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### Submission to Annual Plan 2013/14

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#### Re Hokitika Area Promotions Uniform Charge (Funding for EH)

- The Hokitika Area Promotions rate is a uniform charge and targeted rate on each Commercial Ratepayer in the Hokitika area.
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**I support the reinstatement of the Hokitika Area Promotions Uniform Charge/Targeted Rate.** ☒ Yes ☐ No

We the undersigned make the above submission to Council's Annual Plan 2013/14 consultation process.

Vicki Allen Hurley Name Heritage Highway Motel Business Name  
[Signature] Signature 14-6-13 Date  
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Do you wish to be heard in support of this submission? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Hi-

This submission is being presented to you as a member of Enterprise Hokitika (EH). EH is encouraging its members to make a submission to the Westland District Council on the future of EH's funding in the Draft Annual Plan.

Please read through the submission carefully and tick yes or no depending on your opinion.

You can also make individual submissions to Council online at [www.westlanddc.govt.nz](http://www.westlanddc.govt.nz) or writing your own submission and dropping it into Council.

PLEASE NOTE: In each submission, the question is asked if you want to be heard in support of your submission. By ticking "yes", you are given the OPTION to speak to this submission at the Council hearing on submissions. It does not mean you HAVE to speak. If you tick "no", you cannot speak.

Thank you for your time,

Enterprise Hokitika

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Don Neale, Secretary Name Westland Community Centre Inc Business Name Regent Theatre

DMQ Signature 27/6/13 Date

P.O Box 228, Hokitika - 23 Weld St Address

Do you wish to be heard in support of this submission? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Name Business Name

Signature Date

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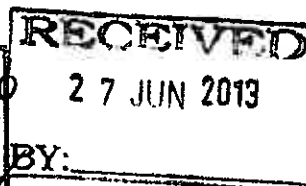
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Enterprise Hokitika does a great job for the town  
e area & the targeted rate is the fairest funding system.

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**Draft Westland District Annual Plan Submission**

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(delete one)

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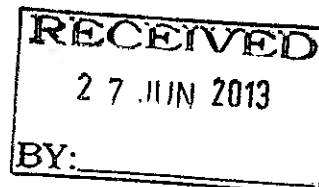
I support the inclusion in the Annual Plan for Council to make provision to help keep Hokitika's Regent Theatre open by including an average annual rates levy of about \$10/yr for each Hokitika ratepayer, and \$3/yr elsewhere.

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Extras comments:

The theatre is an essential community facility.

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### Draft Westland District Annual Plan Submission

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*Bruce Watson*



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My/ Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

I will comment generally, then submit a "for or against" opinion on a few specific council activities.

I would rather pay higher rates, and maintain service and activity levels, than trim services. I find a 9.2% increase acceptable.

① Library, I site, museum - maintain present hours, especially the library needs to be open some time outside 9-5 hrs.

② Councils "wait & see" policy on sea erosion is correct. This is a cyclic event. If a wall must be built, it should be the further out option, even at greater cost, so we're not left with lots of beach but no grass, when erosion eases. General rates should cover at least some of the cost.

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③ I am against the Hollyford Road.

- the economics are doubtful.
- the mindset of "conquering the environment" has had its day.
- we should encourage tourist activities, not just bus tours.

④ I approve council support of the cycle trail, that it has agreed to fund promotion, and that it will support further extensions. But with present debt level, let's see how the Grey - Ross section works out first.

Thank you for hearing my submission.

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(Attach more pages if needed)

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My/ Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

On behalf of the Whataroa Community Assn I would  
like to make the following submission

that the toilet grant for Whataroa be increased to  
at the moment, we are subsidizing our toilet cleaning & moving  
by around \$2500 per annum which is a situation  
that has become untenable for us. We simply don't  
have these funds available.

We receive \$6500 pa in grants from the council  
costs are \$5200 cleaning, supplies \$2500 & moving  
\$6900 pa. We are fundraising

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currently to repair the hall, cover the pool, & playground complete our library, along with a myriad of other projects & our small community simply cannot afford to subsidize this any longer.

Our toilets are used primarily by tourist & particularly tour buses.

We have in the past approached tour companies asking for a donation but have been told quite categorically that this is a function that should be provided by the local council & in this we agree.

We have also as an organisation put in a submission regarding the re-instatement of the \$70,000 township upgrade fund & I would like to speak to this submission as well please.

Kind Regards

Bibi O'Neill - Nolan

Spokesperson

Whakara Community Assn

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## 1. Overview

The WDC is to be congratulated for the manner in which the “getting real” document has been compiled and presented to the public. For probably the first time that I can remember I have a sense of ownership as a contributor to the eventual outcome of the document.

I realize that the document has been prepared to illustrate options available resulting from the adoption of a set of financial management principles however it seems to me to be important that goals of the long term plan should not just be compromised simply because dollars may not be readily available. While it may be stating the obvious, available finance should not be the only criteria for making progress with identified goals.

I found the document very easy to read but was a bit confused and sought clarification on a few points ( and was enlightened by council staff) e.g. no revenue identified for the Hokitika swimming pool p47. I would suggest that a little bit more explanation as to how these sort of projects are managed would assist. It may also be helpful to use the information about expenditure and revenue on p.47/48 in a combined table so everyone can see what the deficit or surplus is.

Having spent nearly 50 years in the Public Service I appreciate the balance required between providing a service and user pays with the limited revenue opportunities council has. However I would strongly recommend investigating a revenue task force/ think tank approach to identifying potential revenue opportunities even though some of these projects may be being managed by the Westland Holdings Company. From my experience, these sorts of think tanks involving staff and others can yield some amazing results – gathering revenue from unformed legal road, rates on mining activities, bylaws for licencing cat ownership – what a potential revenue gatherer! Seriously I really believe that council should try some lateral thinking with revenue opportunities.

It can be difficult to bring about changes and a number of ratepayer expectations and concerns do seem to be related to change. I find it astonishing that on one hand residents are up in arms at the high cost of waste management while on the other hand are quite happy to have a completely free library service that’s costing too much in my opinion when there are opportunities for charging.

I presume the document has been overtaken in some areas for example – Endowment funds as it appears as though the Kumara and Ross communities will be in favour of using these funds rather than council expenditure. I support the use of the endowment funds for that purpose.

OK some specific comments at last!

**Valuations** – The whole district valuation system needs a complete overhaul – it is ludicrous that a \$5m dairy farm pays little more in rates than a beach front residence. This is another revenue opportunity but unfortunately not an immediate one as a complete rating review is required.

**Library** – given the state of the budget, residents cannot expect a free service and there should be a minimum charge for this service. If this was the case, hours may not be reduced. Perhaps the library staff should be given a smaller expenditure amount and give them the authority to run the library as a business to simply break even. A potential cost saving.

**Swimming pools – as per library** - a greater appreciation of user pays – perhaps council should reduce expenditure and challenge user and pool management to meet the difference or reduce hours.

**Museum** – I totally oppose the proposed reduction in hours. Our museum is a tourist spot and its management should be encouraged to continue to be innovative and increase revenue.

**I site** – The document alludes to the possibility of the front desk or face of the council being moved to the I site. This is clearly a no brainer and should be implemented with some speed even though there may be some staff or restructuring issues to be worked through. If auctioned then hours would not need to be reduced.

**Fox Glacier/ Harihari Community Centres** – I do not believe that council should be contributing to these projects by way of a financial grant. Council could assist these communities to realize opportunities that may exist.

**Animal control** – I believe that there is an opportunity to drastically reduce this amount. The target should be a zero expenditure – opportunities for dialogue with SPCA

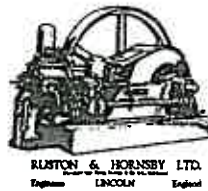
**Depreciation Policy** – while I referred to this topic with some humour in my soapbox, council have done an excellent job of explaining the issue with its jam jars. I would suggest that council have still taken a conservative approach and the formula could be amended to free up more dollars by extending the time period.

**Reserve Funds** -I note that on p41 the information about the 3 mile domain is sadly in error. One of my tasks when working as statutory land manager with DOC was to fix up the issues with the classification of the reserve as it was not being used for its gazette purpose. Unlicensed use of buildings, sale of gravel resources had taken place so I instigated discussions with council to review the purpose of the reserve. Briefly the suggested option was to change the classification from recreation reserve to a Local Purpose Reserve ( public utility). This was approved by council in 2005 and I arranged for the gazettal action to take place.

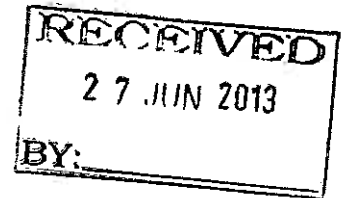
There is no need for the council to have a committee to manage this reserve and while some may still think they have a say on the use of the substantial accumulated funds (\$232K), the Reserves Act clearly allows these funds to be spent on reserves generally. Council should investigate whether they still wish to have any input from the past committee as to the proposed use of these funds. I doubt whether any formal meeting or appointments have been made by the past committee.

**Basically council have the right to use these funds for reserve purposes and given the state of the budget, may wish to do so!**

**Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I am available if any of the above require further explanation.**



Westland Industrial Heritage Park



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### Submission to the Westland District Council 2013/2014 Annual Plan

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## We would like to speak to our submission.

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#### 1. Executive Summary

The Westland Industrial Heritage Park (WIHP) was appointed by the Westland District Council in 2000 to manage and restore the Council's industrial collection and the development of the site as an Industrial Park. In addition, the WIHP was tasked to store surplus items from the Hokitika Museum. WIHP was also asked to maintain and keep available the dog pound. Council agreed that in return for managing these collections etc. no rental would be charged and Council would cover the costs of any power used.

A suitable lease was prepared and over the past decade the Park members have arranged for the Park to become an Incorporated Society having a Charitable status as well as becoming registered as a Museum with Te Papa.

Since that time and as a result of enthusiastic fundraising (at no cost to Council) the collection at the Park has grown considerably while additional buildings have been erected, the latest – a four bay shed displaying wooden artifacts. This shed was the subject of a grant from Council that was partially withheld when the current funding crisis was first identified.

The land area involved at the Park is classified as Airport Reserve and the administration of the land has been transferred from the WDC to the Hokitika Airport Company being a Council LATE. The buildings and contents (both inside and outside) form a part of the overall WDC assets.

The lease held by the WIHP has expired and awaits renewal. The Hokitika Airport Company advise that they have prepared a draft lease and this awaits WDC signature.

Westland Industrial Heritage Park submission to the WDC annual Plan June 2013

Following the disastrous fire which razed the WIHP workshop in 2011 it became clear that the WDC were unaware of the value of the asset they own that is managed by the WIHP. Accordingly in 2012 the WIHP approached Council with a proposal that a formal MOU was entered into between the WDC and the WIHP to clearly set out the arrangements required to protect the asset at the Park that is progressively increasing in value.

**The submission of the WIHP centres around two main points.**

- The WIHP strongly urges the WDC to authorise its officers to complete a suitable Memorandum of Understanding with the WIHP to protect its assets and enshrine the roles of the two parties in the maintenance of these assets. This MOU to be completed as a deliverable outcome within the first part of the annual plan. Council should complete the draft lease document.
- WDC makes provision in the annual budget for adequate funding to ensure the WIHP can continue its function with the continued collection, maintenance and restoration of this unique collection for which it acts as kaitiaki.

The current costs to Council for the management of the Park from information provided by Council staff are:

Rates - as WDC managed the land under the Reserves Act as an Airport Reserve, it effectively pays rates on the property to itself as a "book entry". Since the transfer of the management of the Reserve to the Airport Company, Council have apparently not sought rates from that Company for the property.

Rental – the original lease between the WDC waived any rental in return for the maintenance and restoration of the WDC "collections". The Airport Company have agreed that they do not require the Park to pay any rental in the draft lease agreement.

Power – In the original lease agreement, WDC agreed to pay for the cost of power to enable the collections to be maintained and where possible, restored. As WDC continues to pay these costs, the WIHP is not aware of the actual costs incurred. (we believe the costs for the last 6 months was around \$500)

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**Recommendation:**

1. That the formal MOU and lease documents be completed as noted above.
2. To enable the WIHP to continue to manage the WDC collections and continue to develop the Park as a tourist attraction, Council is asked to include the above identified costs (including paper transactions for the sake of transparency) in the 2013/2014 annual plan.

**Rates – paper transaction,**

**Rental - waived**

**Power – not known but estimated at up to \$3K.**

Westland Industrial Heritage Park submission to the WDC annual Plan June 2013

## **2. Further Information MOU, Insurance, Maintenance, Communication etc.)**

### **2a. Background**

The WIHP was established around 2000 and fused the collections of the Westland Farm and Vintage Machinery Club, the collections of the Hokitika Fire Brigade, the ex Westland County Council collection and the overflow from the Hokitika Museum. Volunteers at the park (who spend at least 5000 hours annually) are dedicated to its planned vision of not only managing the 'collections' but establishing the Park as a tourist attraction for the West Coast, based in Hokitika, featuring working examples wherever possible, of machinery associated with Westland's rich industrial past.

These aims and objectives were submitted to the WDC as part of our original submissions to the long term plan.

Just one example of our achievements to date is the special Ruston collection that is probably the **best collection of working engines in the Southern hemisphere.**

More recently the WIHP has been working closely with the WDC to provide a suitable standby generator capable of generating an auxiliary power source in case of a civil emergency. To this end the WIHP has spent countless hours and dollars restoring the ex Cowan Blackstone engine which is now up and running - again at no cost to Council. The WIHP is investigating the refurbishment of the existing generator that will complete this project for the benefit of the whole district should an emergency occur.

The WIHP is working on another project that will have a huge benefit to the community and the WDC – funding for a combined steam display and woodworking workshop. If approved, the provision of a fully equipped woodworking workshop will mean that the Park will be able to maintain and restore valuable wooden artifacts and assist other like organizations (including the Hokitika Museum) to maintain their special items. The Park has already acquired most of the equipment to outfit the workshop and this facility will also be available for community use for evening woodwork classes as well as being available as part of the Mens Shed project. Already, restoration is well underway for the historic Merewether launch that will be followed by the complete overhaul of the Hall stagecoach.

The Park is currently in the process of acquiring what is believed to be the earliest extant portable steam engine surviving **in the world** built in 1853 that was imported to Hokitika from England for use in a coffee making factory near the Hokitika wharf.

The Park continues to support the local community with a number of projects. With the fully equipped workshop this service is likely to increase. The kids day out, Hokitika Lions projects and maintenance of exhibits at the Hokitika Museum are just a few examples. More recently the WIHP has offered the local RSA storage space for their large "guns".



## 2b. Tourist attraction

Given the enormous value of the Council owned collection managed by the WIHP, its popularity with locals and visitors is fast increasing. While "opening hours" are advertised as being on Saturdays and Wednesdays, the park is basically open most days each week as members work on various projects. It has become very popular with a variety of visitors and has featured widely in overseas magazines, U tube and facebook.

Now that the Ruston exhibit is nearing completion, there will be a focus on completing the essential interpretation required so that visitors experience is enhanced.

## 2c. MOU/Lease document

A draft MOU and a draft lease document were presented to the WDC in 2012.

## 2d. Insurance/Inventory

The WIHP is currently working with Te Papa to acquire a software programme –*Past Perfect* that is currently used by the Hokitika Museum to identify and value its collection. Once this programme has been acquired (at no cost to Council – some \$950) the park will be able to inventory its collection. The value of the asset managed by the WIHP is clearly in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

A detailed inventory of equipment held at the Park will then be available in a similar fashion to that now listed in the fully refurbished mechanical workshop.

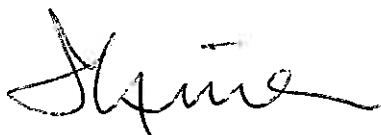
## 2e. Maintenance

The buildings at the Park consist of a number of older and new buildings that have been very recently built. While being Council assets that will be maintained in the overall district maintenance plan, the WIHP will continue to carry out as much maintenance as it can with the resources it has available. The dog pound, still used occasionally by SPCA has been fully repainted at our cost.

## 2f. Communication

It is strongly recommended that a reporting activity be established between the WDC and the WIHP so that both parties can keep each other updated with any issues arising from the MOU.

Prepared by



Ian Gilbertson

Secretary

Approved by



Mort Cruickshank

President

Westland Industrial Heritage Park submission to the WDC annual Plan June 2013

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Submission Hearings will be on Thursday 04 & Friday 05 July 2013

All submissions will be acknowledged and time slots given to those who indicate they want to speak to their submission at the submission hearings. Please note that all submissions (including personal details - name, address and phone number) will be made public.

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My/ Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

I would like to see funding continued for the Regent Theatre (\$25,000) as this provides the function of a town hall for Schools, Community Groups and others.

I would like to see funding continued for Sports West Coast, as this provides an important service to the Community (\$30,000 p.a.)

I would like to see NO funding for Tourism West Coast. This service should be funded by the industry. Save \$86,000.

The funds for Enterprise Hokianga + Glacier Country should remain, as this is the industry + businesses funding their own promotion.

I support merging Council front desk services with the 1-site service.

I believe Hokianga does not need an Animal Control Officer. Save \$21,353.

Hokianga also does not require a parking warden.

I agree with the proposed reduced library hours.

The museum should have consistent hours all year, i.e. to 4 pm.

1-site opening could be 9-5 Mon - Fri all year.

Wild Foods Festival should be held every second year, freeing some money to support other community events.

Parks + Reserves: you could also cease spraying along kerbs and footpaths.

Repair of statues at Cass Square: why is this amount double what was planned in the LTP? stick to \$5,000.

(Submission form continues over)

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WASTEWATER: The Trade waste agreement and flow meters should be paid for by companies and consent holders.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT:

I do not support removal of free trailer bins from small Westland communities. If dumping by "passer-bys" is a problem, find a solution that works for the locals.

I do not agree with the introduction of larger bins. The current 60l bags work well. Stay with these or a 60l bin. 120l for recycling is also sufficient.

I agree with changes to the glass recycling, but at least one trailer with bins should be provided in town.

Dumping of green waste should be free and a composting facility established.

COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS:

Council needs to take more control over these organisations.

I do not want to see any more money spent on the Haast - Hellyford - Road proposal, whether the Council or the subsidiary companies (Westland District Properties). NOT ONE CENT!

No further properties should be transferred to Westland District Properties. A business case for this is not required. Save \$45,000.

Replenishment of Council front offices for \$150,000 seems excessive. May not be required if services are provided by a 3rd party.

I support the Council revoking the camping bylaws. In my view such a law is not required in the near future.

(Attach more pages if needed)

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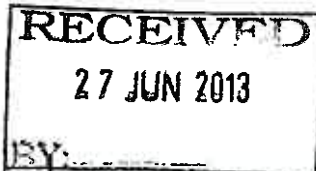
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You can deliver your submission form in person to the Council offices, 36 Weld Street, Hokitika. A submission box is available in the foyer.

