfer of management of strategic assets and non-core activities to CCO**

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Topic 2: Indicate your support for this topic: I oppose the proposal

If not, which activities, if any, do you think are non-core Council activities and should be transferred? Is there another option that would be preferable or something you think Council has not considered?

Topic 2: Please provide any comments:

Westland is a small council and councillors are more able to deal with these matters.

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### **Topic #3: Infrastructure spending**

Council proposes to fast-track infrastructure capital projects to comply with Drinking Water Standards and increased tourist growth in Years 1–5 of this plan and delay some asset renewals work for another 10 years while asset condition and performance data is improved.

Topic 3: Indicate your support for this topic: I support the proposal

Topic 3: Please provide any comments:

Good water is an asset worth going for. But be careful that you are improving water not just adding costs.

Don't fix it if it ain't broke.

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### **Topic #4: Contribute funding towards the Westland High School Recreation and Community Centre project**

Council proposes to allocate \$100,000 of reserve development funds to the Westland High School Recreation and Community Centre project.

Topic 4: Indicate your support for this topic: I support the proposal

Topic 4: Do you think it is important to retain youth and families in Westland and provide high quality facilities for youth and wider community use? Yes

Topic 4: Do you support this allocation of reserve funds to the Westland High School Recreation and Community Centre project? Yes

Topic 4: Please provide any comments:

It is important that the Council gets behind the Westland High school and help to improve and promote it. The profile of Westland High needs to be elevated for the sake of the Westland community. We hear too many stories of why families have not moved to Hokitika.

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### **Topic #5: Live-streaming Council Meetings**

Council proposes to live-stream and maintain a video archive of Council meetings to better engage the public and keep people informed on decisions affecting the district or region in a transparent and flexible format.

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Topic 5: Indicate your support for this topic: I am neutral to the proposal

Topic 5: If Council offered this service, would it be something that you would use regularly? No

Topic 5: Please provide any comments:

I dream of reading the minutes but never do.

Would it be any different.

When I get more time, maybe??

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### Other Proposed Projects

There are many other projects listed in this consultation document and Long Term Plan that are proposed for the next ten years. Please give us your feedback on any of these.

Clearly state which project you are referring to and if you support the project, are against the proposal or if your feedback is neutral.

*You can find information about our other proposed projects within the Long Term Plan document at the link below:*

<https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/ltp>

Other proposed projects – please provide any comments:

I see no mention of the Old Christchurch Road in the LTP.

This road needs further attention as it is too well known to the Fire Brigade, Ambulance and medical services.

The recent painting of white lines down the middle of the sealed section is a good start. The paint is rather faded in places already.

There needs to be a speed limit on most of the Old Christchurch Road. Some say 70 but I would bat for 80.

This road is used as a short cut by many and in no way do you want to keep up with them as they treat it as a rally road.

In summer there is lots of loose gravel and vehicles get into trouble due to high speed and not being used to unsealed surfaces.

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## Further Feedback

Council would also like to hear any other feedback you have in relation to the:

- Consultation Document (eg. online submission form)
- Draft Long Term Plan
- Draft Feeds and Charges Schedule
- Revenue and Financing Policy
- Infrastructure Strategy
- Financial Strategy
- Significance and Engagement Policy; or
- Other associated documents.

Further feedback – please provide any comments:

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:Yes

If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?:Yes

Specify the party:???

Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?:No

Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio–visual link?:No

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Submission information

Form: [Submission Form: Long Term Plan 2018-2028](#)

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Topic 1: Please provide any comments: form to be decided by residents affected. Upgrade essential

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Topic 2: Indicate your support for this topic: I support the proposal

Topic 2: Please provide any comments:

Agree that funding opportunities are far more extensive in the 'private' sector – you need someone willing to look for them and complete the paperwork correctly

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Topic 3: Indicate your support for this topic: I support the proposal

Topic 3: Please provide any comments:

The Havelock North outbreak of campylobacter in 2016 highlights how easily contamination can occur – however the huge compliance costs are also strangling smaller communities .....

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Topic 4: Do you think it is important to retain youth and families in Westland and provide high quality facilities for youth and wider community use? Yes

Topic 4: Do you support this allocation of reserve funds to the Westland High School Recreation and Community Centre project? Yes

Topic 4: Please provide any comments: Essential to maintain high class education and community assets

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Topic 5: Please provide any comments:

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Would only use if it was of particular interest – and would probably view after-hours – so live streaming not really relevant – just having the discussion available on line would be sufficient

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Other proposed projects – please provide any comments:

Community resilience – I agree that this is a worthwhile goal and encourage council in any efforts to assist the owners of heritage buildings to maintain the integrity of the structures – we have 8 Category 1 listed buildings in Westland – all should be maintained

Elderly and disabled housing – another essential component of community resilience

Dog Park – I support the proposal

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- Other associated documents.

Further feedback – please provide any comments:

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:No

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Topic 1: Please provide any comments:All communities must have good water supply, this is a basic need and right.

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Topic 2: Indicate your support for this topic:I oppose the proposal

If not, which activities, if any, do you think are non-core Council activities and should be transferred? Is there another option that would be preferable or something you think Council has not considered?

Topic 2: Please provide any comments:

Reporting from this group to date has been minimal or non-existent, so that group are not up to the task.

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The museum is a core council function and as such should always be under the umbrella of council.

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Topic 3: Please provide any comments:

Given the change in drinking water standards, the council's hands are tied on this and as a region we must keep up, in upgrading our supply to keep up with requirements for locals as well as tourists.

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Topic 4: Please provide any comments:

Westland High School is a vital part of our community, and is making huge efforts to be relevant and to invite the community back in, whether part of the direct school community or part of the larger Westland community. Support for the school to develop and remain a central part of who we are and what we offer as a town and district is vital to Hokitika continuing to be a buoyant, attractive place to raise a family and share in successes of our youth.

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This is irrelevant to most rate payers – why is it here when there are so many other things to work on?

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Any work on the Haast Hollyford road – whether it's feasibility or research or anything – needs to stop forever. There is not a mandate for council to work on this, as a rate payer I have never been asked for my thoughts on this project that appears to be for the legacy of one man in our community. Please stop.

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Further feedback – please provide any comments:

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:No

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All communities should have access to high quality drinking water whether reticulated or not.

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If not, which activities, if any, do you think are non-core Council activities and should be transferred? Is there another option that would be preferable or something you think Council has not considered?

I believe that the museum is the odd one out in this list and my reasons and proposed alternatives are below.

Topic 2: Please provide any comments:

I have concerns over the transfer of the Museum as it is not a commercial entity. I would believe it to be more beneficial and efficient to enable the museum to remain with Council but have

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Destination Westland manage the building and any future commercial development with regard to the Pounamu centre or such like. It could be a sub-contract type arrangement whereby the Museum undertakes displays and exhibits for their 'landlord' but the entity and assets associated with the collection and research centre remain within Council.

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It is vital to improve our infrastructure with the increase in population, increase in weather events and constantly ageing infrastructure.

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Topic 4: Please provide any comments:

In a community that can not support purpose built facilities for individual clubs, it is beneficial to focus on proposals such as this that can accommodate more people for less cost. It is a win win for the wider sporting community and school community alike. It should also be noted that the WHS grounds are a hub for the local primary schools sporting activities such as touch tournaments, athletics and sports training.

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Topic 5: Please provide any comments:

I believe that there is too little benefit for the cost. Recording the meeting and making the link available on our website would achieve the same intention but at a fraction of the cost. I believe that to ensure confidential sessions are edited out and other sensitive matters that someone would be present to undertake this, that is another cost which would be reduced if someone merely reviewed pre-recorded information and posted it online. This could still be done within hours of the meeting and with the only set up cost being better quality recording equipment.

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Seal Cement Lead Road :-> There are approximately 12 families living on Cement Lead Road. Prior to purchasing my property i was told by the Development Control Officer (Council) that the road would be sealed in 2019 and was budgeted for. This played a large part in our decision to purchase. Since the I found out that the Simth's (at the end of the road) were told when they looked at purchasing their property that it would be sealed when there more than 5 houses on the road or by 2014. As far as I am aware the project is now not even on the radar. 1. Council shouldn't give this information if it is not going to happen 2. This is an example of where obtaining adequate contributions from developers should be able to help future owners receive such services 3. I see this as an opportunity for Council to be pro-active with a small sample group and look at the opportunity of sharing costs through rates repayments between land owners and Council to see this project get underway. I know that people see it as Council's sole cost but if it would speed such projects up i believe that the majority of the community would be open to such proposals.

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:No

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Topic 1: Indicate your support for this topic: I am neutral to the proposal

Topic 1: Please provide any comments: I feel it is up to the local Arahura Community who consume the water.

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Topic 2: Please provide any comments:

I don't like the idea of Directors making TOTAL decisions on the assets and non-core activities. Ratepayers/residents voted area councillors as our representative to make decisions around the table. If Destination Westland is a Council Controlled Organisation, let the Councillors be the top dogs on final decisions.

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Topic 3: Please provide any comments:

opposing due to the hint of fluoride being added to water supplies.....should be a personal choice – not forced

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Topic 4: Please provide any comments:

will the council support all other schools in the district with appropriate funding opportunities

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Topic 5: If Council offered this service, would it be something that you would use regularly?Yes

Topic 5: If yes, what would be the benefit to you of having this option?

Topic 5: Please provide any comments:

warm fire, toilet close at hand (non shared) coffee anytime, comfortable seating and a volume up or down button ;)

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ROSS WATER SUPPLY – Damage – repairs/replacement should come from Elect Mining, not Council or ratepayers/residents

ROSS FOOTPATHS – overdue maintenance needed to upgrade all

ANIMAL CONTROL – act on complaints, no matter the time or where

DISTRICT PLAN – any alterations to be fully disclosed to affected communities for their input/say on the targeted areas

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Civil Defence consultations in the past have amounted to 'not alot' being fed out to the communities/residents....does everyone know where their local Civil Defence Centre is?... and is there a public indicator for tourists to know where it is, in an event????

PUBLIC LOOS – Ross is in dire need to have new toilets due to increasing tourist numbers passing the door

ELDERLY HOUSING – Ross could do with more Pensioner flats

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CEMETERIES – Current Ross Cemetery is also an Historic Cemetery...first interment 1884

#### PARKS AND RESERVES

Road sealing thru Ross Reserve, known as Grimmond Memorial Avenue....re narrow gravel road with frequent vehicle use –large and small.

Regular foot traffic, and no safe verge parking.

Domain enhancements, and DOC Reserve enhancement being undertaken for Health and Wellbeing Recreational purposes and Chinese Memorial Gardens currently being established lakeside, with the need to have East Carpark upgraded for safe parking for visitors to Gardens, Reserve and Domain. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS

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Further feedback – please provide any comments:

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:Yes

If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?:No

Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?:No

Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link?:No

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Topic 1: Please provide any comments: No comment

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Topic 2: Indicate your support for this topic: I am neutral to the proposal

Topic 2: Please provide any comments: No comment

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Topic 5: Please provide any comments:When we get cell coverage and better Internet in our area

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I would like to see Rural towns tidied up eg footpaths in Hari Hari. They are ankle breaking and have been in need of repair for many years. Most driveways are far to steep and there are some not even sealed. Be seen to care about rural ratepayers. Would like council to support cell phone towers in area without coverage

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:No

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15/06/18

To Whom it may concern,

The Arahura Water Supply is inadequate and out dated.

History brief: The present water supply was installed for the Arahura School by government (Ministry of Works). Not installed for small settlement. Present status water supply now contaminated when river floods.

Vision 2028: Further development EG: Subdivision around Tuhuru Marae for 100 sections. Will need adequate unpolluted water supply. A new water supply site required for Arahura future development.

Nga mihi,

Alan Anthony Russell



## Your submission form

To have your say you can make your submission online or using this form below.

This document summarises the big issues affecting Westland over the next 10 years. Please give us your feedback regarding the services outlined and the rates and charges associated with those services.

You can include comments on the consultation issues and on other aspects of the related documents including the Long Term Plan, Financial Strategy, Infrastructure Strategy and Fees and Charges document.

### YOUR DETAILS

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Are you writing this submission as: (Please tick one)

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On behalf of an organisation (If so, please specify the name of the organisation and your position in the organisation)

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika? YES/NO

If yes, please indicate preferred time of day: Morning/Afternoon/Either


### YOUR FEEDBACK PLEASE

#### Topic #1: Arahura Pa water supply

**Council proposes to construct a new water treatment plant at Arahura Pa to treat water drawn from a new water source.**

Do you support this option? YES/NO/UNSURE

If no, which of the alternate options is your preferred option: OPTION 2/OPTION 3

Please provide any comments.....New location Water Supply Foxes Creek.   
.....behind Marae  
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BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2018-28 Long Term Plan

## Sport Canterbury Submission

### About Sport Canterbury

Sport Canterbury is one of 17 Regional Sports Trusts currently operating throughout New Zealand.

We do this by leading, enabling and delivering sport and active recreation quality opportunities and environments for the people of Canterbury and the West Coast.

We are an independent, not-for-profit Charitable Trust governed by a Board. We have been operating for 27 years and currently employ 49 fulltime staff in Christchurch, Ashburton, Timaru and Greymouth. with our head office in Brynley Street, Christchurch.

Our vision is to have 'More People, More Active, More Often' and everything we do is about getting and keeping people engaged in sport and physical activity.

We connect community leadership to make healthy choices more accessible to families /whānau where they live, learn, work and play, so our communities thrive.

### The Value of Sport and Recreation

On 17 March, Sport NZ launched a [new study](#) that explores the value of sport and recreation to New Zealanders, their communities and our country. *The Value of Sport* is based on extensive research, including a survey of around 2,000 New Zealanders and a review of previous studies from here and around the world.

People spoken to saw real value in participating in sport and recreation. The findings include:

- 92% believe being active keeps them physically fit and healthy, and helps relieve stress;
- 88% believe that sport and other physical activities provide them with opportunities to achieve and help build confidence;
- 84% believe sport brings people together and create a sense of belonging;
- 74% say sport help builds vibrant and stimulating communities.

The research also showed the ability of sport and recreation to create good young adults and improve the health and wellbeing of New Zealanders. Other key findings include:

### **Sport and physical activity can reduce rates of many physical health related disorders and improve health outcomes as a result**

Significant studies have identified relationships between physical activity and reducing type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease and obesity related disorders. Regular physical activity results in similar outcomes for children, including improved cardiovascular fitness, decreased risk of type 2 diabetes, improved bone health, and maintaining a healthy weight. There is at least moderate evidence of physical activity having beneficial impacts on rates of breast cancer, colon cancer, osteoporosis and stroke.

### **Evidence indicates a positive association between children's physical activity participation and academic achievement**

There is a positive association between physical activity and higher test scores, improved reading comprehension and a positive orientation towards achievement. There is also evidence that children can spend more time being physically active and less time in the classroom without having an impact on academic achievement. There is a positive association between sport participation and higher academic performance, attendance rates and reduced lateness rates and stand downs.

### **Participation in sport has been linked with greater employability in graduates.**

Participation in sport at university was associated with greater employability compared with attending the gym, or not engaging in sport – and this effect was greater for graduates who take part in sport and volunteering. Employers listed a wide range of attributes developed through sport, including teamwork, communication skills, motivation, competitiveness and resilience.

### **There is a link between sport participation, improved social capital, feelings of social cohesion and community identity**

Because sport acts as a conduit to bring individuals within communities together, to make friends and to develop networks, it also presents an opportunity to develop social capital. There are strong associations between national levels of sport club memberships and levels of social trust and wellbeing. Some evidence also suggests that sport and recreation in youth may also result in increased levels of community involvement as an adult.

These and other findings from the study reinforce the role of sport and recreation in creating better cities.