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### DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK TO MY SUBMISSION

### SMALL TOWNSHIP GRANTS

Disagree with Council abolishing small township grants.

I feel that Hari Hari has been unjustly targeted as our turn for the grant has been over-ridden by other townships. On a five year rotation we were due for the grant several years ago, but this did not eventuate.

### RUBBISH

As the Council does not have a rubbish collection in rural areas, we are reliant on a private contractor for our rubbish removal. Because of continued increasing fees for the contractor to dump this rubbish, the price has more than doubled per bin full. I feel the Council should halve it's dumping fees to the contractor in order for him to reduce his fees to the rural community.

### HARI HARI COMMUNITY FACILITY

As the concept plans have been agreed upon and funding in place, can we please move immediately on calling for Design & Build tenders. Any further delays are unacceptable.

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#### SMALL TOWNSHIP GRANTS

Reinstate these grants for small townships on the five year rotation basis.

The township development grants provide a means for small communities to plan for the future by upgrading their amenities and environment on a regular basis. Community ideas can be implemented, allowing residents to take ownership and pride in their township which in turn encourages new residents/businesses. Maybe the amount could be reduced to \$50,000 for one rotation of the five year cycle then revert to \$70,000.

Hari Hari township did not get \$70,000 on either seven or five year rotation (due about 2011) and now faces complete cut of funding.

#### HARI HARI COMMUNITY FACILITY

Totally approve this project.

Prolonged delays by Council have stalled progress for many years, even with funding in place. Now that the facility has been promised future support by Council, they should actively enable this to go ahead in a prompt manner by appointing a steering committee (from HH Committee & Council) ready to begin all the necessary processes. Tenders need to be called for the 'design & build' without delay so that facility can be built within the financial resources available. No further delays please.

#### KOKATAHI / KOWHITIRANGI AND HAAST RURAL FIRE GROUPS

Support continued funding.

A core service to these rural communities – needs to be funded so they can provide real emergency help when required. Their actual existence shows a need, and these are the types of basic volunteer services Council should be supporting. Amount saved doesn't equate to value of volunteer contribution and assistance in an urgent situation.

### **RUBBISH**

This is becoming a real concern in Westland. Huge increases in both dump fees and private collection fees means people are not able to afford to use either option and will resort to 'fly tipping'. Where does this rubbish end up if not in collection bins or at the dump?

Abolishing the small local dump sites in South Westland townships has had an adverse effect. Mastaguard was another expensive mistake.

Dump fees are so high at the Hari Hari dump, very few use it. There seem to be unnecessary costs in rubbish being transported around Westland for weighing and sorting. Hari Hari rubbish bin collection has just changed from weekly to fortnightly (as of 25/6/13) due to so few wheelie bins put out now. This is a direct result of council charges to South Westland Rubbish being passed on to ratepayers, and charges increased from \$11.50 to \$23. Reduce the contractors costs and he can do the same for ratepayers. If a family usually puts out a bin weekly then service is cut to fortnightly, what will happen to their rubbish?

Alternatively, why not have a free skip somewhere that people can just put their actual rubbish in themselves, with facilities nearby for recycled items ie glass, plastics and paper. The recycling containers need to be large enough to handle the volume deposited, and need to be clearly marked. Other items such as car batteries, whiteware, small amounts of chemicals etc could be left in designated areas. This could be done at the old dumpsite on Cron Road, with permanent access and a truck to collect skip when full, rather than an employee travelling for short opening times and few customers. If rubbish can be dumped free at a designated site, people will use it.

### **TOILETS AT HARIHARI**

Suggest the annual funding for the cleaning & supply of cleaning materials should be increased slightly to cover costs. At \$6,000 this must be one of the most cost effective toilet maintenance amounts on West Coast, given high use by both tourists and local travellers.

### **HAAST-HOLLYFORD ROAD**

Against.

Has been mooted several times in the past and investigation has shown it to be not viable. Do West Coasters really want this? Council is elected by the ratepayers but have the ratepayers been asked if they agree with a \$220 million road?

No guarantee of any more visitors to West Coast as tourists could then do a southern loop (Te Anau, Milford, Haast, Wanaka, Queenstown)). Keep the rainforest intact, and don't mess with Fiordland & Mount Aspiring National Parks.

Stop spending Council / Property Company money on pie-in-the-sky schemes when the focus needs to be 'basics'. Westland District Property Ltd is wasting taxpayers money continuing with this folly.

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**Comments:**

I'd like to congratulate the council on the excellent work undertaken on the cycle trail. Last week my 5 year old daughter turned to me whilst we were cycling on the trail and said 'dad we are so lucky that those people built a bike track for us'.. I think that sums it up. It is a great example of an asset that will not only bring economic benefit but also bring huge benefits to the local community. Well done! I do have some concerns about other proposals in the annual plan, I think my biggest concern is the rationale behind the proposals for reducing rates. It seems to me that these are disproportionately aimed at community services and groups. In the case of Enterprise Hokitika, Glacier country promo, The regent theatre and sport west coast, I think we get excellent value for money. A relatively small grant gets used by these groups to leverage and enable a great deal of extra volunteer time and effort to be useful. These small grants enable big things to happen in our community and district. Tourism and Primary Produce are the main drivers for the Westland economy. • A portion of the Hokitika Area Promotions rate enables EH to resource a Part Time Promotions Coordinator (10-12 hours a week). This ensures continuity and timely implementation of Hokitika marketing activities so promotional outcomes are achieved within funding budgets. • EH contributes to and facilitates Council's own vision of a World Class Tourist Destination. • The NZ Government has recognised the need for additional funding to market and promote NZ as a destination with an additional \$158m. • EH acts in partnership with Tourism West Coast, Development West Coast, the Westland District Council, the Department of Conservation and Glacier Promotions. EH must continue to be included as part of the bigger tourism marketing picture to take maximum advantage of marketing opportunities and tourism funding to ensure the future viability of our town. This year, WDC has resolved to remove the Hokitika Promotions Targeted Rate from its Draft Annual Plan and will not facilitate the collection of this uniform charge on behalf of EH. I support the reinstatement of the Hokitika Area Promotions Uniform Charge/Targeted Rate I also support the operational grant to the regent theatre - it is essential that the community has a theatre/ town hall / civic centre. WDC has already consulted on this in the past and received majority support. I hope that WDC can resolve to provide this funding for a longer period,

perhaps in line with the LTP timing. Sport is essential for kids, it keeps them healthy, fit and is the most effective way to teach basic life skills such as teamwork, competition, and fairness. Please support Sport West Coast - it is an investment in the future of our community - our children. I note that there is mention of the changes to the local government act. I see that the gist of this is to move to providing core services. It also mentions concentrating on services that only council can provide. I think it is important to remember that in small rural communities and towns council is the only way to fairly collect and distribute grants and funding for community services and groups. These things build stronger communities, make this a more attractive place to live which ultimately leads to a more sustainable future.

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*Sport Canterbury West Coast Sports Trust (CWCST) operating in the Westland District Council (WDC) area, wishes to make the following submission in relation to the Annual Plan. Our aim is to get more people, more physically active in our region, we work to facilitate physical activity in every form possible (sport participation, active recreation, physical activity, daily living e.g. active transport. Our submission is made from this viewpoint.*

*The Westland District Council (WDC) is recognised around New Zealand as a council that supports sport, recreation and physical activity.*

**Introduction**

We congratulate Council for their contribution to the provision of sport, recreation and physical activity opportunities in the Westland District. These activities should look to;

- enhance the well-being and social development of youth in our community through participation first and foremost
- develop performance pathways from participation through to representative and higher levels of competitiveness
- where possible support the development of top class facilities.

For the past 10 years the Westland District Council and the Canterbury West Coast Sports Trust have had a close working relationship and we acknowledge the tremendous support we have received over that period in the form of an annual grant and office space with the council.

We acknowledge Council is currently facing fiscal challenges which places limitations around investment but we are advocating for Sport and Recreation and the value it brings to a community both socially and economically through events, tournaments and tourism. We encourage support this sector where practical, to ensure the District provides a environment that support residents well being by providing an affordable infrastructure of playing fields sporting and recreation facilities.

We see council's investment into the Canterbury West Coast Sports Trust as vital for the continuing growth of sport and participation in the region. As leaders of sport and participation, the Canterbury West Coast Regional Sports Trust wish to continue to drive and develop club and sport capability directly driving participation rates ensuring our sporting codes can maintain their sports for the benefit of their participating members. Along with supporting the large volunteer network which sustain sport in the district.

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We would recommend that the Westland District Council give due consideration to re-instating the funds allocated to the Canterbury West Coast Sports Trust (\$31,000) as this a key part of being able to provide an essential and ongoing service within the Westland community. We do recognize that these are crucial fiscal decisions and extremely tight financial times and do not make this recommendation lightly.

Sport Canterbury thanks the Westland District Council for their support and we look forward to maintaining our positive relationship as we continue to deliver programmes, events and capability to the sport and recreation sector of the Westland Region.

We would welcome the opportunity to speak on behalf of this submission.

Pavel D Bares



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**Comments:**

Submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan: There are many reasons why Councilors and staff should be congratulated for the progress achieved in services and assets over the past decade. The assets will serve the District well for many years into the future. However, they have come at a cost that is not sustainable, given that much of the past spending has come from debt and reserves. For next 10 years Council should consolidate and undertake new projects only in exceptional circumstances. DEBT The current debt level is high (equivalent to one year's revenue), but manageable at current interest rates. The real danger is the potential impact of a sudden rise in interest rates which is beginning to appear internationally. This will make interest payments onerous for everyone, including Council. RATES I support the rate rise proposed for 2014 but oppose the increases proposed for subsequent years. The series of additional 7% rises are far too onerous, considering the demographics and general economic activity in the District. Instead, Council must signal a further drastic effort at austerity coming in 2015. The goal should be to create a surplus of \$1m/annum applied to reduce debt plus build reserves over the next decade. In reality, this requires another approximate \$3m cut in the level of the 2014/2015 budget. This will involve staff cuts, delaying the transport and water reticulation work programmes, plus extra deep cuts where possible in all other services. Westland residents and businesses will have to become more self-reliant citizens if rate rises are to be kept to the rate of inflation. (see "a restructuring proposal for the Queenstown Lakes District Council"). ASSET SALES Asset sales should also be seriously considered where a function or asset is no longer a core Council activity. The more asset sales achieved the less austerity required. I-SITE One activity that Council should sell/offer is the I-site facility. Sell to a private operator offsite and use the I-site space for Council purposes, perhaps as the Council meeting chamber. TOURISM/BUSINESS PROMOTIONS Council funded support for promotion etc must be halted. This is rarely effective spending and the benefits are often captured by a small segment of the business community. Council is not in the game of picking winners or creating jobs. Business owners should stand on their own feet. CEMETERY CHARGES Cemetery charges should rise to a level that makes that service

near cost neutral. Residents have the alternative of cremation. CYCLE TRAIL The long term maintenance and standard of engineering required for this cycling facility is of concern. Whether the facility will prove viable in a remote rural district is debatable. SOLID WASTE Just cap the Franz Dump with river coarse. Surely it is not necessary for an elaborate seal to trap methane in the context of the South Westland environment. The quantities of methane are emitted by the forests and wetlands of South Westland far exceed that coming from a small dump. Council should challenge some of these requirements coming from Wellington. EXPENDITURE ON PROJECTS There seems to a rather overuse of loans for projects rather than using current revenues. Like using reserves this promotes some people to have a unrealistic view of what the Council can afford. COUNCIL OFFICES This refurbishment should be held until I-site future decided. Spending on upgraded offices does not fit well with asking ratepayers for more. WESTLAND DISTRICT PROPERTY COMPANY I do not believe that Council, nor its companies, should "become involved in strategic property development throughout the region which will benefit the District". This gives "carte blanche" to the directors and CEO to engage in enterprise not appropriate for small local government. It makes it very difficult for Councillors to see what's going on. A lack of control has led to the Westland District property company becoming a public relations liability to Council, not the least in a contentious property deal at Okarito. Having an entrepreneurial management of Council assets has its downside as must be painfully obvious to Council at the present time. Too much "adventurous extra-curricular activity" given the nature and size of the assets the Company controls. Job creation and enterprise is the role of the Development Trust and private sector. In that regard I believe that the litigation by Council's company staff against a group of ratepayers is highly inappropriate and the staff involved should be instructed by the Mayor to withdraw or resign. If directors or senior staff cannot bear the political scrutiny then they shouldn't be in the job. It reflects badly on Council democracy. Legal proceedings are being used as a tactic to silence what should have been accepted as "boisterous" political debate. One of the litigants took a defamation case against Okarito which cost the small Community over \$40,000 to defend. In 2012 year, the Property company income was simply leases and services which was then spent on what appears to be excessive admin expenses. No dividend was paid to Council. That means Council received no cash return from \$2.6m worth of assets. The only property sold was the Okarito section - about which are many unanswered questions. The final cost of this transaction to Council and DOC may well be far greater than the \$19,000 sale price. HOKITIKA AIRPORT COMPANY I have similar concerns about the viability of the airport business. It returned a paltry 1.8% on the same \$2.5m assets, again with high costs. The thought of this company raising a large loan for airport development seems unwise given the current business model. If any of these companies were to fail, does Council guarantee their loans? Or will Council take the same attitude as central government has with Solid Energy, and let the banks stand any losses? By contrast, Westroads seems a well run profitable company, a credit to its directors and staff. Perhaps placing the Airport and Property companies under Westroads management is the logical solution. I suggest that all three companies be managed by a single board and CEO, with Council being far more conservative in its performance goals and keep very close oversight. I L James Okarito

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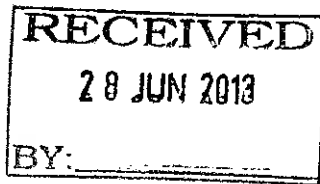
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Submissions to the Westland District Plan for 2013/14

To the Westland District Council,

**I submit that the small townships \$70,000 grant every 5 years, (formerly 7 years) be reinstated immediately.**

Reasons:

That this money has already been collected in past rates,

That it is morally wrong to with-hold that from the townships,

That this money is spent in the townships for projects as decided by the people (ratepayers) actually living there.

That our small townships are considered by Council as "only a minority benefit" whereas the truth is that by adding the townships and rural South Westland, they include almost half the number of the ratepayers of Westland District therefore it is important that this already paid for money, be made available to the townships.

That money already granted to small township/s and not used within the financial year or not used for the identified project intended be handed back to Council for re-distribution to either Hari Hari or Whataroa who were "bumped" from their turn in the cycle of township money availability.

That the Councillors should recognise the needs of these townships that otherwise miss out on many of the services and facilities that Hokitika itself and those living nearby are easily able to enjoy.

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**I am opposed to & I submit against the very high increase in rates as applied to the rural sector and submit that this proposed rate increase be reduced into single figures or tied to the cost of living index.**

Reasons:

That increases of such magnitude of 23% are unjust,

That making such a high demand from one sector of the community is not good fiduciary justice

That Council has not taken into consideration that this rate increase by far exceeds any increase that may have taken place in **SOME** farmer's incomes, others have had no increase or a loss rather than an increase

That previous rates from this sector have been spent for little or no advantage to this sector.

That a tripling of costs for the only rubbish removal system (private) available to us is primarily because of Council's decision to close dumps or price them off the market.

That we have no opportunity other than a private one which is paid over and above the rates of accessing rubbish collection

That we have no foot-paths, no sewerage schemes, no water provided, no rubbish collection, nor are we able to access any of these things under Council provision. We must pay on top of our rates to private providers to establish these facilities for ourselves.

We must drive long distances to access facilities in Hokitika.

That our rates are used disproportionately to fund such facilities and cultural activities in Hokitika.

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**I submit that the Hari Hari Facility be proceeded with promptly on a design and build process with clear timelines for beginning and proceeding through to the build stage and including a finish date for this project.**

That Hari Hari has proceeded with and passed all the obstacles put in its way for this project

That there is a clear already identified benefit to the whole local area, both township and rural

That Council has held our original funds for some time and while Council may be able to legally allocate some of this money elsewhere, morally it (Council) has recognised it was generated for this project.

That council work with the Hari Hari Community Association to make rapid progress of this project

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**I wish to speak on these submissions**

**Submitted by**

**Mary Molloy, Dairy Farmer,**

**La Fontaine Road,**

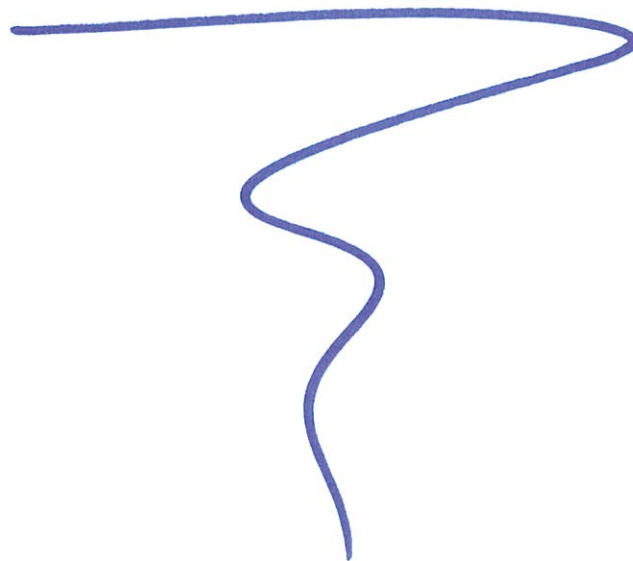
**R.D. 1,**

**Hari Hari 7884**

**[chaos1@xtra.co.nz](mailto:chaos1@xtra.co.nz) 03 7533082**

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Kirsty Manera

**From:** Anna Green <franzjosefcdo@xtra.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 27 June 2013 9:55 a.m.  
**To:** consult  
**Cc:** Tanya Winter; Maureen Pugh  
**Subject:** two petition/submissions from Franz Josef Community attached  
**Attachments:** petition re \$70000 Township Maintenance Fund.pdf; petition re CDO role.pdf

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Hi Kirsty

Please find attached two separate petitions from the Franz Josef Community to be entered/counted as submissions (as per Maureen's advice). One is regarding the \$70,000 Township Maintenance Fund, and the other is regarding the Community Development Officer role.

Please acknowledge receipt of these two documents.

Kind regards

Anna Green  
Community Development Officer  
PO Box 86 | Franz Josef Glacier 7856 | Westland  
Phone: 03 752 0212 | Mobile: 027 261 6750  
office hours @ DOC i-site: Monday Wednesday & Friday 9.30am - 3pm

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30/5/2013	Sarah-Jane Luoni	4 Allumer Drive, Franz Josef	PO Box 14, Franz Josef	Sarah-Jane Luoni
30/5/2013	Karina Alice Henderson	11 McFleck Place, Franz Josef	PO Box 14, Franz Josef	Karina Henderson
30/5/2013	Jade Treanor	11 McFleck Place, Franz Josef	PO Box 14, Franz Josef	Jade Treanor
30/5/2013	Celia Tymons	2458 SH6, Franz Josef	PO Box 33, Franz Josef	Celia Tymons
30/5/2013	Kristina Mottola	SH6, Whakatane	PO Box 77, Whakatane	Kristina Mottola
30/5/2013	Luke Tappin	2-4 Cron Street, FS	PO Box 12, Franz Josef	Luke Tappin
30/5/2013	Joshua Bannister	2/4 Cron Street, FS	PO Box 12, Franz Josef	Joshua Bannister
30/5/2013	Samantha Brought	2-4 Cron Street, FS	PO Box 12, Franz Josef	Samantha Brought
30/5/2013	Casesy Martin	2-4 Cron Street, FS	PO Box 12, Franz Josef	Casesy Martin
30/5/2013	Bridgette Fink	8/98 Cron St FS	PO Box 32, FS	Bridgette Fink
30/5/2013	Dale Burrows	8/98 Cron St FS	PO Box 32, FS	Dale Burrows
30/5/2013	Ashlee Hann	Whakatane	290a Solly Road	Ashlee Hann
30/5/2013	CISA / OA	20 Cron St, FS	PO Box 147, Franz Josef	CISA / OA
30/5/2013	Carl Anne Kothowski	46 Cron Street FS	PO Box 58	Carl Anne Kothowski
30/5/2013	Richard Binger	3 Weymouth St, FS	PO Box 47	Richard Binger
30/5/2013	Theresa Fettes	State Highway 6 FS	PO Box 119	Theresa Fettes
30/5/2013	Kathy Hartshorne	64 Cron St	PO Box 142	Kathy Hartshorne
30/5/2013	Tracey Waters	TAREE FRANZ JOSEF	PO Box 5 Franz Josef	Tracey Waters
30/5/2013	Dean Biddle	Okato	PO Box 75 "	Dean Biddle
30/5/2013	Lisa Stevenson	State Highway 6 Franz Josef	PO Box 97, Franz Josef	Lisa Stevenson
30/5/2013	Laurelle McGonall	Wakahe Flat Rd. FS	PO Box 87	Laurelle McGonall
30/5/2013	Lara Rutherford	26 Cron St	PO Box 81 Franz Josef	Lara Rutherford
30/5/2013	Henry Morgan	5 Patters Lane	PO Box 106 Franz Josef	Henry Morgan

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31-5-13	John Stone	220 Cowan RD FJ	PO BOX 14, GRACE JONES	John Stone
31/05/13	Paul Lillie	1200 St. George	PO Box 14 Franz Josef	Paul Lillie
31/05/13	Dalva Thom	307B STEG	PO BOX 115 Franz Josef	Dalva Thom
1/06/13	Agnique Hartley	12 Kamahi Cres	PO BOX 66, Franz	Agnique Hartley
1/6/13	James Melonum	13 year St. George	—	James Melonum
2/6/13	James Melonum	12 Greens Road	PO BOX 57 Franz Josef	James Melonum
4	Andrea Melonum	"	"	Andrea Melonum
2-6-13	DANIEL TREANOR	POTTERS LANE	7-0 BOX 83 FRANZ JOSEF	DANIEL TREANOR
3-6-13	Karen Timmer	POACHERS CREEK	FRANZ JOSEF	Karen Timmer
4-6-13	Sue Milne	State H6 FJ	PO Box 27 Franz Josef	Sue Milne
4-6-13	Zoe Wilson	8 Cron Street FJ	PO BOX 29	Zoe Wilson
4/6/13	Helen Jones	21 Cowan Street	PO BOX 143	Helen Jones
4/6/13	Jenny Feint	346 STATE HIGHWAY 6 FJ	COUNTY MAIL FRANZ JOSEF	Jenny Feint
6/6/13	Kate House Smith	Potters Lane, Franz Josef	PO Box 100 Franz Josef	Kate House Smith
7/6/13	Deane Goodall	8 Bolton Place	PO BOX 85 Franz Josef	Deane Goodall
7/6/13	Joanne Reid	30 main Rd Franz Josef	PO BOX 34 Franz Josef	Joanne Reid
7/6/13	Neil Han	2902 SHE, Franz Josef	PO Box 46 Franz Josef	Neil Han
7/6/13	Kaivan Gh	246 Cron Street Franz	—	Kaivan Gh
7/6/13	Karina Gh	246 Cron St, Franz	—	Karina Gh
7/6/13	Deane Goodall	15 Cowan St Franz Josef	PO Box 119 FJG	Deane Goodall
7/6/13	Deane Goodall	Box Glacier Highway FJG	PO Box 119 FJG	Deane Goodall
8/6/13	Jonathan Green	PO 77ER LANE	PO BOX 19 FJG	Jonathan Green
9/6/13	KIKLEE BUCKLAND	3 ARTHURS RD	PO BOX 3 FJG	KIKLEE BUCKLAND
10-6-13	Frank Richard Melloy	Waikato Flat Road, Franz J	PO BOX 130 Franz Josef	Frank Richard Melloy

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13/06/13	Raumer Oehnis	6 Tieschard	P.O. Box 24	[Signature]
14/06/13	Kimberley Parlane	16 Waiho Road Franz Josef	P.O. Box 600	[Signature]
17/6/13	B. Whitteman	17 Cran St	P.O. Box 91	[Signature]
17/6/13	P. Tunnah	5-8 Green St	P.O. Box 90	[Signature]
17/6/13	Gerald Chapman	2900 Franz Josef Hwy	P.O. Box 35	[Signature]
17/6/13	M. Nolan	516 Franz Josef Rd 2537	P.O. Box 129	[Signature]
17/6-13	C. Tenkum	20 Renner Dr Franz J.	P.O. Box 111	[Signature]
18/6/13	H. Benstead	full of beans	P. Box 137	[Signature]
19/6/13	R. Seward	4 The Grand Okato	P.O. Box 87 Franz	[Signature]
20.6.13	J. O'Loughlin	516 Franz Josef		[Signature]
20.6.13	Emily Vincent	Cemetery Creek Okato	P.O. Box 51 Franz Josef	[Signature]
20-6-13	Paul Chummin	14 KAHALI CRES	P.O. Box 155 Franz	[Signature]
21-6-13	Vernessa Gibbs	Gibbs Cottages	P.O. Box 124 Franz	[Signature]
23-6-13	WESS PITTARD	AUSTRIA	69 Waiho. Bumbaby 20 085	[Signature]
23-6-13	Mark Nicholson	46 Green St	P.O. Box 50	[Signature]
24/6/13	Rebecca Sharpe	516 Franz Josef	P.O. Box 52 Franz Josef	[Signature]
24/6/13	William Parker	Parkers Lane, Franz Josef	P.O. Box 49 Franz Josef	[Signature]
24/6/13	Hellie Tang Williams	State Highway 6	P.O. Box 50 Franz Josef	[Signature]
24/6/13	Christina Jones	8 DONOVANS DRIVE F.J.	P.O. Box 65 Franz Josef	[Signature]
24/6/13	Helen Maive Bennett	Croft Franz Josef	P.O. Box 25	[Signature]
24/6/13	Robert Williams	Flat 2 Ferngrove FJ F.J.	P.O. Box 65 F.J.	[Signature]
24-6-13	CHRIS ROY	8 DONOVANS DRIVE FRANZ JOSEF	P.O. Box 65 FRANZ JOSEF	[Signature]
24.6.13	DIVING NICOLAS	21-23 Rata Grove Motel F.J.	P.O. Box 65 Franz Josef	[Signature]
24/6/13	TONED NICOLAS	21-23 RATA GROVE MOTEL F.J.	P.O. Box 65 FRANZ JOSEF	[Signature]

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20/5/2013	Ashley Louise Green	Katers Lane Franz Josef	PO Box 19, Franz Josef	Ashley Green
30/5/2013	Cornelia Vernon	11 Roberts St Whakabon	PO Box 14, Franz Josef	Cornelia Vernon
30/5/2013	Sarah-Jane Liangi	4 Ailmyer Drive, Franz Josef	PO Box 14, Franz Josef	AJ Liangi
30/05/2013	Karina Alice Henderson	11 McFenick Place, Franz Josef	PO Box 14, Franz Josef	K Henderson
30/05/2013	Jade Treanor	Potters Lane, Franz Josef	PO Box 83, Franz Josef	Jade Treanor
"	Celia Tynans	2458 SH6, Franz Josef	PO Box 33, Franz Josef	Celia Tynans
30/05/2013	KERITINA MOTTAVAT	SH6, WHAKABON	PO Box 77, WHAKABON	Keritina Mottavat
30/05/13	Luke TARPETT	2-4 Cron Street, FS	PO Box 12, Franz Josef	Luke Tarpett
30/05/13	Toshia Brunton	2-4 Cron Street, FS	PO Box 12, Franz Josef	Toshia Brunton
30/05/13	Samantha Brunt	2-4 Cron Street, Franz	PO Box 12, Franz Josef	Samantha Brunt
30/5/13	Casesy Martin	2-4 Cron Street, FJ	PO Box 12, Franz Josef	Casesy Martin
30-5-13	Frank Richard Molloy	Waikato Flat Road Franz J.	PO Box 12, Franz Josef	Frank Richard Molloy
31/5/13	Richard Bungeuth	3 Welles St, FJ	PO Box 130 Franz Josef	Richard Bungeuth
31/5/17	Janet Felles	State highway 6	PO Box 119	Janet Felles
31.5.13	Kathy Hartshorne	64 Cron St	PO Box 142	Kathy Hartshorne
31/5/13	Sharon McCaslin	5 Cron St	PO Box 25	Sharon McCaslin
31/5/13	TRACEY WATERS	TATARE FRANZ JOSEF	PO Box 5	Tracey Waters
31.5.13	HEATHER MORGAN	GLENFERN VILLAGE - <del>FRANZ JOSEF</del>	PO Box 41	Heather Morgan
31.5.13	Laurette McNeill	Waikato Flat Rd - FS	PO Box 87	Laurette McNeill
31.5.13	Lara Ruthenford	28 Cron St	PO Box 81	Lara Ruthenford
31.5.13	Henry Morgan	5 Potlows Lane	PO Box 100	Henry Morgan
31/5/13	Phil Gully	12 Cron St	PO Box 14, Franz Josef	Phil Gully
31/05/13	Daniela Thom	307B SH 6	PO Box 115	Daniela Thom
2/6/13	James Meldrum	12 Greens Road	PO Box 57 Franz Josef	James Meldrum
"	Andrea Meldrum	"	"	Andrea Meldrum

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2-June-13	Wendy Felkes	104 SHIEL STREET, KEEFION	wendyfelkes@hotmail.com	Wendy Felkes
2-6-13	Maree Wepes	44 MAIN ST, FRANZ JOSEF	MAREE WEPES@SANCHISTE.CO.NZ	Maree Wepes
2-6-13	Daniel Tigarol	POTTERS LANE, FRANZ	joel@potterslane.co.nz	D. Tigarol
2-6-13	Kate Tigarol	DOCKERS CREEK	franzburgys@xtra.co.nz	Kate Tigarol
4/6/13	Tawny Hundy	FORKS - OKARITO RD	PO BOX 116	Tawny Hundy
4/6/13	Graham Berry	307 SH6 Franz	PO BOX 103	Graham Berry
4/6/13	Sue Millin	PO Box 22 Franz Josef	PO Box 22	Sue Millin
4/6/13	Kate Louise Smith	Potters Lane, Franz Josef	PO BOX 106	Kate Louise Smith
4/6/13	Zoe Wilson	8 Cron Street	PO BOX 29	Zoe Wilson
4/6/13	Helen Jones	21 Crown Street	PO BOX 143	Helen Jones
4/6/13	Jenny Feinberg	346 STATE HIGHWAY 6 F.J.	COUNTER MAIL FRANZ JOSEF	Jenny Feinberg
4-6-13	Michelle Law	Potters Lane	Michelle@icloud.com	Michelle Law
6/6/13	Diane Perry	State Highway 6 FJ	PO BOX 147 Franz	Diane Perry
7/6/13	Nail Law	2902 SH6 FJ	PO BOX 46 Franz	Nail Law
7/6/13	Rosemary Ahmer	15 Crown St FJ	PO BOX 44 Franz FJ	Rosemary Ahmer
7/6/13	Jannette Goodall	Fox Glacier Highway FJS	PO BOX 161 FJS	Jannette Goodall
8/6/13	JANEAN GREEN	POTTERS LANE	PO BOX 19 FJS	JANEAN GREEN
8/6/13	KELCEE BUCKLAND	3 ARTHURS RD	PO BOX 3 FJS	KELCEE BUCKLAND
10/6/13	IVY WILKINSON	Bottom FOLKS house	PO BOX 14 FJ	IVY WILKINSON
10/6/13	Holly Mules	4 McFrick Place FJ	PO BOX 116 FJ	Holly Mules
10/6/13	Abhishek Koormenthoran	16 CROWN STREET	PO BOX 41 FJ	Abhishek Koormenthoran
11/6/13	MEGAN COLLIE	PO BOX 33 FRANZ JOSEF	PO BOX 33 FJ	MEGAN COLLIE
11/6/13	MICHELLE MAY	20 DONOVAN DR FRANZ JOSEF	PO BOX 111 FJ	MICHELLE MAY
11/6/13	KIM NOLAN	TREASURE SHINK TREASURE	PO BOX 129 FJ	KIM NOLAN
12-6-13	Kent Cassman	SHW 6	PO BOX 118	Kent Cassman

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12-06-13	Adam Hargrave	34 Cuckoo St	P.O. Box 24 FJ	
13/06/13	Rainer Oelmann	6 The Strand	P.O. Box 100	
13/06/13	Clifford Gibbs	13 Williams Drive Fox	P.O. Box 4	
14/06/12	Kimberley Portance	16 Waikato Flat Rd Franz Josef	P.O. Box 14 FJ	
17/6/13	B. Whittemore	17 CROFT ST	P.O. Box 91	
17/6/13	M. Nolan	5146 Franz Josef rapid #2537	P.O. Box 129	
18/6/13	J Rhodes	30 Donovan Drive Franz		
19/6/13	R. Saunders	Full of them		
19/6/13	R. Saunders	4 The Strand, Okarito	P.O. Box 89, Franz	
20-6-13	J O'Leary	5146 Franz Josef		
20-6-13	Emily Vincent	Cemetery Creek Charito	P.O. Box 51 Franz	
21-6-13	PAUL CHIMMING	14 KAMAHU CRES	P.O. Box 149 FRANZ	
21-6-13	CECILIA (DEBB)	Clifford Cottage	P. Box 126 Franz	
23-6-13	Mass Proctor	Post Office	60 NEWTON RD BUNYAN RD FJ	
21-6-12	COREY ROLLESTON	23 SULLIVAN ROAD, FOX	P.O. Box 201 FOX GARDER	
24/6/13	Rebecca Sharp	5146 Franz Josef Franz	P.O. Box 52, Franz Josef	
24-6-13	William Parker	Porters Lane, Franz Josef	P.O. Box 67, Franz Josef	
24/6/13	John Taylor Williams	Porters Lane, Franz Josef	P.O. Box 58 Franz Josef	
24/6/13	John Murrell Bennett	Porters Lane, Franz Josef	P.O. Box 15	
24/6/13	CUSTINA JONES	8 DONOVANS DRIVE FJ	P.O. Box 65 Franz Josef	
24-6-13	CHRIS ROY	8 DONOVANS DRIVE FRANZ	P.O. Box 65 FRANZ JOSEF	
24/6/13	DIVINA NICOLAS	2123 RATA GROVE MOTEL	P.O. Box 65 Franz Josef	
24/6/13	Robert Williams	Flat 2, Fernside (4) FJ	P.O. Box 65 F. J.	
24/6/13	Timothy Williams	21-23 RATA GROVE MOTEL	P.O. Box 65 FRANZ JOSEF	

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## Westland District Council Submission Form

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*If you are handwriting this form please print and use a dark coloured ink pen.*

Name Mrs Tiffany Wafer \_\_\_\_\_ Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr  
 (please circle)

Name of Organisation (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address 26 Kensington Avenue \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (day) 03-313 5181  
Rangiora \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address aaron.liff@xtra.co.nz \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to speak to my submission (please tick): ☐ yes ☐ no

Submission Hearings will be on Thursday 04 & Friday 05 July 2013

All submissions will be acknowledged and time slots given to those who indicate they want to speak to their submission at the submission hearings. Please note that all submissions (including personal details - name, address and phone number) will be made public.

My/ Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

We are currently in the process of purchasing land on Fourth Street in Kumara, Westland.

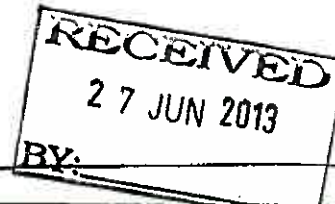
Tar Sealing Fourth Street is crucial to the building and development occurring along Fourth Street, currently and in the future. It will also ensure the town looks tidy and presentable for residents and people passing through, particularly as it is adjacent to the main highway from Christchurch

A street without tar sealing will be incomplete, pot holed and dusty for the residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this submission. I am unable to speak at the Hearing.

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## Submission on the Council's 2013-2014 Draft Annual Plan

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(please circle)  
Name of Organisation (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Address 26 Kensington Avenue Telephone (day) 03-313 5191  
Rangiora Telephone (evening) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address aaron.tiff@xtra.co.nz

I would like to speak to my submission (please tick): ☒ Yes ☐ No

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My/ Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

We are currently in the process of purchasing land on Fourth Street in Kumara, Westland.

The installation of water mains will be crucial to the building and development occurring along Fourth Street, currently and in the future.

A street without water will be of little use to the landowners and if required by emergency services.  
Thank you for the opportunity to present this submission. I am unable to speak at the Hearing.

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Rangiora Telephone (evening):  
Email Address aaron.w@ccorp.co.nz

I would like to speak to my submission (please tick) ☐ Yes ☐ No

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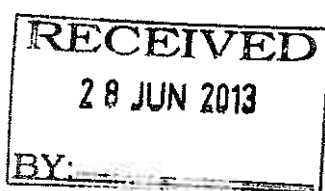
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My/ Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

We are currently in the process of purchasing land on Fourth Street in Kaitake, Westland.  
Knowing and Channelling on Fourth Street is crucial to the building and development occurring along Fourth Street, currently and in the future. It will also ensure the town looking tidy and presentable for residents and people passing through, particularly as it is adjacent to the main highway from Christchurch.  
A street without kerbing and channelling will be incomplete.  
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Submission on the council's 2013-2014 Draft Annual Plan

Mrs. Nathalie Giroux

Aspiring Court Motel

Po Box 11 Haast 7844

03 750 0703

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I would like to speak at my submission: No

My submission to the Westland district council 2013/2014 Draft annual plan is:

The unfair distribution of rate from businesses that are located in the Township of Haast to those that operate outside the township.