Find out more [sportnz.org.nz/valueofsport](http://sportnz.org.nz/valueofsport).

### **The Value of Sport and Recreation to the Canterbury Region**

Sport Canterbury recognises the immense value that sport and recreation brings to the Canterbury community and the economy. A study by Lincoln University in 2015 was able to quantify some of this benefit.<sup>1</sup>

- Nearly 9 out of 10 (89.3 per cent) young people (5-17 years) in the region spend at least three hours per week in organised or informal sport and recreation activity.

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<sup>1</sup> The Economic Value of Sport and Recreation to the Canterbury West Coast Region, AERU Lincoln University 2015.

- These are supported by 110,000 volunteers.
- Nearly 5,500 people (5,430) work in sport and recreation industries (based on the 2013 Census).
- The sport and recreation sector (narrowly defined) is estimated to have contributed \$382.3 million to regional GDP in 2012/13, or 1.3 per cent.
- Over 4,000 (4,014) people work in sport and recreation occupations.
- Volunteers contributed 7.0 million hours to sport and recreation in 2013/14.
- The estimated market value of these volunteered services is \$107.3 million at 2013 values.
- The contribution of sport and recreation to GDP (including volunteered services) in 2012/13 is estimated to have been \$593.2 million, or 2.0 per cent.

### Caveat

Sport Canterbury works with many sporting and community organisations across the region and often advocate on behalf of sport and physical activity. However, the comments presented within this submission are those of Sport Canterbury only and do not necessarily represent any individual or other sporting, or other group.

### Using this Feedback

This written feedback is to be considered and reported in its entirety. No partial use, excerpts or subjective interpretation of this document is permitted.

### Submission Points

#### General

Thank you for supporting sport and recreation across Westland during some extremely tough economic times. The benefits are real, human and long lasting for the people of the this District

#### Community Development and Assistance: (Page 61)

Sport Canterbury West Coast facilitates sport and recreation sector across the Westland and Grey Districts. Historically, both Councils contributed financially to the roles which Lead, Enable and Deliver programmes that support and up skills this high volunteer sector along with teachers and parents. We strongly advocate for the sector within health, and education and continue to partner with relevant agencies.

The Westland District withdrew funding during a time of economic re-alignment in 2013 which contributed to the loss of Sport Canterbury's Westland based staff member at that time. We have continued to work strategically within the Westland District since then, all be it, in a reduced capacity. At a time when volunteer sports are under pressure with a reduced and ageing pool of people we've identified the need to increase support to the sports, schools and councils to ensure sustainability.

We are seeking \$50,000 of annual investment that we anticipate will have long term benefits to the Westland community and allow Sport Canterbury to increase capacity to grow capability across the district. We seek funding in alignment with Grey District Councils annual investment and request the opportunity to negotiate accountable outcomes that align strategically to both parties.

#### MDI Funding Allocation: (page 62)

Unspent MDI funding at Westland High is an opportunity for Council to show leadership and ensure any development is driven by clear concepts, long-term planning and sustainability to ensure any investment is valuable and not a potential burden to the partners involved, council and its ratepayers.

Sport Canterbury support investment in this project.

#### Community Halls: (page 64) Parks and Reserves: (page 84)

#### **Development of a Regional Sports Facility Plan:**

We encourage the Westland District Council to work with the Grey District Council, Buller District Council and the West Coast Regional Council and other partners to develop a Regional Sports Facility Plan for the West Coast. The Plan will identify and prioritise future sport and recreation facility needs for the Region and ensure sustainability is prioritised in all decision making. Sport Canterbury in conjunction with Sport Tasman will lead the process with support from Sport New Zealand.

The initial plan may require some Council investment with \$5,000 a potential contribution requested to be earmarked for this project.

Sport Canterbury advocates for alignment of the community wellbeing enhancement opportunities facilities provide, through consideration of this via engagement with appropriate (potentially non-traditional) partners in the facility design, procurement and operational policy stages.

The Westland District also has many sports grounds, older facilities and community halls often sitting on council owned land. As the population ages, the pressure goes on sports and volunteers to administer these facilities. It becomes crucial for the sustainability of sport that council continues to work closely with the sports and agencies including Sport Canterbury to grow capability and support a vibrant sporting landscape where the community can play and recreate safely.

It is imperative that Council continue to invest in these facilities to ensure they remain affordable and accessible to the wider community for sport, recreation and general wellbeing.

#### Pools: (page 88)

Swimming Pools provide a significant contribution as a vibrant sport, recreation and wellbeing facility for all ages in our community. We support the status quo of maintaining existing pools in Hokitika and Ross while monitoring the needs of the community and any significant changes to with Ministry of Education policy around school pools that could impact on demand and services.

We recommend investment in a feasibility study would be prudent before any future pool developments are considered.



#### WC Wilderness Trail: (page 90-91)

This Trail has been a significant and successful facility project developed over the period of the last LTP. It has highlighted the benefits of a solid concept, strong planning and build with a collaborative approach to a project that is driving recreational, tourism and economic benefits to the district and wider region. We support the on-going investment in this trail, to completion along with any further developments that enhance the trail recreationally and culturally where locals and tourists can recreate and learn.

#### Transportation: (page 98)

As the West Coast develops cycleways, trails and lanes which supports tourism, sustainable transport and well-being the opportunity to grow the cycle skills across our community increases in importance. We encourage the council to continue to improve accessibility across the whole district with increased safe cycle lanes and paths and trails.

It is also imperative that affordable programmes which support the cycle skill development of our youth and older people are supported by council in conjunction with other agencies to promote and encourage the safe use of the wonderful spaces across the district. The anticipated loss of the NZ Police Cycle Safety programme in schools at the end of 2018 will be a huge loss to the community and Council is urged to be part of any collaborative approach to address and support this gap in cycle skills.

#### Equity of Access

Sport Canterbury encourages Council to consider increased access / reduction of barriers to access to parks by ethnic community groups (including through faith-based settings) to increase physical activity in lower participating communities, to increase opportunities for social cohesion and integration, and activate parks more regularly; inspiring local families to be more active, more often and creating a vibrant district for all.

#### Conclusion

Sport Canterbury:

1. **Thank you** for maintaining your investment in sport and recreation across many areas during some extremely tough economic times.
2. Seek \$50,000 annual investment to increase capacity to lead, enable and deliver agreed sport and recreation outcomes across the district.
3. Support the development of a West Coastwide **Sports Facilitates Plan** and active implementation the plan with potential investment of \$5,000 towards plan development.
4. Encourages you to maintain existing **sports fields** to at least the current level and provide adequate toilet and changing facilities to meet the needs of sport and recreation users.
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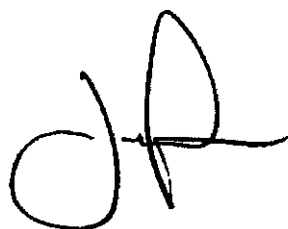
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The contact for this submission is:

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West Coast Regional Manager

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Signed on behalf of Sport Canterbury:



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Name: Julyan Falloon  
Position: Chief Executive  
Date: June 2018

\*\* We would like the opportunity to speak to in support of the submission.

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Submitted by Anonymous (not verified)

Fri, 06/15/2018 - 12:09

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Are you writing this submission as (please select one):On behalf of an organisation

*If submitting on behalf of an organisation, please specify the name of the organisation and your position*Westland Basketball Association, President

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I support the West Coast Wilderness Trail, Hokitika i-site and events being transferred to "Destination Westland" but not the museum.

Topic 2: Please provide any comments:

While the museum is certainly an attraction for tourists, it is much more than this. It is an important facility for locals as is the library. Prior to its closure, the museum was a focal point

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for art, cultural and heritage activities in the community. Also a properly curated art gallery associated with the museum is needed for artists to exhibit and to give the community the opportunity to see appreciate art. Having a vibrant art, culture and heritage presence for locals makes Westland a more attractive place to live. I think this will be better served by having the museum being run by Council.

It is also important for a museum director to be appointed as soon as possible to replace Julia Bradshaw. Until this is done, it would seem that Council does not value the museum, its assets and staff, and what it means to the community. The current situation with the Carnegie Building being run by the CCO and acting like it is the museum is far from satisfactory.

It is good to see that Council are supporting the new museum and national pounamu centre concept.

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Support providing recreational facilities. Important for youth to have this type of facility for sport and recreation.

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CHLORINE IN HARI HARI WATER SUPPLY

Against this proposal.

Opposed to the addition of chlorine to water supply as I believe it is totally unnecessary. Water acceptable as it is at the moment.

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RUBBISH COLLECTION – HARI HARI

Opposed to the present contract with Mastaguard.

Replace with a rubbish collection for all Hari Hari rate payers since they pay for ineffectual rubbish services. Twice weekly visit by Mastaguard not well supported and very high charges for any waste rubbish.

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I support the proposal



I oppose the proposal



I am neutral to the proposal

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Topic 1: Please provide any comments: \*

1. I Believe that this is a basic human right, (ie Potable Water) and necessity.
2. I am surprised that it is not already supplied.
3. ARAHURA MHARAE - an extension of the Pa. is also utilised as a facility for community functions - hosting many people - visitors and locals.  
As such I would strongly recommend the provision of treated water supplies

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If not, which activities, if any, do you think are non-core Council activities and should be transferred? Is there another option that would be preferable or something you think Council has not considered?

All under one umbrella.  
There has been too much fragmentation  
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Tourist growth will happen.  
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Sent: Friday, 15 June 2018 2:43 PM

To: LTP Submissions <[ltp@westlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:ltp@westlanddc.govt.nz)>

Subject: Cass Square Playground

Good afternoon

It would be really good if you could include some upgrades to the Cass Sqaure playground please.

The playground needs to be fenced around the entire playground, as it is on a busy road. Also it offers no shade and very little seating. Given that it is pretty much the only playground in town, it really needs to be bigger with more equipment suitable for toddlers or up to 5 year olds.

Dixon park and the Top Top holiday park in Greymouth are excellent examples.

The playground is very well used so upgrades would be well received by local families. Add if only one thing could be done, please completely fence it.

Thank you for considering this.

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**Submission to  
Westland District Council  
on the  
Draft Long Term Plan 2018-2028**

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**TOURISM INDUSTRY AOTEAROA**

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Tourism Industry Aotearoa (TIA) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 of Westland District Council.

This submission is filed without prejudice to TIA's future position. Our ability to prepare a comprehensive submission responding to the consultation document relied on the provision by the Council of information relevant to the connection between the consultation document and the benefits that would accrue. If any information is provided at a later date, TIA reserve the right to comment further.

## INTRODUCTION

1. Tourism Industry Aotearoa (TIA) is the peak body for the tourism industry in New Zealand. With over 1,500 members, TIA represents a range of tourism-related activities including hospitality, accommodation, adventure and other activities, attractions and retail, airports and airlines, as well as related tourism services.
2. The primary role of TIA is to be the voice of the tourism industry. This includes working for members on advocacy, policy, communication, events, membership and business capability. The team is based in Wellington and is led by Chief Executive, Chris Roberts.
3. Tourism 2025 ([www.tourism2025.org.nz](http://www.tourism2025.org.nz)), an industry-led, government supported economic growth framework was launched in New Zealand in 2014 and has set an aspirational goal of reaching \$41 billion in annual tourism revenues by 2025. Spend growth has been rapid since 2014 and we are well on target to reach that goal.
4. This year, TIA is working on a Tourism 2025 reset that will include incorporating sustainability principles, articulating a longer-term view of tourism in coordination with Central Government; and identifying new priority actions to be addressed over the next 1-3 years.
5. Any enquiries relating to this paper should in the first instance be referred to Nienke van Dijken, TIA Policy Analyst at [nienke.vandijken@tia.org.nz](mailto:nienke.vandijken@tia.org.nz) or by phone on 04 494 1842.

## TOURISM'S IMPACT AT A REGIONAL LEVEL

6. The visitor spend from both international and domestic visitors for Westland District Council was \$357m (YE Feb 2018).
7. The tourism industry makes a significant contribution to regional economic development through the jobs and income it creates. Only a fraction of visitor spending actually occurs in places commonly considered visitor specific e.g. accommodation, attractions. The rest takes place in shops, cafes, petrol stations and other local businesses. Local farmers and market gardeners benefit from selling their goods directly or indirectly to visitors.
8. On any day of the year, your community is hosting the visitors, domestic and international, who are helping support local jobs and businesses.

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9. One of the keys to a strong regional visitor economy is the quality of the visitor experience. Councils play an important part in that experience with the investment they make in infrastructure e.g. roads, water/waste disposal, broadband, attractions and events in addition to their support for promotional bodies. Councils play a vital role in helping visitors, as well as ratepayers, make the most of their time in the community.
10. Councils' planning need to consider the needs of visitors and residents so that the community can reap the benefits of the visitor economy.
11. In 2016, TIA developed a Local Government Manifesto, outlining eight priority actions for councils to reap greater economic and social rewards from tourism. A copy of this manifesto was sent to all local councils, ahead of the Local Council Election. For more details, please refer to Appendix 1.

### **Challenges and opportunities of tourism growth**

12. Tourism growth presents both challenges and opportunities. The visitor economy is a major driver of regional prosperity but the costs and benefits of increased tourism do not always fall evenly. However, talk of new visitor taxes and levies must be debated robustly, with all the issues and options considered. Any form of national or local tourism tax or levy must be fair, efficient and ring-fenced for tourism-related investments.
13. We understand that the growth in tourism in your region may bring with it specific issues. The following section explores some of those likely issues, how the industry is responding and what you, as a Council, could do.

### **14. Infrastructure**

Recent tourism growth has placed pressure on some infrastructure used by visitors. In order to better understand and size this issue, TIA undertook a [National Tourism Infrastructure Assessment](#) in 2016/17. The resulting report identified the main infrastructure deficits in both the private and public sectors.

The priority infrastructure types identified were:

- Visitor accommodation
- Telecommunications
- Airport facilities
- Road transport
- Car parking
- Public toilets
- Water and sewerage systems

Much of the infrastructure identified as a priority for investment is local and mixed use (used by both residents and visitors) and has often seen long-term under-investment. To optimise the benefits of tourism for host communities, coordination between Central and Local Government agencies and industry partners is needed for projects to proceed.

*What the Industry is doing:*

- TIA successfully advocated for the Tourism Infrastructure Fund resulting in a \$100m fund for local and mixed-use infrastructure.

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- Tourism sectors able to scale-up quickly are doing so, e.g. the road transport sector has been able to respond quickly with increased fleet size.
- Operators are making significant private investment into infrastructure e.g. Skyline Queenstown's \$100m redevelopment.
- TIA is undertaking work to identify and address the key barriers to infrastructure investment.

*What you as a Local Council could do in regards to infrastructure:*

- Apply to the Tourism Infrastructure Fund for projects like new carparks, toilets and visitor facilities.
- Coordinate with Central Government and industry partners on infrastructure projects submitted to the Regional Growth Fund.
- Ensure the Long-term Plan accurately reflects the infrastructure needs of tourism.

## **15.Social Licence to Operate**

The fast growth of the visitor economy has caused unease in some host communities, with locals worried about the number of visitors and the impact. This places pressure on the social licence the industry has to operate within these communities.

*What the Industry is doing:*

- TIA in conjunction with Tourism New Zealand undertakes six-monthly 'Mood of the Nation' research to assess New Zealanders' views of tourism.
- TIA in conjunction with Tourism New Zealand is developing a 'Tourism Narrative' project, which includes helping local businesses tell their stories.
- TIA is a key partner in NZTA's Visiting Drivers project to reduce the number of accidents by visiting drivers.
- TIA leads the Responsible Camping Forum, a group of 40 organisations representing rental operators, industry associations, Local and Central Government working together to manage freedom camping.
- A number of infrastructure initiatives will contribute to addressing social licence issues such as over-crowding.