There is a large disparity of rate distribution between the larger businesses in the area.

The rate that Township businesses pay is either required to drop in the next three years to even out the disparity with the larger businesses outside the township of Haast. Or to dramatically increase the rate that businesses located outside the township pay.

As an owner of two sections totalling 1060sqm valued at \$152,000. The section is bare with no sewage or water connection. The combine rate for the two sections is \$1417.60 per year. If I compare this to the example listed in the draft annual plan Haast Commercial, a business with land value of \$310,000 and capital value of \$ 1.800 000 their current yearly rate is \$2431.55. They currently paid \$1013.90 in rate more than what we pay for a bare section and benefit just as much or more from where they are located as all of these businesses uses the sewage pond to dump their sewage.

Further comparison I put forward my business Aspiring Court Motel located in the township of Haast, our combined rates for the year are currently \$10,118.80 per year. Comparing this to the example given in the annual plan Haast Commercial a 43% increase is at around a \$1000.00 increase of their rates for the year. The difference between our rates and the example cited in the draft annual plan with a 43% increase is \$6662.56. This is a huge gap and does not account for the cost alone of being on sewage and water. This property and others outside of the Haast Township benefits as much if not more than we do from their location within Westland and should more fairly do their share of paying rates. The current rate increase for larger businesses outside the township does not go far enough as they benefit from the use of the sewage pond just as much as we do.

It is in the district plan that development should be focus in the Haast Township. Businesses that have been allowed to establish them outside the Township disregarding the district plan should face similar rates as township businesses. This would allow for a more even distribution in the collection of rates. If there is not enough commercial land available in the township then the council (as stated in the district plan) should work with the Department of Conservation to release D.O.C. land and put it up for sale.



If the council is going to allow businesses to set up outside of the Haast Township then they should make those businesses pay equivalent rates to businesses in the Township.

Submission on the council's 2013-2014 Draft Annual Plan

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I would like to speak at my submission: **No**

My submission to the Westland district council 2013/2014 Draft annual plan is:

Holiday home used for tourist accommodation.

There are a number of residential properties throughout westland that take part in the tourism accommodation sector and are not paying their fare share of rates. These properties are acting as commercial properties; they have their own website, or advertise through online site such as rent a batch, holiday homes etc. Rates for these properties should be increased to a commercial or semi-commercial level as they are behaving in a commercial manner.

I would support the council in re zoning these properties as semi-commercial. Other district council have done it, they should be made to pay their fare share of rates.

The council is showing a bias toward these operators and is leaving businesses in the township to pick up the bill for everyone else that profits from tourism.

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I would like to speak at my submission: **No**

My submission to the Westland district council 2013/2014 Draft annual plan is:

Milford Road.

Firstly it is the rate payers are the ones that suffer the brunt of bad management through rate increase and budget cuts. I do not support putting more tax payer money toward promoting the Milford road at a time when council cannot support the cost (\$8000.00) of the Haast fire brigade or is cutting funding in other places. There is not enough detail information regarding the cost of this project and what it will potentially mean for us if it goes wrong.

Secondly, the proposed Milford road follows the trace of the Alpine Fault.

Objective 3.13.1 of the Westland District Plan states:

*Rules for the avoidance and mitigation of natural hazards have been incorporated in the District Plan given that severe hazards pose a significant threat to the built resource and infrastructure of the District and people and communities.*

Managing Fault Rupture Risk in Westland. The plan change would create a "fault avoidance zone".

Based on this alone why would council support developing a major infrastructure on the alpine fault.

The council has already spent far too much money on this already and should not support The Westland District Property Ltd on further promoting this road.

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**Comments:**

My submission to the WDC 2013/14 Draft Annual plan is: That WDC need to immediately cease their support for the proposed Haast-Hollyford road for the following reasons. 1. WDC involvement in the proposal is in direct contravention of the District Plan which indicates that development of the Haast area is to be centred around the main infrastructural elements of the Haast Township. In light of the WDC's recent advice to 'keep it real' one must question how the division of the tourist trade into two routes will be beneficial in supporting and growing the ratepayer base in the Haast Township. Simply put, it won't. WDC is therefore acting to erode the very rate payer base that it is obliged to support under the plan. 2. The proposal is clearly uneconomic by any reasonable yardstick. At a \$220M build cost (which was estimated publically at over \$400M in 2009), the project is easily dismissable. Using \$365M as an average build figure the overseas cornerstone investor (as cited in press releases) would presumably require an approximate 10% return on their investment. This represents a premium to returns more readily achievable elsewhere in order to offset project risk (natural disaster, legal hold ups, etc). That's \$36.5M a year required, or \$100,000 a day. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY MAINTENANCE OR RUNNING COSTS WHATSOEVER. The toll is to be \$20 per person which requires 5000 paying customers a day to realise. Because the Haast Wanaka road will still exist that means 10,000 tourists are actually needed to get 5000 going that way and that assumes a 50/50 share between the two roads which is very generous indeed. In fact the non-toll 'free' road would most likely maintain the higher share. Those 10,000 (plus) people required to pass through Haast would be required every single day of the year. In winter there are every few people passing through Haast. So nearly 20,000 people on a summer day would be required to make up for the quiet winter period. These figures assume that the road can stay open 365 days a year in perpetuity. When is the last time WDC recorded 20,000 people passing through Haast per day consistently? And therefore why did WDC squander \$100k of our money on a Scoping Study for this? 3. The proposal has no significant upside. We submit that another road in itself won't bring additional tourists to South Westland. Just as another road would not encourage us to visit say Queensland 4. The proposal is potentially very



damaging to the World Heritage status of our area and may in effect lead to reduced tourist numbers as our core clean green product is damaged, either in reality or by perception, or a combination of both. Does WDC require reminding so soon after the Christchurch earthquakes as to the on-ground tourism reality of poor tourist perception whether that perception is justifiable or not? 5. The proposal will create local unemployment. The build phase of the proposal would most likely be dominated by outside contractors. Longer term, the tourist trade will be divided across two routes allowing for only marginal business options on both and therefore costing jobs. 6. Better options to solve the 'Milford Issue' already exist. Each of these well publicised options actually add an attraction (e.g. a monorail or gondola or tunnel) as opposed to simply another road. 7. Council has acted without mandate and is in a position of conflict of interest. Mayor Pugh and Cnrc Eggeling were on the national news supporting the road some years ago. Councillor Eggeling has property assets on the Jackson Bay Road which may stand to benefit from the proposal and should cease all input on the proposal on that basis alone. Mayor Pugh's public position appears to have been taken without consultation with key stakeholders and is at odds with the very District plan she has signed off on. 8. The proposal is punitive to Haast business (i.e. those very few paying FULL commercial rates in the town). The proposal has already left Haast business owners unable to sell their properties. It also precludes further investment and development of the Township. This in turn leaves existing investors having to carry the rate burden alone as WDC has acted to retard additional investment. 9. The proposal makes no provision for compensation of businesses in Haast Township which would stand to go broke as 50% of their livelihood drives past to Hollyford while they maintain the rates burden. A ridiculous, commercially naive situation. 10. The controversial nature of the proposal in itself is undesirable publicity with respect to tourism in our area. 11. Providing easier access to one of the Jewels in the Crown of South Island tourism will reduce the time needed for the average tourist to circumnavigate the usual tourist 'must visit' areas. The average time allowed by our visitors to spend in the south will reduce accordingly and the total amount spent (fuel, food, accommodation, etc) will reduce with it. This will inevitably lead to a massive reduction in cumulative spending. This makes no sense. 12. The practical approach adopted by the Southland District Council to date, is to be applauded. It is in direct contract to that of WDC who when faced with a project fraught with conceptual design, legal, geographical, logistical, seismic and monetary issues decide to waste \$100k of our money on it (shortly before going broke).

## Kirsty Manera

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**From:** Greg Hope <greghope@live.com>  
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**Subject:** Westland 2014 Draft Annual Plan Submission  
**Attachments:** Submission Rates Haast greg final.docx

Submission attached, please acknowledge receipt of same

My submission to the WDC 2013/14 Draft Annual plan is:

That WDC need to act more decisively to address Rates Imbalances in the Haast Area.

EXAMPLE 1:

Bare Land versus Large Hotel. \$1400 versus \$3400 (proposed 42% raise inclusive).

We own a small tourist zoned section in Haast Township. We pay approximately \$1400 in rates.

The site is completely undeveloped (bare land).

Yet this is only \$1000 less than the \$2400 rates paid by the Heartland Hotel at Haast Junction. The Heartland is a large Scenic Circle commercial operation with approximately 50 motel rooms, bar and restaurant. A large operation by anyone's standard.

While it is proposed that they pay \$3456.24, how does this compare with \$1400 for my bare land which gathers no revenue at all and draws no resources whatsoever?

This is not 'looking us in the eye and keeping it real'. It is a farce.

EXAMPLE 2:

Motorpark Tourist Zone \$10,000 versus Motorpark Rural Zone (\$2000-approximate)

Our motel/motorpark operation located in Haast Township with only 13 motel units and limited van sites and budget rooms pays in excess of \$10,000 in rates a year.

It is our understanding that WDC charges approximately \$2000? in rates for a very similar but larger operation that is not Tourist Zoned at Haast River Top 10 Holiday park (19 motels and 28 van sites more or less).

This business does not have mains sewage or water but still dumps their sewage in the Township Scheme anyway.

In any case they and Heartland are direct beneficiaries of the community infrastructure in every other way. This infrastructure supports the town hall, public toilets, police station, roads depot and other community elements that allow them to operate their businesses, yet even with proposed increases they are paying a fraction of the rates appropriately zoned businesses are paying forcing us to subsidise them.

This is not looking us in the eye and keeping it real. It is cheating the handful of businesses in the Township.

Our appropriately zoned business should not be paying \$10,000 in rates when a nearly identical business, inappropriately zoned gets away with say \$2.5k and uses the general community infrastructure (either directly or indirectly) anyway.

We submit that these businesses should be paying approximately 70% of the rates that they would pay if they were located in the Township.

**Not the 20% they are now.**

The imbalance is ridiculously skewed in their favour.

How does this anti-competitive behaviour allow WDC to grow its rates base by encouraging further investment where it is supposed to occur?

It doesn't.

This is because it precludes investment and retards revenue in the long term.

This is a commercially naive stance by WDC. One that the proposed 42% increase simply does not address.

A 350% increase is required to look us in the eye and keep it real.

Alternatively the halving of our rates to \$5k gives the same appropriate ratio.

Ultimately WDC need to not only be held accountable but need to be seen to be trying to provide balance.

Perhaps WDC would like to justify why they propose Motorpark A which operates where it supposed to under the District Plan **should pay \$7500 more per year** in rates than Motorpark B?

WDC should be trying to encourage development in appropriately zoned areas, not penalising those that are already there, creating a disincentive to appropriate investment and promoting growth in the wrong areas with respect to the district zonation plan.



**Kirsty Manera**

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**From:** Greg Hope <greghope@live.com>  
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**Subject:** Westland 2014 Draft Annual Plan Submission  
**Attachments:** Submission Sack Mayor Haast greg final.docx

Submission attached, please acknowledge receipt of same

My submission to the WDC 2013/14 Draft Annual plan is:

That WDC need to consider a Vote of No Confidence in the Mayor.

The excuses provided within the Draft Annual plan with respect to financial mismanagement of ratepayer funds are completely unacceptable.

Any private sector senior management team who ran a business the size of the WDC without the services of a full time staff accountant would be held accountable by it's stakeholders and sacked.

It is our understanding that this very scenario has directly contributed to the lack of oversight of WDC's fiscal position in recent times, regardless and irrespective of Audit NZs performance (which is a separate issue). The results of this are clear.

Equally unacceptable is the attitude that we must only look forward from here, not back.

These principles are not appropriate to a burglar who has robbed a house, neither are they appropriate to a Mayor and senior WDC staff who have presided over the financial ruin of an entire district.

While indeed, we must ultimately move forward from this fiscal disaster as a community, we need to do so wiser and unencumbered by those accountable so that they may no longer be in a position to escalate and exacerbate their previous failings.

We submit that such a clean start is necessary to restore confidence in Council regardless.

WDC now state that they wish to us look us in the eye and keep it real; well now is a good time to prove it by culling out those who have proven themselves so emphatically incapable.

Then we move on.

## Kirsty Manera

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### Westland 2012-2013 Draft Annual Plan Submission

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#### Comments:

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### Westland 2012-2013 Draft Annual Plan Submission

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### Westland 2012-2013 Draft Annual Plan Submission

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#### Comments:

My submission to the WDC 2013/14 Draft Annual plan is: The proposed refuse charges at unweighed refuse stations are ridiculous. 1. They will encourage dumping of rubbish in the bush and at sea. 2. They will encourage wholesale burning of rubbish. In Haast WDC financial mismanagement has lead to a proposal not to fund the local fire brigade, while ratepayers cant afford to dispose of their rubbish other than by burning. A recipe for disaster. 3. The recycling principles at play are inappropriate in rural communities. The carbon footprint of WDC contractors towing trailers up and down the coast must be far in excess of the recycling value of what they tow. 4. Our rates (\$10k plus) should entitle us to rubbish collection in Haast Township.(QLDC do it in tiny Makarora but we get no such services for our money. Yet now we must pay thousands of dollars on top of our rates to dump rubbish as well. 5. WDC need to look at the bigger picture, rubbish dumped on the roadside at Haast is damaging to the perception of the whole coast. Our population base cannot support the green ideals the Mayor has picked up from visits to larger towns. 6. Ultimately we have a right to dispose of rubbish. We already pay very handsomely for the pleasure. 7. WDC is exploiting this right in order to try to make up (in part) the gaping shortfall in the accounts they have mismanaged. We submit that WDC seek Central Government assistance to make up the shortfall in funding that they have somehow only recently identified. Using small town resident dump fees as a piggy bank won't provide the solution necessary. The proposed fees are so ridiculous I fear for the future of our tourism product when the obvious community reaction comes.

## Kirsty Manera

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**From:** greghope@live.com  
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Comments: My submission to the WDC 2013/14 Draft Annual plan is: The proposed Fees and Charges are inappropriate. No one within WDC should command \$200 per hour for administrative rubber stamping of documents. Period.

## Kirsty Manera

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**From:** greghope@live.com  
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Comments: My submission to the WDC 2013/14 Draft Annual plan is: The proposal to drop \$8K of funding to the Haast Fire Brigade is inappropriate. We get little to nothing for our rates as it is, yet WDC's recent financial mismanagement debacle now extends to over very safety. Meanwhile WDC propose \$6K of funding for Tourism West Coast, (a sector that council should remain out of wholesale given its poor historical performance in that area). That tourism related WDC funding (that could fund the Haast fire brigade WDC contribution ten times over) may be a very poor look when someone dies in a house fire in Haast



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Westland District Annual Plan: Submission on Regent Theatre

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Please record my support for the inclusion of provision to include an annual levy of some \$10 from each Hokitika ratepayer, and \$3 elsewhere.

Having been among many volunteers who have given time,energy and money to restore and improve this essential community focus point, I believe it is critical to keep council funding to top up the funds earned by this facility.

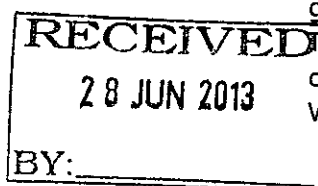
For tourist attraction reasons, I also vote for retaining the current opening times of the Museum, since this is a regular and popular venue for visitors ,as well as an excellent source of information for locals to research past history,

Micheal McEwen  
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Comments:

Hokitika Beach Front. In Regards to the Hokitika Beach front I want a "Do nothing approach by Council ". In the short term I don't believe it will get much worse in the next few years. ( Based on a life time of living here) Whereas in the long term Sea level rise is a given ,and there is no point to building another Atlantis . West Coast beaches are Wild and should remain so with out manipulation and unsightly Rock protection and Groynes that make no difference Our natural beach can be one of the jewels in the crown of Hokitika . I see the greatest threat to Hokitika from the environment is the Hokitika river, due to the now wide shingle bed in the lower reaches and the build up of gravels adjacent to the town. Also it has been suggested that the over flow from the Hokitika river into I think Harris swamp thence Mirror creek to Lake Mahinapua has been restricted due to a dairy conversion in upper Koiterangi . If this is indeed the case I would imagine the Hokitika river could well be a disaster waiting to happen if the catchment area of Mahinapua is restricted. As a point of interest .I can still recall two NZ Navy coastal vessels tied to the wharf across the road from Rentons Yard on Gibson key in the 1960's the water there was a dark green color and very deep. In regards to the beach front erosion In the end of the day each individual rate payer can be considered a business, in the sense that we all have a disposable income that needs to be managed in an appropriate way. And when as individuals, due to business decisions going wrong, we shouldn't expect to be subsidized by others. . If people decide to run their business in a location which is challenged by the environment then that is a business decision that they have made and therefore should not be subsidized by the general rate payer .To do so would set a precedent that would cost dearly into the future. If Council decides to protect the business sector ,what about the private residences further along Revell st One is no more important than the other As I recall erosion protection at Punakaiki was paid for by the individual residences . Safer community council . I would like the connection to the Safer Community Council gone from the council .I see no real evidence that it has achieved any thing that the community in itself, didn't achieve prior to it's inception. Regent Theatre. I would like to see Council support the Regent Theater . in many respects it is the core of our community , a place to come together for a myriad of reasons . It should not

have to make a monetary profit The profit comes in a form of community and cultural bonding . which in the end of the day is more important than the i SITE as it can be argued that it is the inner core of Hokitika's buildings in both an historic and functional way. It also has great potential to become a youth centre similar to the HUB in Greymouth or maybe a base for CACTUS Tourism Westcoast. I don't see Tourism Westcoast as a Community service . it is first and foremost a commercial service and should be deleted from any funding The i SITE . considering the costs involved n setting up the new i SITE as compared to the function of the I SITE when it was in the Carnegie Building . Has the revenue from the new site justified its cost ? . I feel the new I SITE was just window dressing for Hokitika at a cost we could ( as it turns out ) ill afford . I would like to see the i Site returned to the Carnegie Although probably a bit late for that now.. Parks and Reserves In the plan it states that council may decide to spray unkempt property frontages instead of mowing I am totally against the use of herbicide for two reasons One that the sprayed grass looks far worse than natural growth of long grass. Secondly French courts have found against Monsantos as their commonly used Herbicide RoundUp has been proven to be carconegenic leaving residues in plants and soils. There have been many studies that prove this .and I ask council to inform themselves of available Scientific studies ( not those funded by Monsantos ) to seriously rethink the use of this herbicide . Solid Waste. I consider it was a gross mistake to grant the waste contract to Masta Guard . it should have been kept in house . Masta guard are here to make a profit and they are doing that part well. They have recognized , to be a service in an industry of compliance is a gravy train . The contract should have been kept in house ( West roads). And I think Council should look for an out in the contract .(eg any failure to comply on the part of Masta guard ) Their ability to recycle compared to that achieved by Wanaka Waste Busters, is dismal . By keeping waste disposal in house at least the profits can be reinvested to the community . Refurbishment of Front office This should be put on the back burner , it still functions as an office, and now , with the present financial constraints on everyone This is not the time to do it . Haast Hollyford Rd. I am totally against this proposal. Should it proceed I see many outcomes which would be extremely detrimental to the economy of the Westcoast . Firstly Queenstown's Tourist infrastructure is vastly superior to ours . and their ability to attract travellers with transport , activities , accommodation location and Vistas is second to none in NZ ,so for the Westland District Council to provide Queenstown revellers with a round trip bush experience , Queenstown /Milford / Queenstown . mmmm. a no Brainer for us. Why on earth would they want to do a round trip then leave again to travel once more from Queenstown to Haast then up the Westcoast . In my opinion There are also many other reasons why the road should not go through My Rates. Since 2007 - 2008 through to 2013 the rates on our Cement lead road have gone up over 90 percent This is beyond unacceptable. Our rating district is Brickfield and unlike our neighbors on the Brickfield Estate who have a well sealed access Rd, with the luxury of curb side drainage, we on Cement Lead Rd have a metaled access Rd That is more often than not covered in potholes which have to be negotiated like a Tank in a mine field in Desert Storm . After the road has been graded , we have a change in the driving skills with the challenge of loose gravels and dust. During last summers drought , the area resembled a chemical warfare drop zone ,with dust from vehicles on the road so thick visibility was reduced to nil Necessitating the need for other vehicles to pull over and let the dust settle . The dust is also a problem settling on houses and causing those of us reliant on tank water a large amount of stress. Also the constant wear and tear on vehicles is yet another monetary burden for the residents. Our situation of services in this respect provided by Council can not be considered the same or similar to Brickfield estate Therefore the amount of rates charged must reflect that In Summary Council must aim always in the future to keep any rate rise within the rate of inflation. We in NZ have the highest mortgage debt loading per head of capita than anywhere else in the world . With the indebted state of currencies of nearly all of our trading countries the future doesn't look good at all. With The Federal Reserve slowing down the printing presses ,interest rates will rise not only in this country but also most others . This will result in many of the worlds middle income

travellers not being able to afford to travel Council should closely consider this fact should any spin doctors try to tell you otherwise This is a time to look within and prepare for a new future. With Kind Regards Greg Maitland



Kirsty Manera

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BY:

For several years Dog Owners in the Westland area have asked council to allow a Selected Owner policy to apply for their pets. This was acknowledged for 1 year, but for the unbelievable "reason" it was too hard to implement, was dropped the following year.

We -doggie people- [ especially low income and superannuitants] find this a pathetic excuse,.

as Greymouth and every council in the country finds it quite simple to process.

As I do every year, I once again ask Council on behalf of all good owners to re-introduce this policy.

We receive no benefits from the money collected for Registrations and are pretty tired of being held accountable for bad and neglectful owners.

Some superannuitants have had to surrender their companion dogs to the SPCA as they can no longer afford the \$74 demanded.

Then again perhaps fees are going up again!!!

In spite of promises made a couple of years ago they would decrease.

Thankyou June Holdcroft  
60 Park Street

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Comments:

Hokitika Museum WAI – Westland Arts Inc is concerned about the impact the proposed reduction in opening hours for Hokitika Museum will have on art exhibitions at the Carnegie Gallery. The reduction in hours will mean less viewing times for exhibitions, especially in the winter time with only four hours each day. Potential exhibitors may decide not to exhibit during winter because of this. One such exhibition is Junk2Funk which brings a lot of people to the gallery/museum during the middle of winter. If the hours are reduced to this extent in winter, the exhibition fees should also be reduced.



# GETTING REAL

## Submission on the Council's 2013-2014 Draft Annual Plan

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### Westland District Council Submission Form

Submissions Close 4pm on Thursday 27 June 2013

If you are handwriting this form please print and use a dark coloured ink pen.

Name Beverley Kaio Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr (please circle)  
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I would like to speak to my submission (please tick) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Submission Hearing will be on Thursday 04 & Friday 05 July 2013

All submissions will be acknowledged and time slots given to those who indicate they want to speak to their submission at the submission hearings. Please note that all submissions (including personal details - name, address and phone number) will be made public.

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My/ Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

As a person who attends the Safer Community Council meetings, I am concerned that this is about to be axed.

As a member of Hokitika Grey Power we have had on occasions to recommend that trimming of hedged garden boxes in the CBD be carried out in order so that people on mobility scooters can safely cross at intersections. The SCC meetings allows us to bring such matters to the notice of Council.

I am also concerned that the hours of work of the Community Services officer are to be reduced. Derek Blight has done a magnificent job co-ordinating the S.C.C. Things such as ~~removing~~ Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Community Patrol, removing graffiti, make Hokitika a better and safer place to live. Taxi Chit Scheme.

(Submission form continues over)

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Comments:

Page 79 Sewerage Supply Fees & Charges Trade Waste Min Fee \$500 pa For a one off cost of \$500 pa a Septic Tank Operator can dispose of an unlimited amount of septic tank waste into council sewerage systems which are funded by a users targeted rate - last year rated at \$222 per pan. What volume of waste does the annual \$500 fee allow to be deposited and does it fairly reflect the actual costs of the services and facilities provided?

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WE WISH TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF THIS SUBMISSION.



## **SUBMISSION TO WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL ON THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2013/2014**

### **1 KEY SUBMISSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Federated Farmers seek that Council apportion additional rate revenue for the coming year away from the general rate;
- That Council undertake an immediate review of how it apportions the cost of required additional rates revenue to ensure it does not rely on the general rate.

#### Dealing with the Rates Increase This Year

- Federated Farmers seeks that Council reduce the impact of the proposed rates increases for 2013/14 by allocating the general rates increase more evenly across the differential rating categories.

#### Funding Policy Review – further aligning rates paid with relative benefit

- That Council review the activities funded through the general rate.
- We seek that Council amend the differentials for this year to allow for a more even allocation of the general rate increase proposed.
- Federated Farmers would be interested in being involved through the entirety of any funding policy review.

#### New Rates Remission Policy

- That, as a secondary option to amending the differentials (as outlined in this submission), Council adopt a rates remissions policy for anomalous and/or iniquitous rates increases in time for the rating year 2013/14.

#### Council's Austerity Depreciation Funding Policy

- That Council adopts an Austerity Depreciation Funding Policy but makes provision to ensure that in the event an unexpected asset replacement need arises, that funds are obtained through redirection of lower priority operating expenditure.

#### Changes to Leisure and Cultural Activities

- Federated Farmers seeks that Council adopts all of the cost-cutting measures proposed in this area;
- That Council continues to find ways to further reduce costs in the area of Leisure and Cultural activities.

#### Solid Waste

- Federated Farmers considers that Council's shortfall in this area should be funded via fees and targeted rates, rather than through general rates as proposed.

#### Flood Damage Budget reduction

- Federated Farmers considers that Council must adopt a cautious approach in this area – reducing the flood damage budget only as a last measure resort after considering all options for cost reductions in other non-core areas.

#### Parks and Reserves

- Federated Farmers seeks that Council adopt its proposals to cease roadside berm mowing and to reduce the sanding maintenance of Cass Square.

#### Kokatahi and Haast Rural Fire Parties

- Federated Farmers supports Council adopting its proposal to cut funding of the Kokatahi and Haast Rural Fire Parties but only on the basis that this does not result in unacceptable risks to affected communities in not having fire fighting capacity within appropriate distances.

#### Community Halls and Buildings

- Federated Farmers consider that Council must reconsider the considerable costs and funding associated with its commitment to the pursuit of quality community halls and buildings;
- We seek that there is no use of general rates funding in this area.

#### Transportation and Roothing

- Federated Farmers supports Council's reallocation of \$300,000 of transportation costs from the General Rate to the Uniform Annual Charge as proposed;
- That Council continues to find efficiencies in its roading service delivery to avoid reductions in service levels and maintenance;
- That Council reduces expenditure in non-core areas and focuses funds instead towards roading investment;
- That Council engages with the community prior to any proposed reductions in service levels for remote rural roads.

#### West Coast Wilderness Trail

- Federated Farmers seeks that Council fund the Cycle Trail contribution from a targeted rate sourced from those likely to directly benefit from increased visitor numbers.

#### Financial Statements

- Federated Farmers strongly considers that Council must move back towards a greater use of targeted rates, uniform charges and fees rather than its trend towards increasing general rates;

#### Statement of Reserve Funds

- Federated Farmers was unable to identify within the Draft Annual Plan any details of the \$1,730,000 Westland County Fund discussed within the long-term plan. We seek that Council provides clarification in relation to where this has been accounted for within the draft annual plan.

#### Township Development Grants

- Federated Farmers considers that Council should determine the appropriate response on this issue in consultation with affected individual communities.

## **2 SUBMISSION**

- 2.1 West Coast Federated Farmers welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Westland District Council's Draft Annual Plan for 2013 to 2014 and we acknowledge any submissions from individual members of Federated Farmers.
- 2.2 Council has noted within the draft plan that the overall required increase to rates revenue is 9.2%, up considerably from the 6.6% indicated in the Long-Term Plan. This incorporates an increase in the General Rate of 11.44% and an increase in the UAGC paid by each property of 20.6% (from \$382.43 per property to \$461.28 per property).
- 2.3 The effect for ratepayers in the rural area is a rates increase of between 20 and 28%. In Federated Farmers view this is unacceptable. The result is increases in the average farmer's rates bill in excess of a thousand dollars for the majority, and even more for higher value properties. These increases will have significant impacts on the operating budgets of the district's farmers, who would have had every right to assume that the rates increase they faced this year would be in line with the increase indicated in the 2012/22 Long Term Plan.
- 2.4 While we support Council's use of area-based differentials and targeted rates, we consider the proposed funding of revenue shortfall through the general rate represents a fundamental shift in the rating burden in the district. Subsequently we consider Council should undertake a fundamental review of the costs allocated to the general rate in the year ahead.
- 2.5 In the short term there is also an urgent need for Council to address the significant rates increases for rural properties proposed in the draft Annual Plan.
- 2.6 We consider the immediate impact on those ratepayers is an issue Council has a responsibility to address within this year. The LTP indicated operating revenue of just under \$4 million for the 2013/14 year derived from local authorities' fuel tax and other receipts. The actual operating income from these sources has been revised significantly downwards to just over \$2 million. The draft Annual Plan indicates the difference is primarily due to overestimating the likely receipts from solid waste activities; this represents a shortfall of \$2 million, or almost 50%, below that which was forecast in the LTP. To make up this shortfall Council are now proposing to increase general rates and the UAGC.
- 2.7 This increased general rates allocation does not reflect any increase in or changes to the levels of service, rather it is an allocation of the costs of an accounting error through the general rate. We support Council's proposal to increase the UAGC to mitigate these increases to an extent. However, this will go no way towards dealing with the cost impact of this significant and egregious error, particularly when some ratepayers are facing a rates decrease exceeding 20% in the face of an overall general rate increase of 11%.
- 2.8 We note Council's comment that in recent years it has been spending more than it has been earning, that it has been underestimating costs and over-estimating revenue and it has been funding these shortfalls from reserves. Council has noted that it can now

no longer afford to continue providing the services it has in the past without increasing income to match.

- 2.9 Federated Farmers wholeheartedly supports changes within Council's activities, direction and services. These changes are needed as a priority to avoid compounding an already untenable financial position. However, it's not the changes being made that our submission is focussed on, it's who bears the cost of those changes and how much.
- 2.10 We consider that as a priority Council must make changes to how it allocates that cost to all of its ratepayers, and in particular how funding poor planning, unrealised revenue and changes to expenditure is apportioned to the general rate. Council must review its funding policy to ensure Council's past mismanagement does not result in one group of ratepayers disproportionately and inequitably facing the brunt of the cost. We also consider there is capacity for Council to further trim its operating expenditure and this will be discussed further below.

#### 2.11 Recommendations:

- **That Council apportion additional rate revenue for the coming year away from the general rate.**
- **That Council undertake an immediate review of how it apportions the cost of required additional rates revenue to ensure that it does not rely on the general rate.**

### 3 DEALING WITH THE RATES INCREASE THIS YEAR

- 3.1 Council has a limited timeframe to address the proposed extreme rates increases this year, and insufficient time to review and implement a significant change to funding policy. Subsequently while we believe it is important for a review of funding policy to take place in order to address concerns for future years, the most efficient and effective mechanism for Council to implement change is through the current differentials on the land value based general rate.
- 3.2 As above, we do not have issue with the principles underlying the differential allocation approach as these are primarily aimed at aligning Council's cost centres with the incidence of benefit from these activities. Our aim through this year's annual plan process is to ensure the impacts of rates increases are spread equally across the district by decreasing the amount proportioned to the general rate, or by amending differentials to ensure the 'pain' of fiscal prudence is shared evenly by ratepayers.
- 3.3 As the issue is with the greater allocation of costs to the 'Rural General' differential category, this would require holding the relative contribution from each ratepayer category constant, while allowing for the overall increase in rates. We have recalculated the proposed differentials for each ratepayer category as contained in *Appendix 2: Proposed Alternative Differentials for 2013/14*.
- 3.4 Federated Farmers notes that Queenstown Lakes District Council successfully makes use of this 'box differential' approach whereby a fixed proportion of rates are sourced from each ratepayer category. We would support Council going through a consultative

procedure for this solution with a view to implementing the changes in the second instalment of the rating year.

**3.5 Recommendation:**

- **Council reduce the impact of the proposed rates increases for 2013/14 by allocating the general rates increase more evenly across the differential rating categories.**

**4 FUNDING POLICY REVIEW – FURTHER ALIGNING RATES PAID WITH RELATIVE BENEFIT**

- 4.1 Council has stated that when broken down to an individual ratepayer level, what is considered to be an “*unpalatable*” rates increase will vary depending on what Council services you receive and where you live. It is also stated at page 8 of the plan that “rates vary based on the services and infrastructure available to that property and the rating policy of Council”.
- 4.2 Upon looking at the Funding Impact Statement Rates Samples<sup>1</sup>, it is of considerable concern to note that there is very little correlation between services received and the rates allocation once the increases proposed within this plan have been fully considered. This raises questions around the effectiveness of Council's approach to rating after the general rating impacts are incorporated.
- 4.3 Council has indicated at page 72 of the plan that farms within the district will be subject to rates increases between 20% and 28%, despite receiving very little in the way of services, beyond roading. In contrast, a large commercial venture such as Hotel Franz is indicated as receiving a 12% reduction in rates, and residential ratepayers, depending on where they live, face between a 10% reduction in rates up to a 10% increase in rates.
- 4.4 Clearly the increased general rates take has shifted the incidence of rating to the extent where some ratepayers are paying more for ‘general’ council activities, while others are paying significantly less. With this in mind Federated Farmers considers it is important for Council to review the efficiency and effectiveness of the current differential levels in the year ahead, as well as addressing the increases immediately.
- 4.5 There is a need for much greater transparency both within the plan and on rate demands so that rate payers have a clear picture of what services they are paying for and how much their contribution is.
- 4.6 Federated Farmers is keen to be involved in any review of funding policy. Council will be aware that there are a number of local farmers who have a deep understanding of funding policy issues and a desire to achieve a funding policy that is as fair as possible to all ratepayers. In addition Federated Farmers has a number of policy staff who have experience working through the complexities of other funding policy reviews.

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<sup>1</sup> Westland District Council - Draft Annual Plan 'Getting Real' pages 72 and 73



**Recommendations:**

- **Council review the activities funded through the general rate.**
- **Amend the differentials for this year to allow for a more even allocation of the general rate increase proposed.**
- **Federated Farmers would be keenly interested in being involved through the entirety of any funding policy review.**

**5 NEW RATES REMISSION POLICY**

- 5.1 As a result of the need to increase the general rate to cover shortfalls in Council's non-rates revenue, many farmers in particular are now facing rates increases at substantially above the overall increase in rates revenue of 9.2% currently required. The example properties provided at pages 72 and 73 of the draft Annual Plan indicate that some will be facing significant rates increases, some potentially over 25%.
- 5.2 From a farmer's perspective, this inequity is exacerbated by the fact that farmers are already paying a higher level of rates than the average ratepayer. Even a small increase in rates can often mean that a farmer will be paying hundreds of dollars extra in rates. Increases in the order of those proposed simply magnify this already significant difference in contribution.
- 5.3 In the first instance we encourage Council to address these concerns through a change to the proposed differentials for the general rate.
- 5.4 As a secondary option we recommend Council adopt a remission for anomalous and/or iniquitous rates increases in line with that adopted by Central Otago District Council (please see *Appendix 1: CODC Remission for Anomalous and/or Iniquitous Rates Increases* for an example).. Federated Farmers considers that a revised policy remitting any rates increases over 15 percent of the previous year's rates, would reduce what would otherwise be a significant financial shock to those ratepayers who would be subject to increases over this amount, while limiting the cost to the ratepayer base.
- 5.5 We acknowledge that this would cause an increase to other ratepayers but it would be a good first step that Council could take in addressing the impact of the proposed general rates increase on ratepayers in the rural area.
- 5.6 **Recommendations:**
- **That, as a secondary option to amending the differentials (as outlined in this submission), Council adopt a rates remissions policy for anomalous and/or iniquitous rates increases in time for the rating year 2013/14.**

**6 COUNCIL'S AUSTERITY DEPRECIATION FUNDING POLICY**

- 6.1 Funding depreciation is an important part of councils long-term financial planning. It ensures there are no unexpected large payments for asset replacement placed upon ratepayers in any specific year. Rather costs are spread over a period of time with money apportioned into specific depreciation funds.

- 6.2 As part of its measures to reduce rates increases this year, Council has proposed an Austerity Depreciation Funding Policy. We understand this policy will involve Council deferring depreciation on some items until Council's financial situation is more positive.
- 6.3 While we consider an austerity depreciation funding policy to be something that should only be utilised as a last resort, we consider it may be appropriate given Council's dire financial position. Rating for the purpose of depreciation results in a significant opportunity cost for ratepayers, and the District. In this situation, it is not efficient to provide depreciation for possible 'worst case scenarios' when actual necessary expenditure is needed in other areas.
- 6.4 Federated Farmers concerns relate to what Council's 'plan' is in the event of an unexpected 'worst case scenario' replacement need for a large asset. At page 29 of the plan, Council has noted that it will have to 'find' funds and that these may need to come from ratepayers.
- 6.5 We consider Council needs to provide more clarity as to where funds will come from in such an event. Given high debt levels in the district, we do not believe it is appropriate to seek additional loans if this can be avoided. We consider Council must ensure any such resulting costs are able to be redirected from lower priority expenditure within Council's operating budget. This is a determination Queenstown Lakes District Council made when adopting a similar policy and one that Federated Farmers supports.
- 6.6 **Recommendations**
- **That Council adopts an Austerity Depreciation Funding Policy but makes provision to ensure that in the event an unexpected asset replacement need, that funds are obtained through redirection of lower priority operating expenditure.**

## **7 CHANGES TO LEISURE AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

- 7.1 Federated Farmers notes that Leisure and Cultural expenditure accounts for 18% of Council's rates expenditure<sup>2</sup>, which is higher than the cost of roading to the District.
- 7.2 In December 2012<sup>3</sup>, the Government refined the purpose of local government to be "meeting the current and future needs of communities for good quality local infrastructure, local public services and the performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective to households and businesses."
- 7.3 We do not believe leisure and cultural assets are a core function of Council. Given Council's current financial predicament, leisure and cultural costs must be an area in which Council further reduces costs – for example reducing the 5% total rates contribution towards libraries costs.
- 7.4 We note Council's proposal to reduce library and museum opening hours and we support this decision. We note however that total savings will only be \$36,000 and we consider Council must continue to find ways to further reduce costs in non-core areas.