*What you as a Local Council could do in regards to social licence concerns:*

- Ensure freedom camping is effectively managed in your region
- Promote the benefits of tourism in your region to the local community

## **16.Sustainable tourism**

With the rapid growth achieved in the past few years, the tourism industry is facing the challenges of managing and sustaining growth, rather than generating growth. There needs to be purposeful effort to actively manage the industry for its long term sustainable success.

*What the Industry is doing:*

- TIA has worked with industry and with Government agencies' support to develop a Tourism [Sustainability Commitment](#) (TSC). The Commitment establishes a set of aspirational goals at both an industry and business level across the areas of economic, environmental, host communities and visitor sustainability. Tourism operators are signing up to the TSC and working towards implementing the sustainability commitments within their businesses.



*What you as a Local Council could do to support tourism sustainability:*

- Support the tourism sustainability goal through positive policy and regulatory settings, and funding.
- Sign up the Council or your appropriate agency to the TSC and actively promote the TSC to your local tourism operators.

### **17. Protecting and restoring the environment**

Tourism is a highly competitive global industry. New Zealand's environment is our unique selling point, it underpins our 100% Pure New Zealand tourism position and supports many of our iconic adventure and outdoor activities. Data from the International Visitor Survey conducted for the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) shows that the top factor for influencing visitors to choose New Zealand is our natural landscape and scenery.

New Zealand's natural environmental assets are under threat, including many of our native species, our freshwater rivers and lakes, and our unique landscapes.

*What the Industry is doing:*

- The environment is one of the four pillars of the Tourism Sustainability Commitment. The TSC asks that Tourism businesses actively support and champion ecological restoration initiatives, and that they are measuring, managing and minimising their environmental footprint.
- TIA is a member of the Land and Water Forum and advocates with central government to protect our natural environment.

*What you as a Local Council could do to support our valuable environment:*

- Recognise the economic value of your environmental assets to tourism
- Ensure the Long-term Plan accurately reflects the environmental needs of tourism

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- Action the requirements of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management as quickly as possible

## **18.Regional Economic Development**

TIA is pleased to see the increased focus on regional development by Central Government.

Regional dispersal is one of the big challenges for the tourism industry, as currently 65% of current visitor spend occurs in the four gateways of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Queenstown. By improving the spread of tourism around the country, we can ensure that many more regions benefit from tourism activity, while relieving pressure on those places with the highest visitor loads. We are strongly supportive of regional development initiatives that encourage and incentivise tourism.

An effective regional tourism partnership relies heavily on a strong and healthy relationship with Local Government and local communities. The regions where tourism is well managed are characterised by strong local leadership and support, and Regional Tourism Organisations (RTOs) and Economic Development Agencies (EDAs) play an important part in this.

TIA is keen to work with you either in partnership with RTOs/EDAs on areas such as regional visitor strategies, or directly on issues such as freedom camping and proposed regional visitor levies.

## **Funding**

19. Tourism funding in this context relates to financial contributions provided through Central and Local government. There are two components to tourism funding – the source of funds and distribution of funds.

## **20.Sources of tourism funding**

International visitors pay taxes and are more than paying their way. TIA believes these taxes, including the border clearance levy and \$1.5 billion a year in GST, need to be taken into account when additional charges on visitors are contemplated.

Tourism businesses support regional tourism activity through general and targeted rates, regional marketing alliances and their own marketing efforts.

There are infrastructure funding issues at a local government level, especially in regions with small ratepayer bases. Central government assistance is desirable in some cases and there are opportunities for greater user pays and better use of council balance sheets.

Any new funding models contemplated need to be fair and applied nationally. A strength of the New Zealand tax system is its simplicity. Ad hoc taxes on visitors or tourism businesses at a local level are undesirable.

## **21.Distribution of tourism funding**

Central government funding support for local mixed-use infrastructure provided by local government requires a robust governance and allocation process.

Any form of tourism tax, such as the existing border clearance levy, must be ring-fenced for tourism-related investments, not siphoned off for other purposes.

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Regional expenditure on tourism marketing and destination management by local authorities should be consistent with the tourism aspirations of the community and cognisant of the impact that visitor spend has on the wider community including employees and suppliers.

22. New visitor taxes and levies must be debated robustly, with all the issues and options considered. Any form of national or local tourism tax or levy must be fair, efficient and ring-fenced for tourism-related investments. TIA will vigorously resist any poorly designed tax or levy proposals that could tarnish New Zealand's reputation as a country that welcomes visitors.

### **Tourism in the Westland District**

23. TIA is pleased to see the recognition of the value of tourism in the LTP and the proposed investment by the Council in community projects that will benefit residents and visitors alike. It is also positive that one of the Council's priorities is constructing new assets that will support the growing tourist population and increase its environmental, public safety and legal compliance.
24. We understand that with the increased levels of tourist traffic through Westland a key priority is to continue to develop with DOC a Memorandum Of Understanding regarding strategic tourist locations and support of DOC's work to ensure that parts of the DOC estate are predator free by 2025. We are supportive of this.

### *Environment*

25. We understand that the Westland community has strong environmental values and that the Council aims to recognise these values in decision-making.
26. As noted, TIA has worked with industry and with Government agencies' support to develop a Tourism Sustainability Commitment (TSC). We strongly encourage the Council to support the tourism sustainability goal through positive policy and regulatory settings and funding, sign up the Council to the TSC, and actively promote the TSC to your local tourism operators.

### *Transport*

27. We understand that the Council's principal goals for transportation are:
- a. To increase both the resilience and capacity of the roading network;
  - b. To enable the roading network to adapt to changing function and use over time; and
  - c. To ensure safety and accessibility for residents and visitors alike.
28. Over the last few years, the importance of a resilient road network to the tourism industry has shown to be extremely important. Kaikoura was cut off from the rest of New Zealand following the 2016 Kaikoura earthquake; the closure of Takaka Hill Road closed off access to the tourism destination Golden Bay; and of course the important visitor route along the West Coast was closed because of Cyclones Fehi and Gita, leaving some visitors stranded along the West Coast.

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29. We strongly urge Councils to assess their roading network from a tourism perspective and it is pleasing to see that Westland District Council understands this importance.

*Community projects*

30. We are pleased to see that the Council intends to invest in community projects that will benefit residents and visitors alike, such as the waterfront development, the museum development and the investments in the Hokitika i-Site (interactive technology for bookings and mapping; website development).

*Transfer of management of non-core activities to 'Destination Westland'*

31. We understand that the Council proposes to transfer the Hokitika Museum, West Coast Wilderness Trail, Hokitika i-SITE and events portfolio including Hokitika Wildfoods Festival to the Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) Destination Westland.
32. We are supportive in principle of the Council's preferred option as this would allow Council to focus more directly on core business activities in alignment with Council's strategic direction.
33. We understand that the Council aims to provide Destination Westland with a management charge for these activities, set at a fixed fee (with no inflation added) of 80% of the current rates revenue for these activities. The rationale behind this is that the CCO as a commercial entity has additional funding sources and specialist business expertise. It is envisaged that it should have the ability to operate the activity on less funding and ensure its long-term financial sustainability more easily than Council can. Since the CCO operates in a more commercial environment, the Council is also considering reducing ratepayer contributions further in the future.
34. This proposed reduction in ratepayer contribution to Destination Westland is of concern to us. Because of the economic benefits tourism bring to a region, many regions in New Zealand are focussing on attracting visitors to their region. Having sufficient funds to attract these events and visitors is an important factor to be successful.

*Tourism West Coast funding*

35. We understand that Westland District Council did not include funding for Tourism West Coast in its draft Long Term Plan. We were recently advised that Grey District Council has pulled its funding from Tourism West Coast. We understand that the West Coast mayors had a meeting last week to consider a way forward for Tourism West Coast.<sup>1</sup>
36. The funding cut for Tourism West Coast is very concerning to us. Tourism is a driver of regional prosperity but it does not happen by chance. Spending on regional tourism marketing is an investment, not a cost. Tourism West Coast deserves a great deal of credit for the annual growth in visitor spend along the West Coast. Their work has also

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<sup>1</sup> Otago Daily Times, *Mayors meet after tourism funding pulled*, 07 June 2018, as sourced on <https://www.odt.co.nz/regions/west-coast/mayors-meet-after-tourism-funding-pulled>  
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been acknowledged as winner of the industry alignment award<sup>22</sup> at the New Zealand Tourism Awards.

37. Reducing Tourism West Coast's funding means the West Coast could miss out on hundreds of millions of dollars and hundreds of jobs in the coming years. Attracting domestic and international visitors is highly competitive and numerous regions around New Zealand are looking to increase their tourism funding support. For example, Tauranga City Council approved in their LTP a significant increase in funding for Tourism Bay of Plenty, because it has ambitious goals to grow the local visitor economy to \$1.45 billion by 2028.

38. We strongly suggest for the Councils throughout the West Coast to find a viable solution to prevent any reduction in funding. We would like to reiterate that any form of local tourism tax or levy must be fair, efficient and ring-fenced for tourism-related investments. We would welcome the opportunity to be part of these discussions.

#### FOLLOW UP PROCESS

39. TIA wishes to have the opportunity to participate further in any follow-up process, including any formal meetings, to ensure that the potential impacts on tourism are adequately represented.

40. Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the draft LTP. Any enquiries relating to this paper should in the first instance be referred to Nienke van Dijken, TIA Policy Analyst at [nienke.vandijken@tia.org.nz](mailto:nienke.vandijken@tia.org.nz) or by phone on 04 494 1842.

#### BACKGROUND

41. Tourism for New Zealand is big business as the country's largest export sector. It is a major contributor to the New Zealand economy that will always be here and won't easily go offshore. Tourism takes the lead in promoting New Zealand to the world. The brand positioning built by a vibrant tourism industry has become an important source of national confidence and identity and a front window for "Brand New Zealand". Indeed, the clean and pure offer that is synonymous with New Zealand tourism has been widely adopted and used to promote New Zealand exports in a range of other industries as well.

42. The tourism industry delivers the following value to New Zealand's economy:

- Tourism in New Zealand is a \$99 million per day and \$36 billion a year industry. Tourism delivers around \$40 million in foreign exchange to the New Zealand economy each day of the year. Domestic tourism contributes another \$59 million in economic activity every day.
- The tourism industry directly and indirectly supports 14.5% of the total number of people employed in New Zealand. That means 399,150 people are working in the visitor economy.

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<sup>22</sup> <http://nztourismawards.org.nz/winners-finalists/>



- Tourism is New Zealand's biggest export industry, earning \$14.5 billion or 20.7% of New Zealand's foreign exchange earnings (year ended March 2017).

## **Appendix 1: TIA Local Government Manifesto 2016**

The following Tourism 2025 actions are the priorities for a stronger local government/tourism partnership. The industry's eight priorities we would like to see from Local Government are:

### **Destination Management**

This is the most important thing councils can do – look after and invest in the quality of your region as a destination.

- Facilitate and enable communities to meet the needs of growing numbers of visitors, as well as residents.
- Identify your unique selling points as a destination and promote them.
- Work with neighbouring communities to attract visitors to the wider region.

### **Infrastructure Facilitation**

With the rapid growth in visitor numbers, we have to invest in essential infrastructure and enable the private sector to develop its infrastructure by delivering efficient planning and approval services.

- Define and plan for the priority infrastructure that meets the needs of visitors as well as residents.
- Examine the regulatory environment applied to tourism operators and other businesses serving visitors, and assess where the compliance burden can be reduced to support increased productivity

### **Events programming**

Events are one of the best tools for encouraging people to visit your community. Use them to your advantage.

- Schedule events (meetings, conferences, sports events and festivals) outside of the peak season to foster off-peak travel activity.
- Attract high value business visitors through the availability of quality facilities, such as convention centres where appropriate.

### **Measuring Visitor Satisfaction**

It is important to understand what your visitors think of your community. If they are happy, businesses can grow. If you know there are areas of low satisfaction, you can address the problems. Without this insight, you can't increase value.

- Track the satisfaction of international and domestic visitors, whether by direct customer feedback or social media, and use this information to address areas of dissatisfaction and deliver ever higher satisfaction levels.

### **Off-peak Marketing**

Help your community to prosper by attracting people to visit throughout the year. This will develop a sustainable tourism industry with more permanent jobs.

- Council-owned or supported marketing agencies (e.g. RTOs, EDAs) build a stronger focus on promoting off-peak travel activity to high value visitors.

### **Regional Development and Tourism**

Every region wants to grow and tourism can and does support this goal. Tourism complements your community's other industries like wine, horticulture and farming.

- Encourage and incentivise tourism as part of your regional development strategies.

### **Enabling Airport and Port Facility Development**

Great air and cruise links are vital to growing tourism. If your airport or port is council-owned, make sure long-term plans are aligned with industry forecasts. There are long lead times, so you have to think ahead.

- Councils work with local airports to establish and implement long-term and sustainable development strategies.
- Councils work with their port company to ensure cruise tourism is enabled.

### **Sustainable Tourism Positioning**

Every region needs to demonstrate its commitment to look after its economic future and the resources it uses to operate.

- Identify the regional priorities required to develop a sustainable tourism industry across economic, social, cultural and environmental considerations.

By actively pursuing these opportunities, your Council can enable real economic and social gains for their communities.



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To whom it may concern

**RE. HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA SUBMISSION ON LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 CONSULTATION**

1. Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the draft Westland District Council Long Term Plan 2018-2028 (the Plan).
2. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (Heritage New Zealand) is an autonomous Crown Entity with statutory responsibility under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 for the identification, protection, preservation, and conservation of New Zealand's historic and cultural heritage. Heritage New Zealand is New Zealand's lead heritage agency.
3. As Westland District Council ('the Council') already appreciates, well cared for and promoted historic heritage has the potential to be a considerable draw card for both tourism and people wanting to move to an area. Heritage plays an important role in creating an engaging and vibrant region, which in turn, fosters local identity and helps build the economy.

**Hokitika Museum Redevelopment**

4. Heritage New Zealand strongly supports the setting aside of funds for the strengthening of the Carnegie Building, a Category 2 historic place, managed by the Hokitika Museum. Strengthening of buildings contributes to more resilient towns, and can provide for higher rates of economic and general community recovery in the event of an earthquake.
5. It is noted that the Council are looking at future development options for the Museum complex. Heritage New Zealand supports the ongoing, contemporary use of listed heritage buildings. Heritage New Zealand staff are available to give advice to Council on the concepts and options proposed for the Carnegie Building, to support the enhancement and maintenance of the heritage values of the building.

**District Plan Review**

6. Heritage New Zealand supports the review of the Westland District Plan. Since the last formal review of the District Plan, there have been amendments and changes to the Resource Management Act. The Resource Management (Amendment) Act 2003 elevated historic heritage to a matter of national importance. This amendment requires Council to recognise and provide for historic heritage in a manner which considers its finite nature. Heritage New Zealand is willing to assist Westland District Council when the time comes for the heritage provisions to be reviewed, as and when required.

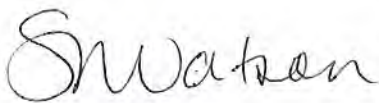


## Support for owners of Historic Heritage

### Heritage Incentives

7. As issues such as earthquake strengthening and unreinforced masonry are being given more recognition, support for building owners has only become more crucial. Without collaboration between councils, building owners, and other stakeholders (including Heritage New Zealand), there is a risk that New Zealand will lose significant heritage, and that individual districts will lose an important cultural, social, and economic resource.
8. There are a range of incentives Council could utilise to promote the protection and conservation of historic heritage. Possible incentives include funding, rates rebates, and the provision of specialist advice to building owners. Regulatory incentives relating to exemptions from select district plan provisions could include for example: reduced parking requirements or reduced restrictions to incentivise owners to retain heritage buildings and adaptively reuse as appropriate. Heritage New Zealand advocates for councils to implement a range of different incentives. This helps to protect historic heritage and shows a council's commitment to the preservation of New Zealand's history.
9. To assist Council in investigating heritage incentives, the Incentives for Historic Heritage Toolkit, prepared by Heritage New Zealand <http://www.heritage.org.nz/resources/sustainable-management-guides> has further suggestions for incentives, some of which could be promoted in a long-term plan. The checklist on pages 8-9 is useful for assessing the quality of incentive proposals.
10. Heritage New Zealand is available to answer any queries Council may have regarding this submission. We can offer further advice to Council and other owners of heritage buildings regarding heritage conservation, and would like the opportunity to be involved in the upcoming District Plan Review.
11. **Heritage New Zealand does not wish to be heard in support of this submission.**

Yours sincerely



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**Topic #1: Arahura Pa water supply**

Council proposes to construct a new water treatment plant at Arahura Pa to treat water drawn from a new water source.

Topic 1: Indicate your support for this topic: I am neutral to the proposal

Topic 1: Please provide any comments: No comment

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**Topic #2: Transfer of management of strategic assets and non-core activities to CCO**

Council proposes to transfer the management of the West Coast Wilderness Trail, Hokitika i-SITE, Hokitika Museum and events portfolio including the Hokitika Wildfoods Festival to the "Destination Westland" Council Controlled Organisation.

Topic 2: Indicate your support for this topic: I am neutral to the proposal

Topic 2: Please provide any comments: No comment

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**Topic #3: Infrastructure spending**

LTP Submission

Westland District Council



Council proposes to fast-track infrastructure capital projects to comply with Drinking Water Standards and increased tourist growth in Years 1–5 of this plan and delay some asset renewals work for another 10 years while asset condition and performance data is improved.

Topic 3: Indicate your support for this topic:I am neutral to the proposal

Topic 3: Please provide any comments:

Specific comments on water supply further below.

Very disappointed that WDC has not taken a stand against potential water supply contamination by 1080 aerial drops. Although the 1080 drops are carried out by other government agencies, WDC could support their ratepayers right to "safe and secure drinking water". Council states this is their principal objective for drinking water supply and yet do nothing to extend the drop boundaries well away from water supplies.

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#### **Topic #4: Contribute funding towards the Westland High School Recreation and Community Centre project**

Council proposes to allocate \$100,000 of reserve development funds to the Westland High School Recreation and Community Centre project.

Topic 4: Indicate your support for this topic:I support the proposal

Topic 4: Do you think it is important to retain youth and families in Westland and provide high quality fa-cilities for youth and wider community use?Yes

Topic 4: Do you support this allocation of reserve funds to the Westland High School Recreation and Community Centre project?Yes

Topic 4: Please provide any comments:

All residents should have access to a facility that provides space for various recreational sports and other community events.

Facilities need to be kept upgraded or replaced for the present community, and also to help encourage new families to relocate here.

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#### **Topic #5: Live-streaming Council Meetings**

Council proposes to live-stream and maintain a video archive of Council meetings to better engage the public and keep people informed on decisions affecting the district or region in a transparent and flexible format.

Topic 5: Indicate your support for this topic: I support the proposal

Topic 5: If Council offered this service, would it be something that you would use regularly? Yes

Topic 5: If yes, what would be the benefit to you of having this option?

Would like to keep in touch with the workings of Council, and how decisions are debated.

Good option for those not able to personally attend.

Topic 5: Please provide any comments: Technology has made this much more easily achievable.

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## Other Proposed Projects

There are many other projects listed in this consultation document and Long Term Plan that are proposed for the next ten years. Please give us your feedback on any of these.

Clearly state which project you are referring to and if you support the project, are against the proposal or if your feedback is neutral.

*You can find information about our other proposed projects within the Long Term Plan document at the link below:*

<https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/ltp>

Other proposed projects – please provide any comments:

HARI HARI WATER SUPPLY ONLY

Oppose chlorination of this supply.

Do not see the need for this as present UV treated water very acceptable. Unnecessary cost.

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## Further Feedback

Council would also like to hear any other feedback you have in relation to the:

- Consultation Document (eg. online submission form)
- Draft Long Term Plan
- Draft Fees and Charges Schedule

LTP Submission

Westland District Council



- Revenue and Financing Policy
- Infrastructure Strategy
- Financial Strategy
- Significance and Engagement Policy; or
- Other associated documents.

Further feedback – please provide any comments:

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:No

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I find the inclusion of the Hokitika Museum in this list more controversial. Museums are listed as a Core service in the Role of a Local Authority (Local Government Act 2002 Subpart 2) and established in the public interest as permanent not-for-profit organisations (Museums Aotearoa: A Strategy for the Museum Sector in NZ; The role of museums in contemporary New Zealand Society). So is a commercial, for-profit organisation the right organisation to manage the Museum?

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I am willing to be persuaded that the move could be successful and beneficial for the Museum and for the community but where are the plans, reports, case studies and documented evidence that this could work?

I understand that the Hokitika Museum has twice before been moved away from direct Council Management and twice before being brought back under the wing after the venture failed to thrive. What is different this time? Where is the plan that has identified what went wrong last time and what will be done differently this time?

It is surprising that this move is being proposed when there is no Museum Director to oversee the move and most importantly to have been involved in any plans and proposals as to the way forward. Were expert Museum consultants used to draw up a feasibility study that demonstrated that the Museum could continue to operate professionally under the CCO model?

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Finally, I am not against the eventual transfer of management of the Hokitika Museum to the CCO but I am against a move that is being made without sufficient evidence for potential success, without a clear vision of how Hokitika Museum will operate in the next 3-5 years and without a Museum Director to lead it through the process. I am asking the Council to delay the move until these are in place and the District Council, Councillors, and Community can make an informed decision.

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I do not support the transfer of the Hokitika Museum management to a new Council Controlled Organisation, nor do I support lowering the budget of the museum by 20 percent.

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I don't believe that the Council has adequately considered the impact of decreasing the museum budget by 20 percent (nor that of not reappointing a museum director). If we are to have a first-rate museum that tourists are willing to spend money on, then we need adequate museum staffing to deliver those stories. If the museum, once in a new facility, can generate 20 percent

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greater income, then that money should be put back into the museum. By proposing to cut the museum's budget when it has no chance of generating greater visitor numbers, you are not giving it a fair chance.

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Kia ora,

Westland High School is the hub of the community. Our community and young people need to be involved in sport and recreational activities for health, well-being and social interaction.

Westland High School is the natural and logical place for this to occur. The more cohesive we can become as a community and use shared quality facilities the better it will be for all.

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**Sent:** Friday, 15 June 2018 10:45 AM  
**To:** LTP Submissions  
**Subject:** RE - Submission on the LTP – Sewerage Rate

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Westland Council,

Proposed Sewerage Rate increase - 68% in year 1.

We agree that council needs to put charges where costs are incurred.

All residential properties who are connected to the network pay a single rate (currently \$267.31), regardless of the number of pans, the number of residents, and the number of nights per annum that the house is occupied. A family of 4 produces a lot more sewerage over the course of a year than a person staying in a hotel room.

Commercial accommodation providers pay the same rate, BUT pay for every 'pan' in their property.

We at the Beachfront Hotel are measured on a Sewerage Rate factor of 58, which results in a figure of 58 times more than our residential neighbours. Our rooms are certainly not occupied 365 days per year, specially related to off season periods where we seldom achieve more than 65% occupancy.

Over a whole year on average we have 445 people occupy a room. The average house occupancy from the 2013 census was 2.23 persons per house or 813 people if extended out for a year. That's put guest accommodation at 45% less use than residential. Our guests are also not in house to use the facilities 24 hours of the day and we rarely have anyone on site between 10am and mid to late afternoon.

The proliferation of Air BnB should also have to pay per pan

There is no fairness in us paying 58x the amount of a residential property when we produce much less than 58x the sewerage waste?

The 68% increase in Sewerage Rate adds \$10,000 p.a. to our rates and gives us an overall increase in our rates of 24%. We can't increase our prices by 25% over the next 12 months!

Council need to re-consider the fairness of levelling the playing field across to board for every property. Council should or could:

- Have a commercial accommodation pan rate that is less than the residential rate to reflect the fact that the pan is not used 365 days per year and nor by as many people.
- Have a reduced pan rate after 2 pans to acknowledge that this is likely to be an accommodation business that doesn't get the same use as a residential pan.
- Identify other properties that should be paying commercially by the pan and spread the rate load fairly.
- revisit the figures and come back with a more sensible increase.

With thanks



**William Simpson**  
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The Hokitika Netball Club would like to see this elevated to \$250,000.

We believe having good facilities is very important not only to our code but also in sustaining the population and having a great community to live in.

Westland High School has historically been the provider of many of the sporting facilities to this community. Without their continued support this would most likely have been a function Council would have had to pick up. We see what is proposed will form the basis of a much needed and long overdue upgrade and an excellent partnership between the school, community and Council.

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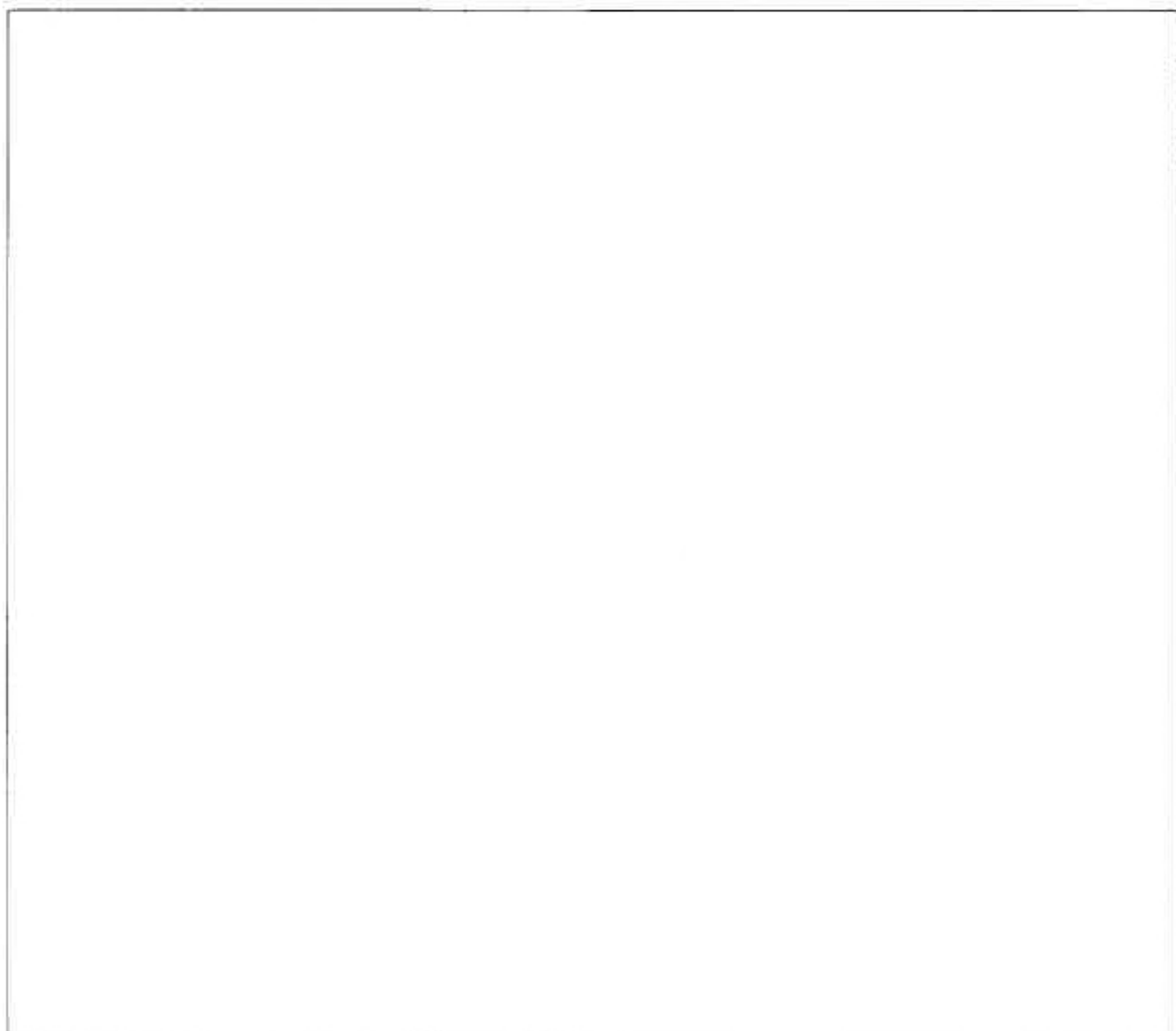
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Topic 2: Please provide any comments:

Is "Destination Westland" the best fit for management of this portfolio?

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Topic 4: Do you support this allocation of reserve funds to the Westland High School Recreation and Community Centre project? Yes

Topic 4: Please provide any comments: The ownership of any facilities should be made clear.

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Other proposed projects – please provide any comments:

Fox Glacier Community Development Society wishes to make it clear that under no circumstances should the Community Development Officer and Township Development Fund grants for Fox Glacier be changed or removed.

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- Other associated documents.

Further feedback – please provide any comments:

Fox Glacier Community would like to see more transparency from Council when it comes to water treatment, testing, and results.

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:No

Submission information

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If not, which activities, if any, do you think are non-core Council activities and should be transferred? Is there another option that would be preferable or something you think Council has not considered?

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The Hokitika Museum should stay in the Management of the Council, The museum has a very valuable collection and needs experienced staff (this includes a Curator) to oversee the protection of these assets. More staff should be employed to help with the cataloging along with volunteers. The idea of transferring to another party has been tried before with limited

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success. The Museum should not be a money making entity but a Treasure place for the People of Westland and beyond to explore and enjoy.

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Topic 3: Please provide any comments:Explore other avenues so the Water supplies do not have to be chlorinated

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Topic 2: Please provide any comments: Good decision

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Topic 3: Please provide any comments:No brainer

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Topic 4: Please provide any comments:No opinion

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Topic 5: If yes, what would be the benefit to you of having this option?No need for travel and less time involved and away from our business

Topic 5: Please provide any comments:as above

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Sewage charge: A charge should apply to all in the district not just the ones that are connected as everyone's "empty" ends up in the same place – the ponds.

To be fair, it should be user pays so a charge based on water used is a better even fair way.

Community rates: These are very uneven at the moment and there should be a fairer way.

Everyone should pay a fixed rate as at the moment it relies heavily on commercial whether or not they are in the tourism sector .

Consents: For growth to happen and houses to be built, there needs to be a greater understanding when someone applies for a consent. Make it more "user friendly" and give more information out freely and the system will work better

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Dear Mayor and Councillors

### **Submission to draft Westland District Council Long Term Plan 2018-2028**

This submission is being made on behalf of Westland Community Centre Inc, the body which owns and manages Hokitika's Regent Theatre on behalf of the public of Hokitika and wider Westland District.

We would also like to speak to our submission at a meeting with Council.

### **Background**

#### **What is the Regent and Who Uses It?**

The Regent is a multi-purpose "town hall" theatre in the heart of Hokitika, providing 400 tiered seats in the main auditorium and 20 in the Reynolds Room. Built in 1935, it is one of the country's few remaining art deco small town theatres, a registered heritage building and an attraction in its own right. Its main uses are for cinema (two screens), live performances, community events such as the Hokitika Anzac service, fundraisers, school shows and prize givings, presentations, and satellite transmission of shows and sports events. See the attached a list of community groups using the Theatre over the last few years. In addition there have been numerous commercial hires by visiting acts, including twice by the Dames Lynda and Jools Topp. Virtually every family in the area benefits from the Theatre sooner or later.