<sup>2</sup> Pages 21 to 23 – Westland District Council Draft Annual Plan 2013 to 2014

<sup>3</sup> Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2012 – section 7 amending section 10 LGA 2002

- 7.5 We support Council's proposal to only fund one public event each year, being the Wildfoods Festival, and that this will provide further cost savings of \$40,000 per annum.
- 7.6 While we appreciate that cutting community leisure and cultural activities has an inevitable negative impact on the community, we consider Council can no longer avoid making changes in this area. Put simply, the Council and ratepayers cannot afford these 'nice to have' extras in the current financial climate.
- 7.7 We note that Council's proposed cuts to community development and assistance will save ratepayers \$242,000. We strongly support these cuts as necessary, given Council's needs to prioritise expenditure in infrastructure while reducing the overall impact of rates on the community.
- 7.8 While we empathise with the impact such cuts will inevitably have, we note that Council will continue to undertake an advisory role, or will transfer key functions over to other Council areas to reduce impacts on ratepayers. We also note that some community assistance grants will continue, but that a clear rationale for each grant must be developed and expectations defined around reporting how the grants will be spent.
- 7.9 We consider proposed measures in this area are appropriate and that such cost cutting is unavoidable if Council is to avoid future additional rates increases.

#### 7.10 Recommendations

- **That Council adopts all cost-cutting measures proposed in this area within the Draft Plan;**
- **That Council continues to find ways to further reduce costs in the area of Leisure and Cultural activities.**

### 8 SOLID WASTE

- 8.1 We note that as a result of Council overestimating the amount of income told be generated in this area, there is a \$440,000 shortfall in funding and that Council proposes to fund this shortfall through an increase in general rates.
- 8.2 Federated Farmers strongly oppose the shortfalls in this area being met through general rates. The impact of such a determination would be considerably larger increases for farmers and others with larger land holdings than that payable by residential ratepayers who are most likely to fully use Council services in this area.
- 8.3 Within the rural area, Solid Waste tends to be addressed on site through farm landfills. Council's recycling and refuse programme may not even be accessible or fully utilised by all rural landowners.
- 8.4 We consider it extremely inequitable for a small proportion of ratepayers to be subject to the largest increase in rates in the area of solid waste, particularly given these ratepayers are the least likely to be using the service.
- 8.5 Federated Farmers considers any costing shortfalls in this area must be met through targeted rates from those using the services along with an increase in user fees. This

more appropriately reflects Council's intention to base rates increases on those receiving Council services and is more consistent with other councils within the region.

#### **8.6 Recommendations**

- **That Council's shortfall in this area is funded via fees and targeted rates, rather than through general rates.**

### **9 FLOOD DAMAGE BUDGET**

9.1 We note Council's proposal to remove the flood damage budget for this financial year, and that this removal is to save ratepayers \$100,000. Council has clarified that in the event of a flood occurring, it will fund work through a 20 year loan. Smaller flooding issues will be met via the transportation budget.

9.2 Federated Farmers is concerned that given Council's existing high levels of debt, that the impact of any flood will either be reductions in service levels elsewhere in the transportation budget or will be higher debt. We consider Council should take a cautious approach in this area and that an allocation towards flood damage is of higher priority than other 'non-core' services and activities.

#### **9.3 Recommendations:**

- **That Council adopts a cautious approach in this area – reducing the flood damage budget only as a last measure resort after considering all options for cost reductions in other non-core areas.**

### **10 PARKS AND RESERVES**

10.1 Council has proposed ceasing its mowing of roadside berms within the District townships and has noted that it will instead focus on promoting the maintenance of property frontages by the property owner. This service cessation will save ratepayers within those towns \$20,000.

10.2 Federated Farmers considers such maintenance to be a function of property owners, not Council's, and supports Council in both the cessation of this activity and instead placing focus back on landowners.

10.3 We similarly support Council's proposal to reduce sanding maintenance of Cass Square saving ratepayers a further \$10,000.

#### **10.4 Recommendations**

- **That Council adopts its proposal to cease roadside berm mowing and to reduce the sanding maintenance of Cass Square.**

### **11 KOKATAHI AND HAAST RURAL FIRE PARTIES**

11.1 Council has proposed removing funding for both Kokatahi and Haast Rural Fire Parties on the basis that this will save ratepayers a total of \$14,680.

11.2 Council has advised that it has met its obligation to provide a rural fire force in Zone 5 through the rural fire force based at the Westroads Kaniere Depot. We understand that the Kokatahi and Haast parties are not currently compliant with the National Rural

Fire Authority and that to become compliant would require on-going costs relating to training and personal protection equipment.

- 11.3 Provided there is no consequent risk from not having fire fighting capacity within an appropriate distance, Federated Farmers supports the need to cut funding to these activities, given Council's dire financial situation. It is on this basis only that we support Council's proposal.

#### **11.4 Recommendations**

- **That Council adopts its proposal to cut funding of the Kokatahi and Haast Rural Fire Parties provided this does not result in unacceptable risks to those communities by not having fire fighting capacity within appropriate distances.**

## **12 COMMUNITY HALLS AND BUILDINGS**

- 12.1 Council has noted that it is still committed to the pursuit of quality community halls and buildings.

- 12.2 We note that the total cost of the Harihari Community Facility is now set at \$1,175,000. Council has proposed that this will be met via external funding of \$695,000, plus \$290,000 from funds Council holds in reserve for the project and that there will be an additional \$190,000 shortfall unless the project design and build options are re-scoped.

- 12.3 We also understand Council is committed to its \$1 million funding for the Fox Glacier Community Centre. Council has noted that \$200,000 will be funded from RMA reserves and \$800,000 funded from other sources are yet to be determined, but that it may involve a loan from which costs would pass onto Fox Glacier ratepayers.

- 12.4 We note that the increase in net rates necessary in the area of community halls and buildings is 46%<sup>4</sup>. This is a substantial increase given the considerable financial pressure Council is under and given the climate of making all necessary non-core cost reductions.

- 12.5 Federated Farmers is concerned with the level of uncertainty around where funds in this area are coming from. We consider Council must ensure that any such funding is not obtained via general rates, given the existing 19% increase in general rates funding.

#### **12.6 Recommendations:**

- **That Council reconsider the considerable costs and funding associated with its commitment to the pursuit of quality community halls and buildings;**
- **That there is no use of general rates funding in this area.**

## **13 TRANSPORTATION AND ROADING**

- 13.1 We note that as a result of Council's Long-Term Plan Rating Policy, savings in the area of roading have not delivered savings evenly across ratepayers in the district,

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<sup>4</sup> Page 36, Westland District Council – Special Council Agenda – 11 April 2013



particularly in the rural sector where some of the highest rates increases were initially forecast due largely to increased rates required for roads.

- 13.2 In order to address this, Council decided to re-allocate \$300,000 of transport costs (roading) from the General Rate to the Uniform Annual Charge.
- 13.3 Federated Farmers strongly supports Council reallocating funds as proposed. This reallocation ensures a more equitable distribution of Council's rates increases across the district's ratepayers, particularly as there is a 'general public good' component to roading that provides benefit to all ratepayers in the District regardless of relative property value.
- 13.4 The Westland district, like others within the South Island, is subject to a reduction in NZTA FAR funding. Federated Farmers is concerned with the impact this reduction may have on the service levels of the rural roading network, a network essential to the efficient and effective movement of primary production in the District.
- 13.5 Compared to other areas of Council expenditure, rural ratepayers rely heavily upon the roading network, as do many town-based businesses who earn their livings from servicing the District's primary production activities. The roading network is also crucial to tourist traffic, particularly since the rise in popularity of freedom camping vehicles, which enable tourists to get off the beaten track and experience the 'real New Zealand'.
- 13.6 Given the relative importance of roading to the District, maintenance of the roading network is crucial. There may be a need to reduce the level of service provided to the rural roading network in the near future, but this should not be the first response to the issue. We expect Council will continue to work hard to find efficiencies in roading service delivery, and cut service only where and if absolutely necessary. In addition we reiterate the need to pare back expenditure in non-core areas and focus these in roading investment.
- 13.7 We also encourage Council to engage in meaningful discussion over the implications of reduced roading levels of service in the more remote areas of the District, and provide the rural community with options to consider in the face of flat-lining NZTA funding.
- 13.8 Given farmers' high contribution towards roading, a reliable and reasonably maintained roading network is important for those within rural areas. It is an area rural ratepayers can see their rates at work. Better roads will also deliver wider economic benefits to the district and the country through more efficient transportation of primary produce.
- 13.9 Federated Farmers is deeply concerned with the way local roads are funded in New Zealand. We consider roads should be funded according to road use, not through the value of a property. A major problem in districts such as Westland is the heavy tourist traffic on many of its rural roads. This tourism traffic imposes costs on the roading network but the funding system does not adequately recognise this and an inappropriately high burden is subsequently placed on ratepayers – both urban and rural. Federated Farmers therefore has a longstanding policy to advocate for the Financial Assistance Rate (FAR) to be increased to 90% for the nation's local roads.

#### 13.10 Recommendations:

- That Council re-allocates \$300,000 of transportation costs from the General Rate to the Uniform Annual Charge as proposed;
- That Council finds efficiencies in roading service delivery to avoid reductions in service levels and maintenance;
- That Council reduces expenditure in non-core areas and focuses funds instead towards roading investment;
- That Council engages with the community prior to any proposed reductions in service levels for remote rural roads.

### 14 WEST COAST WILDERNESS TRAIL

14.1 Council has determined that it will contribute \$30,000 from general rates towards the marketing costs of the Cycle Trail. The remaining \$56,000 necessary is to come from the Major District Initiatives (MDI) funding – unless this allocation impacts upon other Council approved MDI Projects.

14.2 General rates are proposed to increase 18% from the \$4,999,000 within the long-term plan. Given the high contributions to general rates payable by farmers, we have concerns with this additional funding requirement.

14.3 The Cycle Trail will result in a significant economic boost for those in the commercial and hospitality sectors, by encouraging higher visitor numbers. This is particularly the case as cycling encourages groups of people to spend more time in the region rather than simply passing through. We understand and support both the local and commercial benefits the Cycle Trail will provide, but believe the direct benefit to commercial interests should be reflected in a targeted rate contribution from the commercial ratepayers likely to benefit from the spending.

#### 14.4 Recommendation:

- Council fund the Cycle Trail contribution from a targeted rate sourced from those likely to directly benefit from increased visitor numbers.

### 15 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Income from Activities and Expenditure by Activities

15.1 We note<sup>5</sup> there is to be a significant reduction from the 2012/2013 year figures in income received from Council activities. At page 47 of the draft Annual Plan, Council has advised that this substantial reduction in income relates primarily to unrealistic long-term plan figures along with an error in which income from solid waste activities were mistakenly included twice.

15.2 We note at page 48 of the draft Annual Plan that similarly, there is to be a 10% increase in expenditure for activities. Council has provided a range of explanations for the 15 key differences between long-term plan figures and this year's forecast expenditure. Such explanations include the use of incorrect figures, expenses being

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<sup>5</sup> Prospective Statement Of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2014 – p37 Westland District Council – Proposed Annual Plan 2013-2014

apportioned to wrong areas as well as contract costs and other expenses not being adequately budgeted for.

- 15.3 Federated Farmers considers these errors to be completely unacceptable. As previously discussed, we strongly consider that it should not be certain groups of the district's ratepayers who predominantly bear the consequence of these Council errors.

#### General Rates

- 15.4 Within Council's Notes to the Financial Statements, it is advised that:

*"General Rates are higher than the LTP due to moving towards recognising the true cost of providing the services provided by Council. LTP budgets are unrealistic and unsustainable".*

- 15.5 Federated Farmers finds both the rationale and justification for increasing General Rates by 15% to be both inadequate and inconsistent. It is completely unacceptable throughout the plan, to provide as a rationale for such increases to be that the "long term plan budgets are unrealistic and unsustainable". The solution to Council's inadequate budgeting should not be simply higher rates for the general ratepayer – with no consequent link to services actually available or received by those ratepayers.
- 15.6 Council must move towards obtaining more of its revenue from Targeted Rates and Fees and Charges. This approach appropriately ensures that those parts of the community who benefit directly from Council services pay a greater share of the cost and is more in line with the direction set out within the long-term plan and with the approach of other councils within the region.
- 15.7 Furthermore, Council must continue to review the level and extent of those services. If they are unaffordable and unsustainable, simply charging people more for them is not going to address these issues in the longer term.
- 15.8 **Recommendations:**
- **That Council moves back towards a great use of targeted rates, uniform charges and fees rather than its trend towards increased general rates;**

## **16 STATEMENT OF RESERVE FUNDS**

- 16.1 At page 115 of the Westland District Council Long-Term Plan 2012-2022, reference is made to a Special Reserve with an opening balance of \$1,730,000 under the heading Westland County Fund. It is advised that this fund was established in 1989 from the NZ Forest Service for Fifths and Tenths timber royalties to Westland County Council. The annual proceeds are to be used for rural projects in the District. There was a forecast income of \$1,088,000 relating to this reserve.
- 16.2 Federated Farmers has not been able to identify where this reserve has been included within the Draft Annual Plan. We note that other Special Reserves are included at pages 40 to 41 of the Annual Plan. Given the purpose of this fund is specifically for rural projects, Federated Farmers would be interested in clarification in this area.

**16.3 Recommendations:**

- **That Council provide clarification around the \$1,730,000 Westland County Fund.**

**17 TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

17.1 We note that Council has decided to stop funding the two Township Development Grants of \$70,000 each, which previously had been funded by the ratepayers of the participating townships.

17.2 Federated Farmers considers that this is an area Council should resolve in consultation with affected communities. It should be up to each individual community to request a targeted rate if they desire to make township improvements and are prepared to pay for the necessary project. The targeted areas should be expanded to the local rural areas as well; similar to what has operated in the Kokatahi Kowhiterangi township and farming area where there is a flat rate per property plus a rate in the dollar on capital value.

**17.3 Recommendation:**

- **That Council determines the appropriate response in consultation with affected individual communities**

**18 ABOUT FEDERATED FARMERS**

18.1 Federated Farmers welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Westland District Council's Draft Annual Plan for 2013 to 2014.

18.2 Federated Farmers of New Zealand is a voluntary, member-based organisation that represents farming and other rural businesses. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand farmers

18.3 The Federation aims to add value to its members' farming businesses. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:

- Our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment;
- Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community; and
- Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.

## **Appendix 1: CODC Remission for Anomalous and/or Iniquitous Rates Increases**

*The objective is to allow Council to mitigate the effects of:*

- *changes in funding policies*
- *changes arising from general revaluation of the*
- *changes in legislation*
- *changes arising from unforeseen and/or unusual circumstances*

*Council will each year receive a report, as part of its Annual Plan process, detailing properties which, unless remissions were granted, would suffer an anomalous or iniquitous rates increase in the year to which the Annual Plan relates.*

*Council may remit such part of the potential increase as it sees fit, subject to such remission not being so great that the rating unit pays a lesser increase than the average for the ward or district.*

*Ratepayers eligible for such remission will be notified in writing before the first instalment falls due. However, ratepayers not so notified may make application in writing for such remission.*



## Appendix 2: Proposed Alternative Differentials for 2013/14

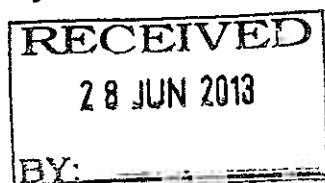
Federated Farmers broadly agrees with Council's use of differentials to tailor the allocation of rates across the District, however we believe there is an urgent need to reduce the impact that significant increases in the general rates take will have on rural properties for 2013/14, by 'freezing' the percentage of rates sought from each differential category at 2012/13 levels.

	General rate take by category 2013/14	General rate take by category 2012/13	%age general rates paid by category 12/13	General rate by category 12/13 allocations applied to 13/14	New diffs 12/13 allocations applied to 2013/14 expenditure
Rural					
General	\$1,129,673	\$899,160	25.59829276%	\$ 1,002,078.70	0.128056594
Small					
Holdings	\$299,431	\$236,374	6.72935946%	\$ 263,429.59	0.184157129
Hokitika					
Zone 1	\$131,159	\$83,724	2.38354849%	\$ 93,307.13	0.184578357
Hokitika					
Zone 2	\$119,132	\$129,156	3.67695749%	\$ 143,939.32	0.627011717
Rural					
Townships	\$145,926	\$171,033	4.86915878%	\$ 190,609.60	0.514347853
Small					
Settlements	\$135,317	\$146,037	4.15754469%	\$ 162,752.53	0.311523875
Glacier					
Towns	\$87,257	\$103,672	2.95145047%	\$ 115,538.40	0.328481371
Rural					
Commercial	\$16,202	\$15,299	0.43554905%	\$ 17,050.14	0.242672047
Commercial					
in Rur Res	\$23,185	\$24,997	0.71164256%	\$ 27,858.18	0.560639571
Glacier					
Towns					
Commercial	\$118,546	\$149,406	4.25345715%	\$ 166,507.15	0.450725873
Glacier					
Towns					
Small					
Holdings	\$35,738	\$50,498	1.43763356%	\$ 56,278.05	0.279830191
Glacier					
Towns SH					
Commercial	\$13,258	\$15,210	0.43301530%	\$ 16,950.95	0.320312755
Hokitika					
Res 1	\$1,041,531	\$929,333	26.45729148%	\$ 1,035,705.33	1.035306741
Hokitika					
Res 2	\$46,659	\$42,544	1.21119019%	\$ 47,413.63	1.692739253
Hokitika					
Res 3	\$4,866	\$4,311	0.12273037%	\$ 4,804.44	1.953024853
Hokitika					
Res 4	\$5,579	\$3,256	0.09269545%	\$ 3,628.68	1.557375468
Hokitika					
Res 5 & 6	\$7,327	\$6,555	0.18661507%	\$ 7,305.29	2.387350163
Hokitika					
Beachfront	\$111,018	\$103,053	2.93382809%	\$ 114,848.54	0.87390461
Hokitika					
Commercial	\$442,827	\$398,960	11.35803959%	\$ 444,625.34	1.144731956
\$					
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,914,631.00</b>	<b>\$3,512,578</b>	<b>100.00000000%</b>	<b>\$ 3,914,631.00</b>	

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## Submission on the 2013/14 Westland District Council Draft Annual Plan

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I do not wish to speak to my submission.