In 2017 over 23,000 people went to the cinema or an event at the Regent. Some of those were visitors to Hokitika but the bulk are residents of Hokitika and its immediate surrounds.

The Theatre is run by a combination of staff and volunteers. It also has three rental tenants: the Regent Cafe, and in the corner "shop": a Brent Trolle Gallery display and therapeutic massage operation.

Over the last 10 years the building has been strengthened and refurbished to enhance its heritage features and has been re-equipped with modern technology. Constant work from volunteers keeps on top of most maintenance.





280 plus people in the Regent for fundraising talk and demonstration by renowned dog trainer Mark Vett.



*The Regent has perhaps the best set up on the Coast for presentations such as this Mark Vett demonstration with a very small puppy*



The Regent is a key asset for the town and district in attracting and keeping people living in, working in and visiting the area. It contributes significantly to both the social and economic well-being of the community.

### What Happens Elsewhere on the Coast?

The best comparisons with Hokitika's Regent are the Regent Theatre in Greymouth (owned by a Trust) and the NBS Theatre in Westport (owned by Buller District Council). All three theatres are multi-use "town halls".

All three councils include funding for these theatres in the Community Services section of their LTPs.

In Greymouth, Grey District Council provides close to \$80,000 per year in operational funding and guarantees loans totalling over \$1.14 million.

In Westport, Buller District Council fund 55-70% or over \$200,000 per year of operating costs from general rates and provide additional capital money, some \$380,000 over 10 years.

So in comparison, in Hokitika the working relationship between Council and the Society has kept the cost to ratepayers at a minimum, but the current balance is not sustainable as discussed below.

### Provision for Hokitika's Regent in the draft LTP

Hokitika's Regent Theatre is dealt with in the Community Services-Community Development and Assistance section of the LTP.

It is covered in the statement on p61 of the LTP:

"We provide annual grants to:

.....

- Hokitika's Regent Theatre – for providing a community facility for cultural activities and special events."

On p220 of the plan it is explained that the source of funds for the grant is from the Hokitika Community Rate.

The specific amount of the grant is not detailed in the plan but staff have told us it provides for continuation of the \$30,000 per annum the Theatre has received over the last several years.

### 2017 Financial Crisis and Supplementary Grant from Council

The Theatre has been extremely successful in attracting grants and other assistance for capital works, in particular the refurbishment of the building and provision of modern equipment. This has totalled over \$2 million over the last 10 years. There has been and is still a huge volunteer effort to run the Theatre, totalling over 100,000 hours in the last 10 years. The Theatre has no debt.

We have also reduced costs and increased revenue wherever we can but there has always been a shortfall of operational money, despite Council's annual grant. We had been able to deal with this for several years by funding the deficit through drawing down savings that should have preferably

been kept as 'funding for depreciation' to maintain and replace aging or broken plant and equipment, to meet increased compliance obligations, and to deal with contingencies.

We have not been able to find a new source of operational funds, other than the Council. This issue seems to be a general one New Zealand wide (even for the Council, which can attract capital money for the Wilderness Trail and toilets but not money to cover ongoing maintenance). Each year at Annual Plan or LTP time we have provided financials to Council showing we needed \$50,000 in operational assistance to stay in a sustainable healthy position. Council has allocated grants of \$25,000, later \$30,000 per annum: greatly appreciated but well short of the \$50,000 required from outside the Theatre's own resources.

In mid/late 2017 the cash situation for the Theatre deteriorated rapidly and projections showed we were facing the possibility of trading in insolvency and would have had to close the doors, possibly even losing the rental tenants. In such an instance the society's constitution provides for winding up and passing the assets (building, equipment and bank balances) to a body in Westland District with similar objectives. Really, Westland District Council taking on the Theatre would be the only practical option.

In October 2017 we had an urgent meeting with Council who fortunately bailed the Theatre out with an 'emergency' supplementary grant of \$30,000 over 6 months at \$5,000 per month.

This action by Council had the desired effect of enabling operations to continue over the summer and in particular bought time to restructure the cafe operation and to install new cinema equipment (funded by a DESF grant from DWC) in the Reynolds Room. We are now in a much better position than we were six months ago. We still however face a significant deficit in the current and in future years.

#### Further Developments Since Emergency Grant Made

At our meeting with Council in October 2017 we asked for a working group, with representatives from Council and Development West Coast, to be set up to look at medium and long term solutions for the Regent. Since then we have had several relevant meetings but the working group has not been formally established. (We still think the idea has merit).

We have met with Trevor Willcock, the CEO of Destination Westland, and staff about the potential for working together for events. The idea is have a memorandum of understanding on where the two organisations can work together for mutual benefit. They see the potential of the Theatre for events, with the benefits to us being increased income, possibly from profit sharing. They will also be in a better position than us to take the risks involved in underwriting acts coming to Hokitika, with potentially much better returns than straight hall hires. This relationship will take time to bear fruit though. Destination Westland has not yet appointed their Events Manager and the lead time for special events can be up to one or two years.

It is fair to say we have also been hampered in strategic progress by the sheer day to day demands of running a busy seven day operation at the height of the season, further complicated by two of our three senior staff also taking extended leave in the period.

In any case the emergency grant from the Council could only deal with the situation for a few months. Projections we made in March 2018 showed a likely deficit for the 2018 year (the society's financial year is the calendar year), even taking into account the "normal" \$30,000 grant from Council. We wrote to Council asking for provision for an additional \$20,000 to be added to our

grant in the draft LTP but by then the time for changes to the draft had closed and we were advised to make our case as part of the the current submission process. The \$20,000 was our best estimate at the time but now we have had further two months with the new cafe and Reynolds Room regime in place and a chance to look closer at the figures. We can now show that we are likely to have a shortfall of \$35,000. While this is much improved over our last two years it is still unsustainable.

Our budget includes provision for known expenditure increases beyond our control, some well over the CPI, for example rates (20.4%) and minimum wage increases (4.8%).

We have also allowed for increasing our expenditure on insurance so we have some natural disaster cover, especially for earthquakes. We are still awaiting an insurance revaluation from QV before finalising that.

We have not included capital expenditure in the budget. This is because in many cases we can apply for grants for this. Where we can we try to make sure capital improvements reduce running costs or increase income.

### **Our Submission: What We Asking Council for in the Long Term Plan**

- A continuation of our grant of \$30,000 per year for the life of the LTP (inflation adjusted).
- Plus an additional annual grant of \$35,000 for up to three years (inflation adjusted). So together with the above, \$65,000 in total this year. Our preference would be for at least 3 years of this additional amount, to allow us time to work up solutions with Council without constantly having to divert to prepare annual funding applications. Any “surpluses” during this time would go into reserve funds for major maintenance and replacements.
- To include in the text of the Community Service section of the LTP a suitable paragraph explaining the plan to develop a sustainable funding model for the Theatre and to explain the partnership between WDC and WCCI in this.
- Note of work to be carried out to develop the relationship between the Theatre and Destination Westland with a view to increasing the Theatre’s net income with cooperative activities. To include the planned Memorandum of Understanding between WCCI and Destination Westland.
- Consider establishment of a contingency reserve fund for non Council owned community facilities to draw on in emergency situations. As well as for the Regent, this may be useful for other community facilities, for example community halls.
- Westland Community Centre Inc (Hokitika’s Regent Theatre) to be formally added to the list of Community Associations on p28 of the plan with Councillor Carruthers to be listed for Elected Member Liaison.
- A note in the plan that Restricted Reserve Funds could be used on capital projects for non Council owned community facilities such as the Regent (subject to the normal Council decisions and consultation mechanisms). It seems this has already been done in the case of the Wilderness Trail and is proposed for the planned Westland Sports Complex where the facilities (or much of them) are not technically owned by Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this written submission.

We would also like to take the opportunity to speak to our submission at Council's hearing.

Yours sincerely



Don Neale,  
Secretary  
**Westland Community Centre Inc.**  
(Hokitika's Regent Theatre)

**Attachment: List of Groups and Companies using Regent Theatre as a venue or for fundraising over the last year or two (some multiple times)**

Canterbury & West Coast Area Health Board

Child Cancer – West Coast

Combined Churches of Hokitika

Community and Public Health – West Coast

Department of Conservation

Destination Westland - Ute Muster Event

Enterprise Hokitika (Destination Hokitika)

Farm Forestry Association - West Coast and National Conference

Heritage Hokitika

Hokitika School of Dance

Health Promotion Agency

Hokitika Gardening Club

Hokitika Green Team

Hokitika Music Club

Hokitika Primary School

Hokitika School of Dance

Hokitika SPCA

Hokitika Museum

Homebirth Association

IPENZ – West Coast Division

Jessica McMillan's Piano School

Kaniere School

Kokatahi Band

Lions Club of Hokitika

NZ Plant Conservation Network (conference)

Te Kaitiaki

Probus Club

Rotary Club of Hokitika

RSA Hokitika

St Mary's School

Shining Light on the Dark

Soroptimists International Hokitika

Take Note Books

Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae

Trinity College

West Coast Cricket

Westreap

Westland Arts Incorporated

Westland District Brass Band (Xmas carols, ANZAC day)

Westland Community Centre Inc

Westland Dairy Co-op

Westland District Council

Westland High School

West Coast Alpine Club

West Coast Penguin Trust

West Coast Te Rito Family Violence Prevention Network

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Topic 4: Please provide any comments:

I don't support this initiative because I believe a community centre should be in town, not part of the high school, though I do acknowledge that they do need more facilities, it shouldn't be paid for out of the reserve fund.

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It is useful in the interests of transparency and given the difficulties for some people in attending meetings because the district is so long, would be appropriate.



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Re rating air b and b properties – if these properties are to be rated commercially over 15,000 of income, the rate should be worked out according to how much of the home is used for air b and b. Also, it doesn't seem fair that farms don't pay commercial rates, but motels, restaurants and now, b and b operations do. Maybe the council should consider abolishing commercial rates – and raise the general rate, with a rebate for low income. With many businesses being run "invisibly" from home, and the need to encourage small enterprise, this would result in lower rates for businesses and more opportunities with less paperwork for everyone. This would also give shops a break – they are competing with online businesses, not necessarily making a whole heap of money, but adding a lot of value to the town.

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Further feedback – please provide any comments:

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:Yes

If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?:No

Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?:No

Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio–visual link?:No

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If not, which activities, if any, do you think are non-core Council activities and should be transferred? Is there another option that would be preferable or something you think Council has not considered?

Central government recognises museums as part of councils core service, therefore it is much more appropriate for the Hokitika Museum to remain with council. Particularly in light of planning for a new museum complex which needs to be done from a community perspective first, not just to appease the tourism sector. Museums are nothing without their collections and we would not have a collection if it wasn't for the generosity of our local community, who have

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entrusted us with their treasures and taonga. Community before tourism as tourists can be fickle.

Topic 2: Please provide any comments:

- Ratepayers should always receive free entry to the museum.
  - Entry fee for visitors should not be set too high as this will discourage them to visit the museum.
  - CCO should find its feet as a new business and walk before it runs.
  - CCO should be managing all council buildings, not activities.
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### **Topic #3: Infrastructure spending**

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Topic 3: Indicate your support for this topic: I oppose the proposal

Topic 3: Please provide any comments:

How can one comment on "some asset renewals work" if it is not spelled out.

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### **Topic #4: Contribute funding towards the Westland High School Recreation and Community Centre project**

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Topic 4: Indicate your support for this topic: I oppose the proposal

Topic 4: Do you think it is important to retain youth and families in Westland and provide high quality facilities for youth and wider community use? Yes

Topic 4: Do you support this allocation of reserve funds to the Westland High School Recreation and Community Centre project? No

Topic 4: Please provide any comments:

I believe there should be enough funding available through various organisations and MOE

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### **Topic #5: Live-streaming Council Meetings**

Council proposes to live-stream and maintain a video archive of Council meetings to better engage the public and keep people informed on decisions affecting the district or region in a transparent and flexible format.

Topic 5: Indicate your support for this topic:I support the proposal

Topic 5: If Council offered this service, would it be something that you would use regularly?Yes

Topic 5: If yes, what would be the benefit to you of having this option?Can listen to what is being said when it suits me.

Topic 5: Please provide any comments:Also it provides for accountability.

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### **Other Proposed Projects**

There are many other projects listed in this consultation document and Long Term Plan that are proposed for the next ten years. Please give us your feedback on any of these.

Clearly state which project you are referring to and if you support the project, are against the proposal or if your feedback is neutral.

*You can find information about our other proposed projects within the Long Term Plan document at the link below:*

<https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/ltp>

Other proposed projects – please provide any comments:

- I support having a dog park but there needs to be a considered report generated. The community should be partly responsible for it (use it or loose it) and dog owners have a payment option to contribute towards upkeep. Perhaps a token operated entrance way.
  - I also support having a "dog poo station" (a place where you can get bags and deposit dog poop) somewhere in town.
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### **Further Feedback**

Council would also like to hear any other feedback you have in relation to the:

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- Consultation Document (eg. online submission form)
- Draft Long Term Plan
- Draft Feeds and Charges Schedule
- Revenue and Financing Policy
- Infrastructure Strategy
- Financial Strategy
- Significance and Engagement Policy; or
- Other associated documents.

Further feedback – please provide any comments:

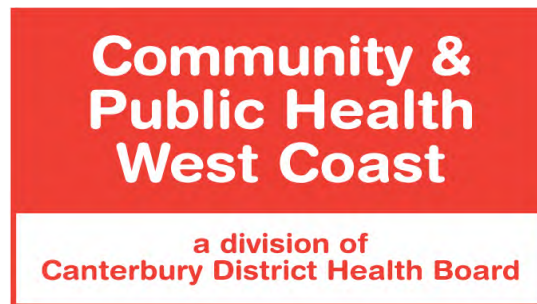
Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:Yes

If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?:Yes

Specify the party:Sue Asplin

Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?:No

Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link?:No



**Submission from  
Community and Public Health, West Coast**

**June 2018**

**Westland District Council  
Draft Long Term Plan 2018-2028**

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Please note we wish to speak to this submission.



Community and Public Health West Coast is a regional office of the Community and Public Health Division, Canterbury District Health Board and provides a regional public health service to the West Coast. We welcome the opportunity to comment on the Westland District Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

The goal of our organisation is that of improving and protecting the health and well-being of the people of the West Coast. However, while health care services are an important determinant of health, health is also influenced by a wide range of factors beyond the health sector.

The Dahlgren and Whitehead 1991 model below illustrates how individuals are influenced by factors that generally lie outside their control. These factors; often referred to as the social determinants of health and well-being, can be described as the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age; they are affected by environmental, social and behavioural factors.

As depicted in the diagram, the sphere of influence is very wide; furthermore changes in any of these areas can affect health and wellbeing dramatically (both positively and negatively). In order to maximise people's wellbeing, these factors need to be taken into account by policy and decision makers including Councils.



Ways to Wellbeing developed by the New Economics Foundation in 2008. The five ways are a set of evidence-based public health messages aimed at improving the mental health and general wellbeing of the whole population.



Auckland University of Technology researchers published the results of the Sovereign Wellbeing Index project. The report found that the five **Ways to Wellbeing** were all strongly associated with higher wellbeing. People experienced higher levels of wellbeing when they:

- were connected socially with others (**Connect**)
- gave time and resources to others (**Give**)
- were able to appreciate and take notice of things around them (**Take notice**)
- were learning new things in their lives (**Keep learning**)
- were physically active (**Be Active**)

These five ways are being used by councils in the UK to build stronger communities:

*'It is conscious planning in a way that will actually promote wellbeing. If we have wellbeing in mind at the point of planning we have a better chance of building resilience in communities to enable them to survive in difficult times.'* (Ashton, Leigh and Wigan PCT in the Five ways to wellbeing, New application, new ways of thinking 2011) p.30

Investing in wellbeing benefits more than just the individual. For example people who report higher levels of wellbeing tend to be more involved in social and civic life, are more likely to behave in environmentally responsible ways, have better family and social relationships at home and are more productive at work. (*Five ways to wellbeing, New application, new ways of thinking 2011*) p.6  
[http://dnwssx4l7gl7s.cloudfront.net/nefoundation/default/page/-/files/Five\\_Ways\\_to\\_Wellbeing.pdf](http://dnwssx4l7gl7s.cloudfront.net/nefoundation/default/page/-/files/Five_Ways_to_Wellbeing.pdf)

CPH encourages Council to consider the Five Ways to Wellbeing in its decision making processes to support the district and its residents to flourish. CPH is happy to work with and support Council to do this.

Specific topics referred to in the Draft Plan	Discussion/Comment	CPH's suggested amendments to the Plan/suggested action points
<b>Consultation Document</b>	<p>Council is to be congratulated for the way in which the issues being consulted on are summarised in the Consultation Document. It is an interesting and informative document that clearly sets out the challenges and key projects Council proposes over the next ten years.</p> <p>We support Council's new vision to "<i>work with the people of Westland to grow and protect our communities, our economy and our unique natural environment</i>". This shows a commitment from Council to include residents as partners in its activities. However, the vision on page 31 of the LTP uses the word 'for' instead of 'with' – is this a typo?</p> <p>We also agree with the list of balancing factors Council has identified it needs to consider in its decision making. Planning for an ageing population, future resilience, maintaining infrastructure to a quality standard, while minimizing environmental impact as well as the financial impact on ratepayers highlights the complexity of Council's role.</p> <p>Further comments will be included with our comments to the Long Term Plan below.</p>	
<b>Introduction Pages 7- 24</b>	<p><u>Intended Levels of Service</u></p> <p>We are pleased to see Council is not planning to decrease its current levels of service and in some instances is proposing improvements to existing service levels: particularly upgrades of the wastewater treatment plant and addressing seasonal water shortages within Franz Josef; flood protection and the suite of leisure activities in Hokitika,</p>	

and emergency preparedness.

Key Challenges

We acknowledge Council's low rating base is a significant challenge to funding its activities and we support Council's intention to seek funding from central government for assistance with maintenance and upgrades of its three waters and transportation infrastructure.

We are pleased to see Council's acknowledgment of the strong environmental values shared by many Westland residents and its commitment to recognizing this within its decision-making.

We understand Council's focus on awareness and preparedness for natural disasters. As stated, the majority of Westland townships have potential to be greatly affected by storm events and rising sea levels while the entire district is at risk in the event of an Alpine Fault rupture. We therefore support Council's intention to work with communities, central government and other stakeholders to prepare for responding to such events and also to address core infrastructure services and future development opportunities with respect to natural hazards. Recent evidence regarding an alpine fault rupture suggests the Coast may be isolated for a lot longer than anticipated which increases the need to 'get ready'.

However, while we support Council's desire to empower its communities to increase resilience and self-sufficiency we are aware that a growing number of people in our community are living week-to-week and, despite the desire to do so, are not able to adequately prepare for such an event. We encourage Council to include actions to address this in its emergency preparedness plans.

**We encourage Council to explore ways to engage with and support vulnerable members of the community to be better prepared for emergencies.**

	<p>We support Council's decision to undertake condition assessments of its assets to inform future investment in maintenance and renewals.</p> <p><u>Significant Forecasting Assumptions</u></p> <p>We agree that an increase in the percentage of residents aged 65 and over will affect Council services and affordability. Taking steps to invest in services and infrastructure designed to be safe and suitable for people aged 8 to 80 will ensure Council creates environments that support older people to remain in the and district live well. Doing so will also create communities that are attractive to new residents which may increase the district's population and rate-payer base.</p> <p>We are concerned Council has not factored in specific climate change impacts or risks into the financial forecasting in the LTP or into its infrastructure specifications. We agree this could mean Council has not fully prepared for the occurrence of hazard events. This statement seems at odds with Council's focus on awareness and preparedness for natural disasters. We are pleased Council is at least 'acknowledging potential climate change impacts/risks when planning new infrastructure'.</p>	
<p><b>Your Council</b> <b>Pages 25-36</b></p>	<p>As stated above we support Council's vision to work <b>with</b> the people of Westland as this implies a partnership. The word <b>for</b> can also be considered positively if Council sees itself as the servants of the district, however it could also be interpreted as though Council is an entity with a separate focus from that of its ratepayers and residents. We commend Council for welcoming and actively seeking Māori contribution to its decision making processes. This will ensure tangata whēnua have a voice in decisions that affect them. It is also in line with achieving the vision to work with people in its district.</p>	

<b>Council Activities</b>		
<b>Leadership</b> <b>Pages 38-47</b>	<p>We acknowledge the list of Council responsibilities as outlined on page 38. This list highlights Council's focus on partnering with its communities and other stakeholders to achieve its outcomes.</p> <p>We support Council's decision to hold Council meetings in locations across the district to encourage participation by local residents.</p> <p>We commend Council for its intention to actively seek engagement and participation from its community. We recognize the role Council has played in the development of the Youth Strategy for Westland as this will give a voice to youth and help shape Council activities.</p> <p>We support Council's goal to create a customer-focused philosophy throughout the organization and the intention to streamline customer experience to ensure most queries are managed at first contact. This will create financial efficiencies and improve customer satisfaction.</p> <p>We applaud the increased performance target of resident satisfaction with respect to customer service and appropriate engagement opportunities. Achieving this will mean residents feel more valued and part of the decision-making process.</p>	
<b>Planning and Regulatory</b> <b>Pages 48-60</b>	<p>We acknowledge Council's planning and regulatory activities as these assist in creating safe environments for residents and visitors. We recognize securing specialist staff in these activities is an ongoing issue for Council.</p>	

	<p><u>Inspection and Compliance</u></p> <p><u>Local Alcohol Policy</u></p> <p>As we have noted in previous submissions alcohol is a psychoactive substance that continues to cause significant harm in our communities. We understand Council has been unwilling to proceed further on the development of a Local Alcohol Policy (LAP), at least in part because of the very real prospect of legal challenge from the alcohol industry. However, we encourage Council to consider the development of a joint LAP with the two other West Coast District Councils as a way of sharing this risk. A joint LAP would also have benefits for the local hospitality and tourism industries by bringing consistency to licensing requirements across the West Coast and a 'level playing field' for new entrants to these industries, regardless of where they set up on the Coast. A joint LAP would be supported by NZ Police and the Medical Officer of Health as reporting agencies. We offer our assistance with this Policy development.</p> <p><u>Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy</u></p> <p>We notice Council's Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy is due for review in July this year. CPH has worked with Council to undertake a Social Impact Assessment (SIA) as part of previous reviews of this policy. In the quarter to the end of March 2018 \$418 090 was lost in gaming machines in Westland. We encourage Council to utilise the SIA process in reviewing these policies and offer our assistance with this.</p> <p><u>Smokefree Environments – Council Buildings and Public Spaces Policy</u></p> <p>CPH congratulates Council for its commitment to 'being proactive in promoting a healthier community' (WDC Smokefree Environments – Council Buildings and Public Spaces Policy). We commend Council for extending the policy in 2016 to include dining areas on Council land as</p>	<p><b>We recommend Council works with the two other West Coast District Councils to develop a joint Local Alcohol Policy.</b></p> <p><b>We recommend Council utilise a Social Impact Assessment process when reviewing its Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy.</b></p>
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this will protect non-smokers from exposure to second-hand smoke, support people who are thinking about or in the process of quitting, as well as enhancing the enjoyment of dining outside.

However, we notice the Smokefree Environments Policy currently displayed on Council's website does not include the additional clause and we ask that this be replaced with the updated version. This will help inform residents and businesses of Council's decision to further protect the wellbeing of residents and visitors to Westland.

The number of people who smoke is decreasing all the time. The 2013 Census indicated that 15.1% of New Zealanders aged 15+ years are regular smokers. Here on the West Coast the rate is approximately 20%. It is expected that data from the 2018 Census will indicate the number of smokers has reduced even further. Smokefree areas therefore protect the health of the majority of the population, as well as supporting people who are in the process of quitting or thinking about quitting. Smokefree public spaces also denormalise smoking and lessen exposure of the practice to children and young people.

We encourage Council to show its commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of its residents by extending its Smokefree Environments Policy to include dining areas on public footpaths. While exposure to second-hand smoke is a risk to health it is also an unwelcome disruption to the enjoyment of dining outside.

CPH is happy to continue to work with Council to provide advice and assistance on smokefree matters, including support with signage.

Resource Management

**We recommend Council extend its Smokefree Environments Policy to include dining areas on public footpaths.**



We support Council's intention to continue with the review of its District Plan until it knows whether the proposal to have a joint West Coast District Plan is accepted. We strongly recommend Council reviews where building consents are allowed with respect to anticipated climate change effects. Recent events have shown how those living along the coastline and near waterways prone to flooding and/or erosion are and will continue to be affected by the expected increase in frequency and severity of storms. This will undoubtedly make some of the district unsuitable for residential or business development. It also highlights the need to plan and develop options for how those currently living in vulnerable areas will be supported to mitigate the risk of remaining in place or consider relocating.

We take this opportunity to acknowledge Council for its involvement in the development of the Coast-wide Accessibility Strategy, as giving value to improving accessibility will assist with making the Westland District safer and will support people with impairment to participate in society.

#### Emergency Management

We support Council's goal of continued development and maintenance of a Civil Defense Emergency Management Plan as emergency preparedness and management is required to protect people and property within the district and region.

We particularly support activities to reduce and mitigate potential problems, the training of community volunteers and the intention that all the townships within the district will have emergency response plans within the next financial year. We also support the scoping of a new location for an Operations Centre away from the tsunami zone and Hokitika River as it is imperative the Centre is

**We encourage Council to review its policy on whether to allow resource consents for building and development in erosion and flood prone areas.**

**We recommend Council include an accessibility lens within the revised District Plan.**

	<p>accessible and able to operate in times of a civil emergency.</p> <p><u>Animal Control</u></p> <p>We support Council's goal of protecting the public from harm, nuisance and damage from dogs, especially as complaints regarding wandering and barking dogs are increasing. The development of a fenced dog-park will allow dogs the opportunity to be exercised in an environment that also protects residents.</p> <p>We support the development of a by-law to allow enforcement with respect effluent on roads at stock crossings.</p>	
<p><b>Community Services</b> <b>Pages 61-70</b></p>	<p><u>Community Development and Assistance</u></p> <p>We support Council's activities under this section as this assists communities to be involved in decision making and projects that enhance wellbeing.</p> <p>We acknowledge Council's leadership in the development of the Safe Community Coalition. CPH is an active member of this coalition. We are aware the staff member who administers this project is due to retire later in the year. We believe his input into this project has been integral to building a collaborative approach to achieving a safer Westland District.</p> <p>As stated above, we applaud the role that Council has taken in youth development as this will encourage young people to remain in and flourish in the district.</p> <p><u>Community Halls</u></p> <p>We support Council's continued provision of safe and useful</p>	

	<p>community halls as these facilities assist with creating connected and socially active communities.</p> <p><u>Townships</u> We commend Council for supporting and funding township development projects in communities across Westland as this will support communities to upgrade and develop their local areas.</p> <p>We are pleased to see Council has also committed to improving townscapes through investment in footpath renewals and maintenance. See further comments under Transportation below.</p>	
<p><b>Leisure Services and Facilities</b> <b>Pages 71-97</b></p>	<p><u>Cemeteries:</u> We support Council's intention to offer cemetery plots to meet the needs of other religions/cultures as this is a way of valuing and supporting diversity in the community.</p> <p><u>Elderly Persons Housing</u> We are pleased to see that Council has signalled continued investment in insulating and double-glazing its pensioner housing stock as this will improve the living conditions of the occupants and enhance their wellbeing. We congratulate Council for the improvements made to the units over the past few years.</p> <p>We acknowledge provision of low-cost, well-maintained pensioner housing can be challenging to Council, however, we are concerned that the LTP is signalling a possible increase to 80% of an average market value. This may prove too costly for many older people and may result in some staying in homes that are unsuitable (but may be more suitable to people seeking to reside in Westland) or some</p>	

shifting away from their local area.

The fact that there is 100% occupancy and a long waiting list indicates a need for more similar type of accommodation within Westland. We have looked on rental web-sites for Hokitika and note very few of the properties would be suitable accommodation for older people and that the cost would be prohibitive for many.

As Council is aware the proportion of older people within Westland is growing, perhaps Council could assist in facilitating private development of more suitable housing, possibly through a requirement in the District Plan. The ongoing nature of this issue may need a more collaborative approach to look at creating housing options for older people across the District. We would be happy to be involved in such aa project.

#### Hokitika Museum

Access to cultural amenities such as museums connects people to their past, promotes lifelong learning and assists with developing a community identity. We are pleased to see Council is asking the community for input into the future of the Hokitika Museum. Our concern regarding transferring the museum to Destination Westland is that 'a more commercial focus' may make entry fees a barrier for local people and school groups.

#### Hokitika Wildfoods Festival and Events

Festivals and events are mechanisms for community get-togethers, fundraising and opportunities to show-case the district to visitors. As Council states these events can have negative outcomes, in particular those where alcohol is available. We acknowledge Council for looking at the long-term viability and continuing improvement of the

Wildfoods Festival and support Council's decision to consult on transferring this activity to Destination Westland. While we are not opposed to this we maintain an interest in promoting public health and wellbeing above a focus on merely increasing economic benefit.

#### Land and Buildings

We support Council's intention to maintain its buildings to a reasonable standard and to provide quality spaces for its tenants. We agree a comprehensive asset management plan will enable Council to be strategic in decision making with respect to its lands and buildings.

#### Parks and Reserves

We support Council's proposed activities under this section as provision of parks and reserves promote physical activity, learning and connectedness. We are aware there is a growing trend across the world to include equipment in parks designed for use by older people. They are often the ones taking their grandchildren to the park and older people will also make up a growing proportion of visitors to the district in the future. We encourage Council to consider installing equipment, such as seating and handrails, suitable for older people when upgrading playground equipment at Cass Square and other playgrounds across the district.

#### Public Toilets

We support Council's commitment to ensure public toilets are clean, accessible, functional and suitably maintained as this activity protects the health of residents, visitors and the environment. We understand the pressure increased tourism has on the provision of this service and are pleased to see Council has included extra funding to increase cleaning of the toilets throughout the district.

**We encourage Council to consider installing equipment suitable for older people when upgrading playground equipment.**

### Swimming Pools

We support Council's continued provision of swimming pool services as these provide an opportunity for people to be active, learn new skills and connect with others.

We commend Council's desire to maintain and operate swimming pools that is affordable and available to people of all ages and abilities. We therefore support the earthquake strengthening and installation of an electric heat pump at the Ross Pool and the upgrade of the ventilation fan at the Hokitika Pool. We are aware of and support the provision of free entry to the Hokitika Pool for under 18 year olds during school holiday as this will enable access for people with limited discretionary income.

### West Coast Wilderness Trail

We agree with Council's goal for the trail to be a nationally recognised cycleway that is safe and well used by both tourists and locals. We support investment in the sections to remove trail users from State Highway 6 as this will both promote safety and enhance user experience.

### Westland District Library

We support the provision of the Westland Library and the community outreach libraries as this activity supports education, promotes lifelong learning and provides areas for people to connect with others.

We applaud Council for working with other agencies to provide digital literacy training for the community; these services will assist people to learn a new skill and further participate in society.