Glacier Country Tourism Group's submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

### 1. **Glacier Country Grant- cut grant funding, saving \$65 000**

- Glacier Country Tourism Group does not support the funding cut.
- The Glacier Country targeted rate provides the funds for the important roles of Community Development Officers (CDOs in Fox and Franz Josef and the Glacier Country Tourism Group administration officer)
- The functions of these roles are critical to the on-going success of each organisation they support.
- The targeted rate was introduced at the request of the communities and should therefore remain in place.

## **2. Hokitika I-site- Rationalising opening hours**

- We support the continued funding of the I-site and the fact that the I-site will continue to open 7 days a week.
- We do not support the intention of having the same opening hours year round.
- Tourism is seasonal and the busy summer period with long hours of daylight demands longer opening hours.
- The I-site summer hours (October to April) should be 8:30am to 6pm daily.

## **3. Tourism West Coast- grant funding approved for two years at \$86,000 per annum..**

- GCTG supports the continued funding of TWC.
- This funding will enable the organisation to engage in longer term strategic marketing investment, resulting in greater returns for all Westland tourism businesses.
- Tourism is vital to the economic success of Westland and support of TWC is fundamental to achieving the goal of Westland as "the last best place."

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comment on the annual plan.

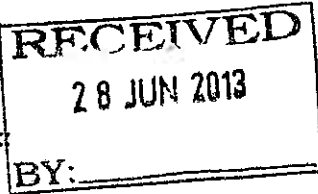
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We do not wish to speak to our submission.

### 1. Glacier Country Grant-

We do not support the funding cut. The Glacier Country targeted rate provides the funds for the important roles of Community Development Officers. The targeted rate was introduced at the request of the communities and should therefore remain in place.

### 2. Reduction in Library Opening Hours

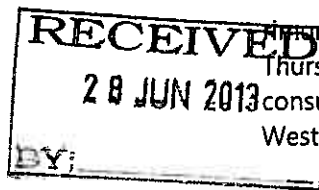
We do not support the reduced opening hours, particularly the decision to close the library on a Sunday as this significantly affects out of town borrowers.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the submission.

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**Comments:**

Thankyou WDC for keeping ratepayers informed and for the opportunity to comment on the annual plan. Re Waste Management 1. As we have already paid for council rubbish bags I believe we should still be able to use them at road side collection points and transfer stations 2. Wheelie Bins. Is it possible to retain a rubbish bag option for general waste on the rural collection runs? e.g. Our nearest collection point is approx 1km down a gravel road and the recycling wheelie bins have not been a user friendly option for us. They are a cumbersome item to load in the car, especially when wet, require a 2nd trip to retrieve the empty bin and are subject to more windage on the state highway. The last few years we have stored our recyclables in bulk and taken them to the transfer station (which is very good by the way) every 6 -8 weeks. However this is not very practical for general waste especially over summer and would incur even more charges at the transfer station under your proposal. 3. Sorry to hear that some of the outlying areas will be losing their rubbish trailers. I always thought they were a good idea to help the more isolated communities with waste management especially with the extra loading from tourism over the summer. Re Rate Increases I can accept the need for rate increases but the proposed 27% rise for a small holding at Awatuna is a steep leap. I believe council should be striking rates on a model based on capital value rather than land value. Re funding for tourism promotions. Should some tourist accommodation complexes continue to be fully exempt from the tourism promotions fee whilst others stump up? General Comment. Thanks WDC staff -Although the financial blowout was high I think you are doing ok managing some difficult decisions in trying times along with providing a multitude of services to a small diverse rating base. Not an easy task. I have always had good service from council staff from the front desk to the top floor and those departments in between. Thanks.

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Comments:

2013 Annual Plan questions. 1. P10. Reducing Services "Where to make savings." Congratulations on your decision to axe at least two of the under-performing Manager's/Senior Staff. Keep up the good work. There are a few more heads which need to roll before this restructure is finished. Don't forget to look closely at the Property Company while you at this task! a. Why not reduce the hours at museum over winter months only. Fewer tourists about and a less severe impact on staff take home pay. b. Where in this Plan does it consider that ALL Council staff take a small pay cut to help offset the losses that Council decisions have caused to happen? Cutting services to just a few departments impacts seriously on the take home wage for just a few, letting those who made the poor decisions get off scot free. (Well, some of them anyway!) All staff should be expected to contribute to this in fairness to other staff and ratepayers. c. How much would a 1% wage cut to all Council staff bring in? I suggest it would be enough to retain the Museum and Library hours alone, with the burden being shared by all staff. 3. P11. Community Township Development and Glacier Country Grant : the proposal to cut this funding will have a significant impact on these communities. Funding for these grants is a Targeted Rate from the areas in question. What is wrong with continuing this? On P 27 the Plan states that this funding is only to be withheld for one year, but in both other places in the Plan (P 11 & 35) no mention of a time frame has been given. Why is this? Has this significant change to the LTP been notified to Central Govt? Have the ratepayers on these areas been given a say in this decision? 4. P11. Parks & reserves; Stop mowing berms. Exactly how will this decision impact on our village? 5. P12. "A Conversation between Council & the Community": Conversation = an informal talk with somebody, especially about opinions, ideas, feelings, or everyday matters. This gives no assurance that the ideas and opinions of the public will be included or even considered as part of this Plan. P19. Investments; "The Council has two main investments. Equity in Westland Holdings Limited (\$8.7 million) and Cash Bonds (\$2 million). The income from both the equity and cash investments are expected to perform better than the cost of finance for the next three years." This is clearly an estimate and we have seen how inaccurate these have been in the very recent past. This is



a mis-leading statement as it can't be presumed that this will in fact be the outcome. It is disappointing to see such a misleading statement included in this Plan? 7. P21. Swimming Pools: "There are some small improvements to the Ross Swimming Pool and Council debated the impact on Ross residents of a new pool liner. see pg 33 for more information" Can you tell me exactly what are these "small improvements to the Ross Pool? " 8. P 22 "Where We Are At? Council has debated at length the aspirations of communities to have quality community halls and buildings and how these are funded. This Draft Annual Plan includes continued support for the development of the Fox Glacier Community Centre and the Harihari Community Facility." P34 "The Council continues to support the efforts of communities pursuing quality community halls and buildings." a. If Council is really offering support to Communities who have Halls, why are we still waiting after several years, to hear how we can progress getting the repairs done to our Hall? 9. P26. Solid waste Management: "There will be a transition period between the bags to bin collection. Residents have been issued with vouchers for 13 official refuse bags for the start of the 2013/2014 year, to allow for bins to be ordered and delivered if Council adopts the options presented in the Draft Annual Plan." Will the extra 13 bags per household be issued if the Plan does not proceed? 10 P33 "Parks and Reserves Roadside Mowing Of Berms- Saving \$20,000 The majority of property owners maintain and mow their berms well. Council currently mows a number of roadside berms when it considers the vegetation growth to be unacceptably high presenting an untidy view of the township. The priorities for mowing have been dependent on the use and location of the road. Council has decided it will no longer mow berms and instead actively promote the maintenance of property frontages by the property owners. It may also decide to spray rather than mow." Will Council continue to mow Public areas in the towns? 11. P41. Statement of Reserve Funds. 'Parks Renewal. For funding Parks, Reserves, Public Toilets, Ross Pool and Cemeteries Asset Renewal ' \$18,000 a. I don't understand why the Ross Pool is included here when there is a Targeted Rate charged to Ross Ratepayers for the Pool? 12. P48. Notes to the Financial Statement; What are the figures of \$39,000 written against Ross Swimming Pool for? 13; Investments The income from both the equity and cash investments are expected to perform better than the cost of finance for the next three years. Once again, these are projected totals only, not cash in hand yet, so can't be included in this Plan. Isn't this sort of "projection" exactly what has led the present Council into the hole it is in now and we as ratepayers are expected to carry this cost Have you considered;- no more bonuses or cheap perks for any of the staff. Get rid of the Property Company and ALL its distrusted staff/management and bring that part of the business back "in house! " This looks like yet another attempt by some Council members to whitewash the performance of Westland Property Company which is clearly seen as immoral and dishonest and whose existence is very much the concern of many of the ratepayers in our area. In the interest of keeping this document as short as possible, I have removed several points that had been in my original submission as a result of discussion at the Ross Community Society meeting where several of my concerns were addressed.

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Submit in person? No

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Comments:

I was made aware only yesterday of the proposed reduction in Hokitika Museum services and I appreciate the opportunity to submit my views on this matter. Under the provisions of the Public Records Act 2005 I have a role in coordinating and facilitating archival activities throughout New Zealand, and I also have specific responsibilities with regard to local authority archives. As you are aware, Hokitika Museum holds the legacy archives of Westland County Council and Hokitika Borough Council. Although I understand the financial pressures that have driven this proposal, I must express my concern. The West Coast Historical Museum is the most significant historical research resource on the West Coast and a key member of the national network of community and regional archives that work to identify, preserve and make available significant local and regional archives to a local, national and even international customer base. The work they do closely complements the services provided by the larger national archival institutions such as Archives New Zealand and the Alexander Turnbull Library. While I appreciate that researchers from outside your district are not ratepayers, your ratepayers do take advantage of identical services provided by other regional archive repositories throughout New Zealand, and overseas. The effective disestablishment of one research centre position vacant since early this year will have an unfortunate impact on the ability of the Museum to cope with the backlog of arrangement and description work that is necessary to make incoming material available to the public and is already affecting the Museum's ability to accept material we have referred to it. I believe that to reduce the service at this time would send the wrong signal to the community and would endanger the documentary heritage in your district, as well as reducing access to the local authority archives under your control. Hokitika Museum has had a long and mutually beneficial relationship with Archives New Zealand offices, in particular our Christchurch repository, which holds many linear metres of records relating to the history of your district, and which regularly refers researchers to your museum's holdings and in turn complements the research available in Hokitika. While the Museum already holds a quantity of public archives it acquired many years ago, the bulk of government archives created in the region are held in our Christchurch Office. The proposed

reduction in services can only jeopardise the long- mooted possibility of the museum eventually gaining approved repository status under the Public Records Act 2005, which would enable it to hold locally created government archives, including some currently held in Christchurch. For these reasons I would ask the Council to reconsider the proposal set out on page 30 of the draft annual plan. Greg Goulding Chief Archivist and General Manager Archives New Zealand Te Rua Mahara o te Kāwanatanga The Department of Internal Affairs Te Tari Taiwhenua

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Kirsty Manera

From: Graeme Detlaff <gdetlaff@yahoo.co.nz>  
 Sent: Thursday, 27 June 2013 3:10 p.m.  
 To: consult  
 Subject: Submission Form 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan  
 Attachments: WDC Submission Form.PDF

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Please find attached my submission form for the 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan

Regards

Graeme

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# Westland District Council Submission Form

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I would like to speak to my submission (please tick) ☒ yes ☐ no

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My submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

1. **Ross Pool:** I/We choose the option to use Endowment Land Funds to cover the cost of the new Liner for the Pool \$74,000+ GST=\$85,000– not a loan which would cost the local ratepayers.
2. I/We also endorse the release of sufficient extra Endowment land funds to cover all costs associated with the fitting of the Pool Liner. i.e. Altered reticulation and pipe placements, and restoring the Pool to a satisfactory standard for use. A quote of \$40,000 + GST has been given for this work.
3. The Pool Committee does not need a \$10,000 Loan to fix the Solar Panels. The cost for this repair has already been paid for by the local Swimming Pool Committee. We request that this extra cost be removed from the Ross Ratepayers.
4. I/We request that the Ross Pool Targeted Rate fund be used only and specifically for the Ross Pool and that any surplus funds be carried over to this fund for following years.
5. I/We request a detailed statement from Westland District Council at the end of its financial year showing *in detail* how the Targeted Rate fund has been spent and how much money remains in the account.
6. I/We request Council extend the Targeted Rating area for Ross Pool to include all dwellings from the Totara River in the North, down to Ross beach and to the Waitaha River in the South. We have keyholders from Totara Valley and as far south as Bold Head Road and Waitaha Valley. We accept that this change may not be possible this year, but ask that you implement it in 2014.

7. **Squash Club Rooms:** This group is awaiting the promised consultation on the possible future changes of ownership for this community asset.
8. **Community Township Development Funding;** I/We request the reinstatement of this funding **Rationale:** Enhancements will benefit our small towns by providing an environment that allows business, social and recreational activities to take place in a well serviced and appointed township; Plan for our small towns and give direction to future infrastructure; Upgrade amenities in our small towns; Respond to and support community initiatives; To assist and facilitate future growth and development of our small towns; This funding also supports Council's vision, i.e. innovation, community and stakeholder development and expanded development opportunities.
9. **Ross Community Hall:** The roof of the Hall is in urgent need of maintenance as it is in a state of serious disrepair. Our Community Society has previously had Plans and Costing done for this work, but these have been delayed whilst waiting for an engineer to do Earthquake assessment. The Society has made repeated request to have this work moved along which seem to have been ignored. Can we have some action on this please?
- 10 **The Beautification Fund:** This Grant was given to the Ross Community by the West Coast Development Trust. (Now Development W.C.) A proposal to use the remainder of this fund was put to the Council some years ago, but we were asked to put this on hold (by Council) due to the proposed new Hall. (This proposal was firmly rejected by this community and in light of what has happened in Hari- Hari this was a good call. A letter from Westland Council during 2012 indicated that \$53,000 approx was still in this account. The Ross Community Society and the community, expect that this money (approx \$53,000) will be made immediately available to them for use in Ross as the Community Society deems appropriate.
11. **Hollyford Road:** We strongly oppose any further funds being spent on the Hollyford Road project. In light of the current economic climate (and the dire financial circumstances the Westland Council is in) this is seen as an unnecessary expenditure. As ratepayers we are concerned about the lack of accurate information being given to us re this project. How much ratepayers money has been used to date and how much will be spent in future? We believe that this issue should have been included as part of this Annual Draft Plan for ratepayers input. All work on the Hollyford Road proposal should be halted until there has been adequate open and transparent consultation with all Ratepayers of the Westland District.
12. **Ross Playgroup:** This group requests that urgency be given to the completion of a "Memorandum Of Understanding" with the Council and Ross Playgroup. Repeated attempts to have this document progressed have been ignored by the Property Company.



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Kirsty Manera

**From:** annadyzel@westlandmed.co.nz  
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**Westland 2012-2013 Draft Annual Plan Submission**

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**Submit in person?** No

**Comments:**

Waste management: Ratepayers have paid for refuse bags, many of which remain unused as residents have recycled, reused and repurposed. These bags should continue to be accepted so as not to undermine the progress made - i.e. don't annoy the community - anger always causes poor decision making, not least in waste management as evidenced by the epidemic of fly tipping. Stopping glass collection will result in it returning to the waste stream - continue with kerbside collection until a sustainable solution is available.

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*If you are hand writing this form please print and use a dark coloured ink pen*

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I would like to speak to my submission (please tick) ☒ Yes ☐ No  
 Submission Hearings will be on Thursday 04 & Friday 05 July 2013

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to support the ongoing funding grant that is between for Glacier Country Trust 2 yearly  
 to keep the CDO & Glacier Country Trust Group's admin office  
 to keep the targeted rate for the  
 to support the Hutt Valley 13th  
 for longer hours in the summer months at least to April

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## Submission on the Council's 2013-2014 Draft Annual Plan

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My/ Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

A 1-2% increase in the wages  
to 10.1%

\* CDO role is removed and to  
keep the target rate

A funding grant between Fox Glacier  
& Franz Josef should remain

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Kirsty Manera

**From:** Lindsay and Mary Molloy <chaos1@xtra.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 27 June 2013 3:25 p.m.  
**To:** consult  
**Subject:** To the Westland Regional Council Draft Annual Plan 3 submitters  
**Attachments:** To the Westland Regional Council Draft Annual Plan 3 submitters.pdf

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from 3 submitters,

Tom Clarkson  
 Bev Clarkson  
 Michelle deKoster

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'Please note their typo "Westland Regional Council" supposed to be "Westland District Council".

To the Westland Regional Council Draft Annual Plan

We the undersigned implore the council in any decisions that are made and finalised in the Annual Draft Plans to please not allow the small provincial villages to stagnate, we are after all part and parcel of Westland

#### **RUBBISH COLLECTION**

This has been quite unsatisfactory for a number of years with the times of opening and position and condition of the Hari Hari dump, the Love Bins are being used for general waste disposal and if it won't fit it gets dumped beside and looks unsightly & even worse if the wind catches and disperses it, the Love Bins will probably have to stay in the park because of the tourists, but by providing a skip & placing it where only the locals know of its whereabouts would provide a solution and it does not have to be on the main road. Most of the rubbish occurs thru manufacturers and distributors, should the councils and govt be looking to stop some of this at its source? Recycling must be encouraged.

#### **TOWNSHIP DEVELOPEMENT GRANTS**

We feel that this grant must be retained. Hari Hari was due for this grant over 2 years ago and to stop it will have a detrimental effect on any proposals and or advancement of facilities in Hari Hari. Seems totally unfair when Kumara was able to jump the gun we will be the losers.

#### **THE HARI HARI COMMUNITY FACILITY**

A must to be implemented and underway asap, we support the concept of calling tenders for a design and construct concept.

Submitted by **Tom & Bev Clarkson**, La Fontaine Road, Hari Hari 7884 **03 7533039**

And **Michelle deKoster**, Wanganui Flat Road, Hari Hari 7884 **03 7533239**



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My/ Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

Submission from West Coast Rural Fire Authority attached to email.

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27 June 2013

**Submission to the Westland District Council Annual Plan regarding removal of funding for Kokatahi – Kowhitirangi and Haast Volunteer Rural Fire Forces (page 33)**

**Background**

Prior to 1997 all Territorial Local Authorities, the Department of Conservation, and established forestry districts on the West Coast were required to individually meet the requirements of the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977, the regulations and standards, with regard to protection of life and property from fire in all areas under their control.

For Westland District Council this included all non Public Conservation Land (non-PCL) within the boundary of WDC and included the communities of Haast and Kokatahi-Kowhitirangi.