### Indoor Sports Facilities

	<p>We are aware Council has committed to working with the Regional Sports Trust and other West Coast Councils to develop a Regional Sports Facility Plan to identify and prioritise future sports and recreation facility needs for the region. We support this action as it will help inform a more strategic approach to facility development and use across the region.</p>	<p><b>We support the development of a Regional Sports Facility Plan.</b></p>
<p><b>Infrastructure Pages 98-130</b></p>	<p><u>Transportation</u></p> <p>We support Council's actions under this section as a safe and reliable land transport network is essential to economic and community wellbeing.</p> <p>We commend Council for its continued involvement in the Total Mobility Scheme to assist the transport disadvantaged. We agree with the performance measure to have a reduction in the number of fatalities and serious injury crashes. We are also pleased to see Council is working with other local councils to take a more integrated approach to road management on the West Coast; Councils involvement in the West Coast Road Safety Committee will assist with achieving this goal.</p> <p>We also applaud Council's goal of having linked, pleasant and safe to use footpaths and cycle ways. This will encourage people to be active and connect with, and feel part of, their local community as well as promoting less reliance on motorised vehicle travel, especially in the district's urban areas.</p> <p>The existence of a safe and well-maintained footpath network is essential to the safety and wellbeing of the district's residents, particularly for older people, people with disabilities and children.</p>	

While we are pleased to see investment in footpath renewal and maintenance we query whether \$1,000 per year across the life of the plan will be sufficient investment for townships of Kumara, Kaniere and Ross (as per page 66 of the daft plan).

We acknowledge footpath maintenance relies on rates funding, however, the draft Government Policy Statement for Land Transport signalled an intention to fund footpath maintenance from the National Land Transport Fund. If this is adopted it should assist Council to increase investment in the district footpaths without increased pressure from the districts rate payers.

Good footpaths support people, especially older people, to be both physically and socially active. There are also sound environmental and economic reasons to support walking infrastructure. A recent visit to the District by Rod Tolley, conference director of the global movement Walk 21, outlined the potential benefits to the economy of creating spaces where people are encouraged (through the provision of safe walking infrastructure and good urban design) to walk, linger and spend their time and money. We encourage Council to become a signatory to the Walk 21 movement and commit to making the Westland District more walking friendly.

See <https://www.walk21.com/about> for further information.

#### Three Waters

We are pleased to see Council has employed a Three Waters engineer to oversee the management of the following water activities.

#### Water Supply:

We commend Council for its continued investment in the district's

**We encourage Council to become a signatory to the Walk 21 movement.**



water supplies as safe and sufficient water is critical to the health and wellbeing of communities.

We support Council's goal to ensure all water supplies are treated and meet the Ministry of Health's water standards as well as meeting the demands of both the local and tourist populations.

We are also pleased to see Council has identified the need to protect mahinga kai sites as this respects cultural practice.

We are concerned that Council has included an average water consumption performance target of less than 500 litres per person per day. Given the current winter consumption level is 253l/day and the summer level is 480l/day an average performance target of 500l/day is almost 75% higher than the average current consumption level of 366l/day. The need to conserve water has become a global issue and we encourage Council to revise the performance target and take steps to increase community awareness of the need for its residents to conserve water use.

#### Wastewater

Collection, treatment and disposal of wastewater is essential to protecting the physical environment and the health of the community. Effective wastewater management positively impacts on quality of life and supports economic development.

We therefore support Council's aim to deliver water treatment plants that consistently meet resource consent standards and ensure minimal infiltration of stormwater into the systems.

We are pleased to see Council is working towards a solution for Franz

Josef and that the systems in Fox Glacier and Haast will be improved.

#### Stormwater

The provision of stormwater systems assists with protecting property, the health and wellbeing of residents, and benefits environmental sustainability both on a day-to-day basis and in times of emergency.

We therefore support Council's activities in this area. However while we are pleased to see Council wants to improve its storm water systems ability to respond to any increased rainfall event within a normalised range it is difficult to determine just what will be a normal range with respect to climate change. Predictions are such that the area is expected to experience increased storm severity and frequency. We encourage Council to factor this into its stormwater catchment designs when determining system vulnerabilities.

We are encouraged to see Council is investing in a mobile generator to assist in times of emergency and power outages.

#### Solid Waste

The management of solid waste is necessary for the health and quality of life of the community, the local economy and the environment. We are pleased to see Council has a focus on reduction within its waste management plan as recent media articles demonstrate that relying on recycling is becoming more challenging and less effective.

We applaud Council's desire to raise community awareness of the need to minimise waste. We also endorse Council's support of the Enviroschools programme as this will help spread the waste minimisation message to schools and communities.

**We support Council's investment in the Enviroschools programme.**

**Key Strategies**  
**Pages 132 - 186**

Financial Strategy

We acknowledge that Council has a number of assets approaching or past their useful economic lives. We are therefore pleased Council is now fully funding depreciation to address the back-log of asset renewals by the end of the Infrastructure Strategy. This will also support the intergenerational spread of costs.

Infrastructure Strategy

We acknowledge and commend the depth and comprehensiveness of the Infrastructure Strategy (the Strategy) included in the Long Term Plan.

We agree with the focus of the Strategy to maintain the existing levels of service by renewing current assets to ensure continued reliable service and to add additional assets where an increase in service is required.

We commend Council for acknowledging that an ageing population will require different types of infrastructure, such as more accessible footpaths. However, investment in this type of infrastructure will assist with accessibility for residents and visitors of all ages.

We agree with the priority to improve the resilience of all Council's infrastructure and back-up systems (such as generators). This will assist in mitigating the increased risk of climate change effects, in particular flooding and coastal erosion, as well as a potential Alpine Fault rupture.

We support Council's intention to build appropriate climate change mitigation into its infrastructure as this will increase resilience and

assist in protecting people and property.

We are also pleased to see Council intends to utilise the District Plan controls to address the risk from natural hazards.

We endorse the three key Strategic Statements set in Table 3.1 and the underlying values supporting them, in particular that both Māori and Te Tiriti o Waitangi will be recognised and respected, core services will enable the community and environment to be healthy, and kaitiakitanga is understood and valued. These three statements will definitely guide and enable Council to provide a district where people will want to live, work, play and visit.

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**Topic #1: Arahura Pa water supply**

Council proposes to construct a new water treatment plant at Arahura Pa to treat water drawn from a new water source.

Topic 1: Indicate your support for this topic:I am neutral to the proposal

Topic 1: Please provide any comments:Don't know enough to comment really

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**Topic #2: Transfer of management of strategic assets and non-core activities to CCO**

Council proposes to transfer the management of the West Coast Wilderness Trail, Hokitika i-SITE, Hokitika Museum and events portfolio including the Hokitika Wildfoods Festival to the "Destination Westland" Council Controlled Organisation.

Topic 2: Indicate your support for this topic:I support the proposal

Topic 2: Please provide any comments:

I think so , Council itself should be focusing on infrastructure, town development and keeping our district beautiful!

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LTP Submission

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Topic 3: Please provide any comments:

We have got to have healthy water to drink , but so long as other Urgent works are not sacrificed , all should be tendered

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Council proposes to allocate \$100,000 of reserve development funds to the Westland High School Recreation and Community Centre project.

Topic 4: Indicate your support for this topic: I am neutral to the proposal

Topic 4: Do you think it is important to retain youth and families in Westland and provide high quality facilities for youth and wider community use? Yes

Topic 4: Do you support this allocation of reserve funds to the Westland High School Recreation and Community Centre project? Unsure

Topic 4: Please provide any comments:

I am thinking that more support should come from the Government/Ministry of Education on this project

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**Topic #5: Live-streaming Council Meetings**

Council proposes to live-stream and maintain a video archive of Council meetings to better engage the public and keep people informed on decisions affecting the district or region in a transparent and flexible format.

Topic 5: Indicate your support for this topic: I support the proposal

Topic 5: If Council offered this service, would it be something that you would use regularly? Unsure

Topic 5: Please provide any comments:

Depends when available , probably unable to watch "live" but could watch a delayed version ??

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## Other Proposed Projects

There are many other projects listed in this consultation document and Long Term Plan that are proposed for the next ten years. Please give us your feedback on any of these.

Clearly state which project you are referring to and if you support the project, are against the proposal or if your feedback is neutral.

*You can find information about our other proposed projects within the Long Term Plan document at the link below:*

<https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/ltp>

Other proposed projects – please provide any comments:

Franz Josef is in desperate need for a park. Yes we have the national park all around us but we do not have any green space for people to "play" in , kick a ball, throw a Frisbee, walk a dog , lye on the grass and have a picnic , play soft ball or base ball , bit of cricket , have a sheltered picnic area , some where in the fresh air and beautiful West Coast sunshine where people can meet and have some "out door" fun like most communities have. There was funds allocated for this project back in 2009 in the WDC Long Term Plan , \$50,000.00 , and to be completed in 2009–2010. . There was even land offered to be made available for the project .Unfortunately we have never seen any progress on this A facility like this for our community we believe, is paramount and a fundamental necessity to have available for all community people, imperative for health and well being , mind , body and soul ! Thank you for considering this , it would just be so awesome to see this con to fruition for our community and for others to around to enjoy. I will also email some evidence of the previously planned project

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## Further Feedback

Council would also like to hear any other feedback you have in relation to the:

- Consultation Document (eg. online submission form)
- Draft Long Term Plan
- Draft Feeds and Charges Schedule

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- Revenue and Financing Policy
- Infrastructure Strategy
- Financial Strategy
- Significance and Engagement Policy; or
- Other associated documents.

Further feedback – please provide any comments:

Time is the enemy ... if we all had more of it then we all could do and understand more! We would like to say , we are much happier and thankful for the "pro-activeness" and seemingly commonsense coming forward from the current council staff and elected Councilors . Please help look after South Westland , the jewel in the crown !

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:Yes

If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?:Yes

Specify the party:Franz Inc.

Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?:No

Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link?:No



SOUTHERN	Year Planned				Source of Funding				
	09/10	10/11	11/12	2012+	Depr	Rates	Subsidy	Loan	Reserves
Fox Glacier - 450m3 reservoir				224,224				100%	
Fox Glacier mains replacement				123,702	100%				
Haast - water treatment to DWSNZ				434,964			50%	50%	
Haast mains replacement				127,908	100%				
Harihari mains replacement				224,224	100%				
<b>Township Development</b>									
Fox Glacier Township Development			63,529	73,244		100%			
Ross Township Development				68,147		100%			
Franz Josef Township Development		62,040		71,458		100%			
Whataroa Township Development				75,075		100%			
Harihari Township Development				66,550		100%			
Haast Township Development	60,000			65,054		100%			
<b>Swimming Pool</b>									
Ross pool upgrade (Disabled access and toilet)	30,000				50%				50%
<b>Cemeteries</b>									
Improve roading access to Ross cemetery				10,895		100%			
<b>Parks &amp; Reserves</b>									
Harihari Community Facility	481,000	225,132					60%		40%
Franz Josef Sports Field	50,000								100%
Fox Glacier Community Centre				2,300,540			50%		50%
<b>Refuse</b>									
Butlers Development	500,000	517,000		567,895				100%	
Rural Transfer Stations	100,000							100%	
<b>Transportation</b>									
District seal extension and network extension (R -funding) \$100,000 will be used to fund the Haast-Hollyford Road/Cycleway				1,111,488			75%		25%

# RESULTS OF THE SUBMISSION PROCESS

The Westland Long Term Council Community Plan is the best opportunity for you as ratepayers and residents of the District to get involved and have your say on how the District is maintained and developed.

The Summary of the Draft Plan was sent to every ratepayer in the District, made available on our website and also in the libraries throughout the District. The accessibility of the Plan and the Summary resulted in 241 submissions with 32 people wishing to speak to their submission.

The issues that were raised by the community included, but were not limited to:

- Mobile Library Service
- Cemetery fees
- Hokitika Swimming Pool
- Community Funding
- Community Halls and Buildings
- Parks & Reserves
- Animal Control
- Transportation
- Water Supply
- Waste Management
- Community Township Development
- Review of Rating System

Westland's elected representatives considered every single submission and passed resolutions which they believe would serve the good of the District as a whole. The elected representatives were also mindful of the 'silent majority'

areas and the bulk of the dog numbers are in other areas of the District. The comprehensive review of its existing Policy on Dogs could result in a major change to the extent of the dog control service. Regardless of the outcome of the policy review, Council will continue to meet its basic statutory duties. Options for the future include a very basic service only, through to an enhanced service with an emphasis on animal welfare. The service could be delivered as a Council function or through a strategic alliance with, for example, the SPCA.

Council resolved to work with the [Franz Josef](#) Community to establish a sports field on the south bank of the Waiho River, or an alternative site, and made provision for \$50,000 from the reserves contribution account. Council has also committed up to \$1 million of MDI funding for the Fox Glacier Community Centre and has committed a further \$500,000 from the successful sale of any land over the next two years, and will explore over the next 12 months how Council can commit another \$500,000 towards the project (possible source of funds include land sales, reserves contribution account or loans financed by the local community).

Westland is joining with Buller and Grey Districts to create a series of cycleways which will form part of the proposed national cycleway. The Westland Nature Trust will be re-established, with new objectives to assist in achieving this. This is an exciting opportunity to share in central government funding of \$50 million to create the cycleways which will become important tourist attractions. Council has provided

## Rationale for Financing this Activity

Benefits Identified from Activity	Description	Funding Source & Mechanism
Parks and Reserves	Parks and Reserves provide a direct benefit to the entire District in that they are available to all people and visitors within the District. More benefit does accrue to people living in the area in which the reserve is located.	90% General Rates
Private	Fees charged recognise the direct benefits gained by users.	10% Fees

## Significant Negative Effects

There have been no significant negative effects identified for this activity.

## Where do we want to be?

All reserves are covered in the Reserves Management Plan, not just Hokitika and its environs.

The growth projections for Westland suggest a small increase in population and tourist numbers over the planning period. This forecast is unlikely to impact on required levels of service, demand and asset requirements for this activity.

## How are we going to get there?

Continue to improve the asset management system and records for this activity.

Include a management plan for the recently vested Preston's Bush Reserve in Hokitika.

Extend the Hokitika and Environs Reserves Management Plan to cover the entire District.

## Key Capital Projects

Asset	\$	Timeframe
Harihari Community Facility	481,000	2009/10
	225,132	2010/11
Cass Square Playground	111,677	2013/14
Cass Square Toilets	115,027	2014/15
Franz Josef Sport Field	50,000	2009/10
Lake Kaniere Boat Ramps	15,000	2009/10
Fox Glacier Community Centre	2,300,540	2014/15

## Service Levels and Performance Measures

Customer Group Core Value	Level of Service	Performance Measure	Information will we use to measure success	Current Performance 2007/08	Target 2009–2011	Target 2012–2019
Reserves users: Passive Active (Sports people) Availability Accessibility Safety	Reserves are pleasant and enjoyable place	Complaints received about the appearance of reserves	Number of complaints	Nil	Nil	Nil
		Customer satisfaction	Surveys	Not surveyed	80% satisfaction	80% satisfaction
	Sports grounds available for play	Sports ground closures per season	Number of closures	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Playgrounds are safe	Reported injuries	Number of reported	Nil	Nil	Nil





## Federated Farmers of New Zealand

### Submission to Westland District Council on Long Term Plan 2018 - 2028

15 June 2018

## Westland District Council Long Term Plan 2018-2028

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Federated Farmers wishes to be heard in support of this submission  
Preferred hearing slot: Tuesday 19 June, morning

## **FFNZ Submission on Westland District Council Long Term Plan**

Federated Farmers of New Zealand (FFNZ) welcomes the opportunity to submit on Westland District Council's (WDC) Proposed Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028 (LTP).

FFNZ acknowledges and supports individual members' submissions.

### General

We agree with Council focussing expenditure on the core local government services; the three waters, roading and district planning. These are the critical components of Council's service delivery and they are activities for which WDC is solely responsible for. We agree that understanding the current and future demands for these activities is a key priority for the Draft LTP.

FFNZ recognises the difficulty in balancing concerns around rates affordability while providing appropriately for the future of the District. WDC is facing a significant increase in current and future visitors to the District. These additional visitors provide opportunities, but funding the required infrastructure also presents a challenge to WDC and its relatively low ratepayer base.

Councils like WDC face significant pressures in that relatively large infrastructure costs, including costs that are increasingly driven by non-resident use of Council assets, must be funded from a limited population base. We are of the firm view that the local government sector should be provided with assistance to meet the costs imposed by visitors to the District, rather than simply having to rely on the limited funding options currently available.

### Funding

FFNZ endorses WDC for seeking alternative funding mechanisms. Subsidies, grants and other income options must be fully explored prior to rates being used.

We commend WDC on receiving \$3.25 million of Central Government funding for tourism infrastructure, of which a large proportion is already approved for the Franz Josef sewerage plant and ponds upgrade.

The largest single area of expenditure is on the transportation network, and WDC optimises the NTZA Funding Assistance Rate by satisfying the requirements for an approved roading programme, with the District receiving 59% funding on qualifying expenditure in 2018/19.

### Rates

Rates increases are having an impact and WDC needs to continually find savings. Even though the majority of the additional spending proposed in the Draft LTP appears warranted, WDC should first look to fund these costs by finding operating savings and prioritising expenditure.

Council needs to be aware that rates increases are having a genuine impact on farm profitability, and this has long term consequences. This increase will also be cumulative, both with previous increases and combined with the cost pressures farmers are facing from a number of other avenues.

We are encouraged by the UAGC being at 21.7%. FFNZ considers that the UAGC is a fair way for Council to rate for services that provide an indistinguishable amount of benefit across ratepayer groups. When these mechanisms are utilised every ratepayer pays the same amount for the public good services of Council. Higher use of the UAGC also reduces reliance on the property value general rate as a funding mechanism, and flattens the distribution of rates bills between high to low value properties.

The legislative cap on use of UAGC is 30% of rating revenue. Where a Council is aware that they have not reached their maximum 30% UAGC allowance and choose not to rectify the situation then they are actively choosing to disadvantage groups such as the farming community.

### Resilience

A focus on resilience is encouraging and we commend WDC for seeking additional support especially regarding communications.

Westland is vulnerable to disruption; the majority of townships will be greatly affected by storm events and rising sea levels. Roading, electricity and communications networks need to be improved to reduce risk and encourage ongoing and new business investment.

Council must consider how the risks of natural disasters impact decision-making for infrastructure and core service projects. Consideration is also required on how to best empower communities to increase their resiliency and self-sufficiency, and have measures in place to respond quickly and appropriately in natural disasters.

### Non-Core Spending

FFNZ is disappointed to see a large number of proposed non-core service projects, especially as these are to be funded from rate payers. We firmly believe these projects should be paid for by those who use them. There is a number of increased levels of services for leisure activities proposed, including the Hokitika waterfront development.

The Council's financial strategy must include a key aspect that passes on costs of increases in levels of service to those who benefit through the use of targeted rates. This approach ensures that those parts of the community who benefit directly from Council services pay a greater share of the cost.

FFNZ also has concerns around the \$4.88 million earmarked for an updated museum complex. This is a considerable amount of money for a small council and a full and thorough assessment of all options must be undertaken. The consequent community consultation must be meaningful and engage with all ratepayers to identify development opportunities.

Whilst it is encouraging that a comprehensive management plan is being compiled of Council owned land and buildings and importantly what condition these assets are in. This process must be completed prior to the museum complex consultation to ascertain if this really is the best way forward.

We ask Council to continue to be mindful of, and carefully consider, the community's ability to pay for the services provided in the Westland area.

## KEY TOPICS

### Topic 2 Transfer of Management of non-core activities to 'Destination Westland'

FFNZ supports option 1 transfer.

Tourism and events are not core business for councils and as noted in the consultation document are predominantly of interest to tourists, therefore should be of minimal cost, if any, to ratepayers.

Farmers pay industry levies to promote the output of their business and they should not be put in a position where they are rated to fund the support and promotion of other businesses.

### Topic 3 Infrastructure Spending

As a council's tax revenue is limited mainly to property owners, the best and most appropriate task is to ensure that the basics are done right, and rates bills are kept as low as possible. Quality roads, drainage, water, waste services, environmental regulation and low rates may not be particularly exciting, but good governance rarely is.

FFNZ appreciates the significant investment WDC makes in infrastructure. As outlined in the consultation document, assets need ongoing maintenance and replacement at the right time.

To assist with the work programme, assessments of all assets/infrastructure must be undertaken and utilisation of a priority rating system would result in the biggest realisable benefits. Considerations should include the risk of the asset failing, size of the population serviced and value for money.

This assessment of infrastructure and utilisation of a priority system would ensure the continued provision of a safe and secure water supply. A key driver for this work must be to meet regulatory requirements and not public expectation.

We support a more integrated approach to road management on the West Coast. There are real and relatively easy efficiencies for all Authorities by collaborating on activities such as asset management, common contract models, shared/combined contracts and shared industry knowledge.

### Topic 5 Live-streaming Council meetings

FFNZ supports option 2 – status quo

Whilst we fully support WDCs intent to provide an 'open democracy' platform, the reality of the situation is somewhat prohibitive.

Access to broadband capable of showing either livestream coverage or recorded footage is extremely limited in rural New Zealand. Until the coverage is region-wide, it is sensible to place this idea on hold and revisit it in the future.



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to whom it may concern

Submission on proposed changes to management of Hokitika Museum

Whilst I agree with the Council's desire to focus more on Core activities, I prefer that the management of the Museum stays with the council, rather than being transferred to the CCO, Destination Westland.

The museum is an important part of our cultural heritage and information of life in Westland. It's development and focus should not be compromised by its financial viability/production.

regards  
Sally Richardson



## Hospitality New Zealand Westland Branch

### SUBMISSION ON WESTLAND LONG TERM PLAN PAN TAX INCREASE PROPOSAL June 2018

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We appreciate the opportunity to make a submission on the Long Term Plan, but particularly on the proposed increase of 68% to the pan tax. We are committed to working with the Westland District Council in order to develop a practical and effective solution, which would be less severe than this increase and one that fairly reflects the various undertakings of activities and types of property in the region.

### **Pan Tax Increase**

The Westland District Council has undertaken a review of pan tax with the view to create a more equity.

The proposal of increasing the pan tax is of concern for our Members particularly those with Commercial Accommodation who feel the tax increase is severe and does not properly reflect usage.

### **The rationale for this discussion is outlined below:**

The volume of wastewater / effluent discharged via toilet pans is not determined by the number of pans themselves, but by the number of people using them.

Ten people in a household using one pan will discharge the same volume as 10 people using 10 pans. The only difference between the two scenarios is water storage, whereby multiple pans would hold more stored water.

A further example would be to compare a motel having twenty pans with a service station or fast food outlet having two pans.

A toilet in a typical motel, with average occupancy of approximately 40.9% per annum (Stats NZ Commercial Accommodation Monitor: November 2017 – West Coast), might be used 2-6 times a day.

This means twenty toilets over 365 days would be used between 7,440 and 22,320 times. Compare this to a service station where each toilet may be used 30-40 times per day, meaning two toilets over 365 days would be used between 21,900 and 29,200 times.

The service station or fast food outlet, although it is still a 68% increase. Has less pans, therefore less of an increase overall. Yet it is proposed that a Commercial Accommodation provider having 10 or 20 pans in the Westland sewerage scheme is going to be charged an additional 68% not taking into account the level of use of each pan.

**We do NOT see this as being fair and reasonable to our Members. As illustrated by the examples above, all we are asking for a level fair playing field for all.**

### **Online Accommodation Providers**

We would like the Westland District Council to consider the potential revenue that would come from including Online Accommodation Providers in your commercial rating system, along with the additional targeted rates and pan tax that is being applied to Commercial Accommodation Providers.

We acknowledge that not all Online Accommodation Providers will be operating in a deeply commercial way and as such any commercial ratings, targeted rates and pan taxes should be commensurate with the level of activity.

This is of great concern for our Members in the Westland Region, particularly those with motels who feel the tax is onerous and does not properly reflect the usage.

### **The rationale for this discussion is outlined below:**

Those Online Accommodation Providers who have developed a highly commercial Online Accommodation offerings should pay the appropriate levels of rates, pan taxes and also adhere to required Council and National regulations and compliance.

Hospitality NZ would like to table an option to the Westland District Council, and that is an “opt-out” option, whereby all Online Accommodation Providers are classified as full business rates first and foremost. They then need to apply for a rates remission for differential/mixed residential and business rates in line with the boundaries and levels as proposed in the rating matrix.

We believe this is the best option for several reasons, including but not limited to:

- It is more of a level playing field with traditional accommodation providers, as this is the process that they have had to abide by.
- It puts some onus on the accommodation provider to ensure they are rated correctly, not solely on council
- It makes it much easier for council to identify individual operators as the operator will be “all in” until they show and prove otherwise.

- We believe this option will be much less costly or administratively burdensome for council.

### Summary

We believe that the monetary difference between an Online Accommodation Providers residential rates and pan tax and the commercial equivalent would lessen the impact on Commercial Accommodation Providers.

We feel that an increase of 68% in the Pan Tax is unsustainable for our 41 Members within the region.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit on this subject and we look forward to having the opportunity to speak to Council on our submission in the near future.

We also welcome any opportunity to attend any workshops involving rating and benefit solutions for the Westland Region and we ask that we have representation at these meetings/workshops.

Kelly Harris  
Hospitality New Zealand Regional Manager  
Westland Branch

## **Personal Submission re WDC Draft LTP 2018-2028**

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I wish to speak to my Submission. I would like to make a joint case with Frosty Theron.

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My comments on specific topics are as follows:

### **Topic # 1: Arahura Pa water supply**

I support this proposal. Clean, accessible drinking water is essential for every community.

### **Topic # 2: Transfer of Management of strategic assets and non-core activities to CCO**

I generally oppose the proposal. I strongly oppose transfer of the Museum to the CCO.

The LTP states that services delivered through the CCO are 'those that require a more **commercial focus**' where 'tourists receive the largest benefit'. All of the proposed activities to be moved have a visitor component, but are fundamentally community services that do not necessarily make a profit, regardless of whether they are core activities or not.

#### **Re: Events portfolio**

Some events, such as The Wildfoods Festival could be run on a commercial scale, however if profits go back to the CCO and are not reinvested in community, there is a risk of losing the volunteer base that is crucial to the success of these events.

#### **Re: Westland Wilderness Trail**

The **Cycle Trail** is a community asset that is part of our transport network. It needs funding for marketing, maintenance and upgrades. It successfully draws visitors into the region but is not a profit making activity.

#### **Re: The i-Site**

I believe the i-Site is hamstrung by operating on a business model. I would like to see it as more of a visitor centre, focusing more on promoting local attractions, activities and events, and less on bookings for outside the region.

#### **Re: The Hokitika Museum**

- I believe the Museum is a core community activity. The LGA 2002, listing Libraries, museums, reserves, recreational facilities, and other community infrastructure as core council activities.
- The Museum is foremost a community service, caring for a vast collection of the community's objects, archives and photographs, which it uses to share the stories of Westland. It is more than just a tourist facility and needs to be managed and funded accordingly.

- A Museum should not be expected to turn a profit. Some cost recovery can be made through door sales, merchandise, donations, research fees and retail sales, however this does not offset operational costs. Museums COST money to operate.
- The Museum has previously been managed on a commercial basis by a private operator (as part of the i-Site), and for a short time by Council's Business Unit. In both cases, there were clear benefits in returning Museum Management to Council. With no reports in place outlining the feasibility and the process for the transfer of the Museum to the CCO, there are no clear reasons to support a budget cut of up to 20% (apart from a saving to ratepayers).
- The proposed new museum is primarily a facility for the people of Westland; it should not be compromised by a commercial tourism angle, which is the main focus of the CCO. Planning for a new Museum complex needs to be done from a community perspective, not with a commercial focus.
- I believe that Destination Westland needs time to set itself up before taking on too many new activities.

**Other options** for the Museum would be as follows -

- a. Destination Westland are well set up as property managers. They should continue to manage the Carnegie building and complex, but the Museum activity should stay with council. The CCO is well placed to manage the seismic strengthening of the Carnegie Building and project management for the proposed new complex.
- b. Under Council management, employ a director, and fill vacant staff positions so the Museum has the capacity to feed into the new museum proposal, prepare for the temporary relocation of the collection, and work on new displays and visitor experiences.
- c. Delay the decision to transfer management to the CCO until the next LTP, when relevant reports have been prepared to allow a more informed decision by Council and ratepayers.
- d. If the transfer does go ahead, rather than an immediate hand-over, more time should be allowed for the transition process, eg 6 months? 3 months? 1 month?

Re: CCO profit, spending and transparency

I believe any profit made by the CCO (above forecasted budgets) should be returned to the Council, or at least undergo robust public consultation before they are committed to new projects. The CCO works for the Council using ratepayer's money, and Council must be accountable and transparent to how it is spent.

**Topic # 3: Infrastructure Spending**

I generally support this proposal for clean, accessible drinking water. I am opposed to using large amounts of ratepayer's money on tourism infrastructure, given that investment and reliance on tourism is a risky business.

**Topic # 4: Westland High School Community Centre Project**

Reserve development funds should be used for developing reserves and maintaining and upgrading existing facilities, e.g cycle trail, skatepark, sports grounds, walking tracks, supporting Westland Community Centre (i.e. the Regent Theatre), or building a new grandstand at Cass Square.

Funding for infrastructure at Westland High School should come from another source.

**Topic # 5: Live streaming Council meetings**

I support this proposal.

I believe this would be a good tool for informing the public, ensuring elected members are held accountable and that meetings follow due process.

I would also like to see more community consultation, and thorough staff reporting before major council decisions are made.

**OTHER TOPICS**

I fully support Don Neale's submission on **OTHER TOPICS** points 1 to 10.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the LTP.

Yours sincerely,  
Sue Asplin





## Hospitality New Zealand Westland Branch

### SUBMISSION ON WESTLAND LONG TERM PLAN Tourism West Coast funding June 2018

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**We would like to support the submission made by Simon & Jill Robinson from Annabelle Motel 214 Weld Street Hokitika as follows.**

### **Submission regarding Tourism West Coast funding**

We understand that in the Draft Long Term Plan 2018-2028 currently out for submission that WDC is proposing not to fund TWC for the 2018 – 19 financial year.

If the Hokitika Guardian is to be believed, then the funding TWC was expecting from DWC may not be forthcoming, and comments have been made by the mayor that WDC may look to fund in 2018 – 19 after all.

We are strongly of the view that WDC should not fund TWC for 2018 – 19 via the Tourism Promotion Rate without consulting the ratepayers prior to this rate strike. This is not happening as part of the current process.

The \$\$ amounts involved are significant to the commercial ratepayers of Westland.

Kelly Harris  
Hospitality New Zealand Regional Manager  
Westland Branch



# Westland: The Next Generation

Long Term Plan 2018—2028

Consultation Document

Submission Form

SUBMISSION FORM

**Note: This submission is public and the details provided will be displayed to members of the public.**

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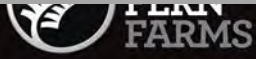
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15 June 2018

**RE: Westland District Council Long Term Plan 2018-2028**

Silver Fern Farms appreciates this opportunity to provide feedback on the Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

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If you wish to clarify or further discuss any of the matters raised or points made, please do not hesitate to contact Alison Johnstone from our Group Environmental team by phone (027



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Yours Sincerely,

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