The West Coast Rural Fire District (WCRFD) was formed on 6 November 1997, whereby all the above individual fire authorities amalgamated to form one Rural Fire Authority for the West Coast. Benefits in this arrangement were:-

- One Fire Plan (as opposed to 5)
- One Principal Rural Fire Officer (as opposed to 5)
- Centralised overview and co-ordination of activities
- Maximising use of existing stakeholder (Council, DOC) staffing
- Centralised risk planning
- Centralised and co-ordinated publicity

While there are several different funding mechanisms used around the country for Rural Fire District's, the one utilised by the WCRFD is stakeholder funding to the management of the WCRFD, with each stakeholder responsible for it's own firefighting asset and personnel management. The benefit of this model over more centralised models is that any savings made are of direct benefit to the stakeholder, as opposed to the central agency. Centralised models elsewhere are seeing equivalent sized Local Authorities (by population) TLA paying double Westland's current cost.

With the requirement of Local Authorities to be involved in Rural Fire management, the West Coast Rural Fire District is a statutory body of Council. In the case of the WCRFD, the fact that 50% of the board members are from local authorities, this makes the WCRFD a Council Controlled Organisation under Section 6 of the Local Government Act 2002.

**Fire Plan and Rural Fire Zones**

The WCRFD is required by the Act to have a Fire Plan, whereby it lays out its policy and procedures related to mitigation, readiness, response and recovery. This is a statutory document of the WCRFD, and therefore of the Westland District Council also. This is in the same way that the WDC must give effect to the West Coast Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan.

The establishment of the Zones within the WCRFD was to maximise the use of the existing stakeholder staffing from an administrative viewpoint. Particular responsibilities relate to the 365 day restrictions and the issuing of permits, and the provision of receipt of initial fire callouts for their Zone. Because of this in DOC would administratively overview some areas of non Public Conservation Land (i.e. South Westland, Maruia), while Local Authorities would 'take in' some areas of PCL (i.e. Lake Mahinapua, Waiuta). Primarily this allows the Zone 5 Controller to undertake activities a 'fair and reasonable' distance from his place of work. This also ensures that permits, etc can be proved on non PCL areas locally by DOC staff (i.e. Fox Glacier).

The 2013-14 Draft Plan (page 35) indicates that the WDC is only obligated to provide a Rural Fire Force for Zone 5. While the WDC is responsible for the administrative management, receiving notification of fires, and providing initial response in Zone 5, the arrangements of the WCRFD do not limit the WDC to this.

The WCRFD Fire Plan Section 2.2.9.2 states:-

*'Volunteer Rural Fire Forces are located at the following locations under the sponsorship of the indicated organisation*

*Westland District Council*

<i>Kokatahi – Kowhitirangi</i>	<i>NRFA No 108</i>
<i>Haast'</i>	<i>NRFA No 241'</i>

In this, the WDC has agreed that it will support these two VRFF with regard to their operation, equipment and management, and that this is regardless of the 'Zone' boundaries identified for administrative purposes.

### **Current arrangements and funding**

As per the current arrangements noted above the WDC contributes to the operation of the Volunteer Rural Fire Forces, assisting them to meet the NRFA requirements for equipment, Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and training. This includes the ongoing maintenance, testing, and housing costs.

While the ongoing maintenance, testing, and housing cost is solely funded by WDC, some of the firefighting equipment is supplied and maintained by the Department of Conservation. The NZFS has also accessed and provided an appliance in the last year, and paid the costs to transport the vehicle to the West Coast.

Any new equipment purchased is able to be subsidised by the NRFA (at 50%), and likewise any PPE is subsidised by the NRFA at 75%. As a reference a pair of firefighting overalls costs WDC \$50, with the balance paid by the NRFA.

Replacement of PPE is unlikely to be as a 'one off' for the entire VRFF, but is replaced due to wear over time, with PPE lasting >5 years. As such the cost to meet the NRFA standards in this regard is relatively low.

WDC also pays a component of the management of the WCRFD. Over the last 2 years, and for 2013/14 year, the WCRFD has managed to maintain the contribution required at the same level. This has resulted in savings of over \$6,000 to the WDC in the last two years over the expected budget for the WCRFD.

Training of personnel to meet the NRFA standards is an issue. This is not however an issue unique to these VRFF, or the West Coast. Both VRFF regularly train, however the cost to have personnel assessed to the NRFA standards remains an issue. There is no easy answer to training, however the WCRFD is committed to working with all stakeholders, staff and volunteers to ensure compliance can be obtained.

### **Structure Fires and Motor Vehicle Accidents**

The WCRFD has responsibility for the protection of life and property from fire. A legal opinion obtained by the National Rural Fire Officer in 1997 noted that 'property' has a wide definition and included structures, and therefore there is a responsibility for Rural Fire Authorities to attend to these within their area of jurisdiction.

With regard to motor vehicle accidents it should be noted that in the '*Report of the Fire Review Panel*', provided to the Minister of Internal Affairs in December 2012, Section 101 showed that there is no clear mandate for the New Zealand Fire Service (or the other fire agencies) to attend motor vehicle accidents or other non-fire emergencies.

Further in Section 102 it noted :

*'The fact that people do receive prompt assistance in times of need is attributable more to the enthusiastic commitment of urban and rural fire services to their communities '*

Both VRFF attend non-fire emergencies, in the same way NZFS brigades do, because they have the resources available, and the desire to attend, for the wellbeing of those in their communities or who pass through them.

### **Future Arrangements**

There are currently two consultation processes that may positively effect the arrangements for the provision of services.

The first being the aforementioned '*Report of the Fire Review Panel*'. There are a significant number of recommendations however some key items are:-

- The arrangements for Rural Fire will not change (although the legislation will)
- That the current funding model for rural fire is not as inequitable as some suggest, although further detailed analysis be done.
- That a mechanism be established for the equipping and training of specific VRFF for non-fire emergencies where gaps are identified.

A timeline for the Minister's response to the report has not yet been provided.

The second consultation process is by the Ministry of Education, look specifically at the training of Rural Fire and Civil Defence personnel. This is in response to the fact that these two activities are primarily made up of volunteers, who are dispersed over wide areas, and only need a limited number of NZQA unit standards to meet requirements, as opposed to full qualifications. This consultation process has just commenced but should be finalised by the end of 2013.

While both these consultation processes do not change the requirements of WDC, as a stakeholder of WCRFD, to perform its functions and provide resources – they will have an impact on the other areas of concern that have been raised.

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion the WCRFD request that Council do not remove funding for the two VRFF, but continue to maintain the facilities and equipment to meet the NRFA standards, noting that:-

- Westland District Council, as a stakeholder of the WCRFD, is required to meet the obligations as outlined in the WCRFD Fire Plan.
- Sponsorship of Kokatahi-Kowhitirangi VRFF and Haast VRFF as part of their obligation.
- WCRFD will continue to work with the WDC Zone Controller, staff and volunteers, as well as other stakeholders and agencies, to minimise the cost to WDC in obtaining compliance with the NRFA standards where possible.
- Future arrangements may strengthen the response to fire and non-fire emergencies, which can only be of benefit to the communities of Westland and to the visitors to the area.

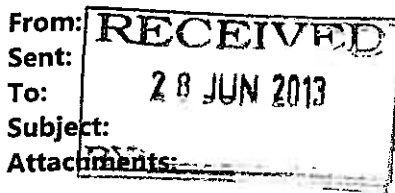


Mark Boere  
Principal Rural Fire Officer

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Kirsty Manera



From: Lindsay and Mary Molloy <chaos1@xtra.co.nz>  
Sent: Thursday, 27 June 2013 3:29 p.m.  
To: consult  
Subject: Hari Hari Community Assoc. submissions to the Annual Plan  
Attachments: Hari Hari Community Assoc. submissions to the Annual Plan.pdf



submitted on behalf of the Hari Hari Community Association by Lindsay Molloy and Tom Clarkson

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**To The Westland District Council**

**Submissions to the Westland District Council's Annual Plan**

To the Westland District Council,

**Township Development Grant**

It was unanimously agreed by all present at our Hari Hari Community Association meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup> that this grant is reinstated forthwith.

Those present were, Councillor Bryce Thomson, Lindsay Molloy, Mary Molloy, Tom Clarkson, Bev Clarkson, Con Nyland, Shirlee Black, Margaret Houston, Judy Johnston, Brenda Twidle, Jim Stevenson, Bernadette Archbold, Ruth Priest-Johnson, Helen Clarkson, - apologies Michelle deKoster, Kirsty Robinson, John McIntosh, Glenda Stevenson, Teresa Molloy

We realize that this will result in a slight increase in rates and have taken this into account. As the rotation has been reduced to a 5 year one for a previous 7 year one, there is some room to move in the size of the grant e.g. \$70,000 for a 7 year rotation may be \$50,000 for a 5 year one.

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**Rubbish**

This service has been unsatisfactory for Hari Hari residents for a number of years and nothing has been resolved. There is resentment that we provide (in our rates) for a service for the visitors, tourists etc yet it is made very difficult and expensive for ratepayers who have a limited service. The so-called "love bins" are often used by residents resulting in an unsightly mess at the iconic Guy Menzies Park.

Suggested Remedy – provide a skip situated adjacent to the recycle bins which should be re-located and able to be used by all. They should be emptied on a weekly basis or more as required and the near-useless Hari Hari transfer station closed. This will result in cost-savings to Council and would go a long way to paying for a more central service.

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**Hari Hari Community Facility**

We believe we have been seriously let down by Council in the progress of this project which has dragged on over a number of years – our own contributions were available promptly and delays over costing the project, estimates, lack of clear policy on depreciation, operating costs and so on has cost this project in time (5 years) and in money with the cost increasing over this time from \$750,000



to \$1.2 million. We want it to proceed as soon as possible and remind Council that it has been given a clear direction by the Lotteries Commission that funding will be withdrawn in June 2014 unless it is used promptly for the purpose it was granted, the Hari Hari Community Facility.

We (the Hari Hari Community) are extremely disappointed that Council will not support a joint approach to Development West Coast for increased MDI funding as our ratio was approximately \$1 for \$1 whereas other projects have been subsidised at \$2 for \$1 raised. Within a few days of Council announcing it would support our project once more by reinstating the Council contribution, Council had applied for and been granted \$2 million for the cycleway. This is not good public relations.

**Remedy** – We support the concept of this project on a design and build basis. A small working Group of say 2 from Council and 2 from our community with power to co-opt as necessary, should be formed. This committee must have the power to make decisions as they are required. It must have a clear and detailed time-frame for seeing this project promptly progress to fruition.

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#### **Consultation**

We want to be part of the consultation process with Council before decisions are made on our behalf. We want to work with council in a pro-active rather than a re-active way. It is suggested that regular - say once or twice yearly – contact by staff be made with our community to prioritise our concerns and suggested solutions for regular maintenance programmes etc and this time-framed, with planned procedures to implement this. The restructuring programme currently occurring within council gives an excellent opportunity to incorporate this into council Policy, not just for Hari but for all of Westland District's rural towns.

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**The Hari Hari Community Association wishes to speak to these submissions**

**These four submissions have been sent on behalf of the Hari Hari Community Association,**

**By Lindsay Molloy (Chairman) and Tom Clarkson (Secretary) and after discussion with those present at the Community Association meeting and others concerned within our area.**

Kirsty Manera

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From: Jane alison Neale <jane.bill1@xtra.co.nz>  
Sent: Thursday, 27 June 2013 3:49 p.m.  
To: consult  
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PLEASE ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING AS MY SUBMISSION TO THE ANNUAL PLAN PROCESS. Thank you, Jane Neale.

1. I want to see the youth having a voice in the council. Value the youth we have, involve them, and recognise their strength and leverage off their strengths.
2. Increase attention to environmentally friendly methods in all practice, ranging from small internal processes to external developments.
3. Less emphasis on tourism more on community development, working in collaboration with existing groups where possible.
4. Ensure 'cycle trail' spaces continue to be available to existing users, in our local area. ie where land to be converted to cycle trail has been used by locals, ensure that those use rights continue.
5. Investigate ways to cut building and development costs, for example the council having a resource consent to cover many individual sewerage plans.

I WISH TO SPEAK TO MY SUBMISSION AND LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU. Thanks, kind regards

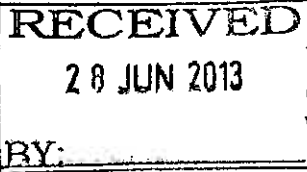
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Kirsty Manera

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Sent: Thursday, 27 June 2013 4:26 p.m.  
To: consult  
Subject: Westland 2014 Draft Annual Plan Submission  
BY:



**Westland 2012-2013 Draft Annual Plan Submission**

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**Comments:**

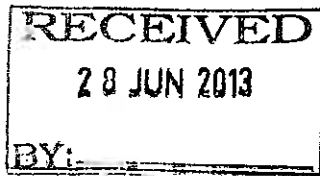
Page 26 Waste disposal. We are ratepayers on 3 properties and running a Hospitality business, which by the way will not benefit from the cycle way. By removing the bins you will be causing a lot of problems for the residents and the numerous businesses here. We will have to travel over 100km return at times specified by you to drop off the rubbish which does not suit. By law we are only expected to travel up to 30km. What are we as residents of Otira getting for our rates now, we don't even get rubbish bags or bins and you are increasing rates and removing the most essential service we need here. Other environs included in this change seem to be taken care of at minimal cost to them but not Otira!! WHY? This is a total degenerate proposal and an unpractical solution from council. Some people will obviously dispose of their rubbish in unfavourable places ie sides of roads, picnic areas in the bush etc. We as a tourist destination are rating 9 - 10/10 with approximately 800-900 people a season, which also helps to bring tourism beyond our gate to the West coast We ask you to reconsider this proposal as it will have long term negative consequences.

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**Franz Josef**

Business Development Society

Draft Annual Plan 2013/2014  
Westland District Council  
Private Bag 704  
Hokitika 7842

**Submission on the 2013/14 Westland District Council Draft Annual Plan**

**Name:** Mr Marcel Fekkes - Chairperson, Franz Josef Business Development Society ( Franz Inc.)

**Postal Address:** PO Box 86  
Franz Josef 7856

**Telephone:** 027 5449686

**Email:** [fekkes1@hotmail.com](mailto:fekkes1@hotmail.com)

**Date:** 27 June 2013

We do not wish to speak to my submission.

Franz Josef Business Development Society's submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

**1. Glacier Country Grant- cut grant funding, saving \$65 000**

- Franz Inc. does not support the funding cut.
- The Glacier Country targeted rate provides the funds for the important roles of Community Development Officers (CDOs in Franz Josef and Fox Glacier and the Glacier Country Tourism Group administration officer)
- The functions of these roles are critical to the on-going success of each organisation they support and they play a critical part in the overall development of the communities, liaison & networking links with the WDC and other community supporting organisations. The communities would suffer if these positions were disestablished
- The targeted rate was introduced at the request of the communities and should therefore remain in place. The most appropriate way and ease of operation to handle the administration of these rolls is via the WDC support network.
- Although could we suggest that some consideration could be given to the level of this funding as it would seem over the years that there could be an excess of funds being collected and maybe the rate per property could be reduced.

## 2. Community Township Development – Glacier Country Grants

*From our Vision....providing maintenance and creating opportunities for communities to upgrade and develop their town environment*

*The \$70,000 pa contribution to both the Glacier Towns and Community Township Development was debated at length. Council resolved to remove both \$70, 000 grants for one year.*

- We accept that the Westland District Council must take an approach that balances rates (and other) income with proposed annual plan expenditure and understand the need to reduce funding in some area's to start the process in being able to "balance the books"
- It is a well known fact that; Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers are the key tourism attractions on the West Coast and are fundamental in the drawing of visitors to the region. Consequently these townships are the destinations that are the hub of the tourism driven economy of Westland. If the township development grants can no longer be supported through the general rates strike then the council must recognise that the presentation and maintenance of these townships to a high standard is of vital importance to the region. Consequently sufficient resources must be directed to the glacier townships to ensure that they achieve the aim of being **world class tourist destinations**.
- If these development (beautification) grants are wiped then the council must ensure that sufficient funds (proportionate to the importance of these townships being the key tourist destinations for all of Westland) are allocated and used effectively to maintain and develop Franz Josef and Fox Glacier townships as world class tourist destinations.

## 3. Hokitika I-site- Rationalising opening hours

- We support the continued funding of the I-site and the fact that the I-site will continue to open 7 days a week.
- We do not support the intention of having the same opening hours year round.
- Tourism is seasonal and the busy summer period with long hours of daylight demands longer opening hours.
- The I-site summer hours (October to April) should be 8:30am to 6pm daily.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comment on the Draft Annual Plan 2013-2014.

Kirsty Manera

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From: markdawson@xtra.co.nz  
Sent: Thursday, 27 June 2013 11:24 p.m.  
To: consult  
Subject: Westland 2014 Draft Annual Plan Submission

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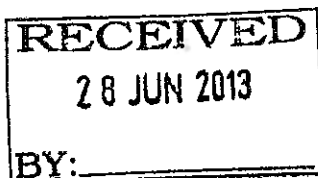
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Phone: 755 6878  
Mobile: 0274 345 845  
Fax:  
Other Organisation:  
Submit in person? No

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Comments:

I have two comments on the draft Annual Plan 1 The plan concentrates on cost saving and the increase in rates necessary to balance the Councils books. There is little comment, if any, on generating additional income from the Councils investments. In particular, there is no suggestion the CCO's will be required to work more efficiently to increase the return from the subsidiaries. This is an area that Council can improve its performance. 2 I may be misunderstanding "funding" depreciation, but it appears to me that the Council is suggesting it will borrow \$3m to place \$2m of depreciation in a reserve. My view is Council should be reducing debt as a priority. Once debt is under control then begin to build reserves.





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Name

Lynley Hargreaves (Secretary for Ross School Board of Trustees)

Mr/Mrs/**Ms**/Miss/Dr

(please circle)

Name of Organisation Ross School Board of Trustees

Postal Address 17 McLeods Road RD Ross

Westland.....

Telephone (day) 037554227.....

Telephone (evening).....

Email Address

ldh17@ext.canterbury.ac.nz.....

I would like to speak to my submission (please tick): NO

My submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

The Ross School Board of Trustees supports the Ross Community Society's request that Endowment Land Funds be used to cover the cost of a Liner for the Ross Pool, including all the associated costs.

We consider the pool a valuable community asset and vital to our student's safety, by providing readily accessible, affordable and regular opportunities for them to learn to swim.

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Name Maurice, A Rowan Sullivan Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr  
(please circle)

Name of Organisation (if applicable) Fox Glacier Resident

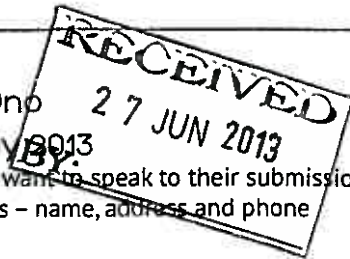
Postal Address PO Box 17 Telephone (day) \_\_\_\_\_  
Fox Glacier Telephone (evening) 03510 887

Email Address maurice.ro@extra.co.nz

I would like to speak to my submission (please tick): ☐ Yes ☒ No

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My/ Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

Community Development Officer funding

This targeted voted to fund this extremely valuable role in our opinion should continue between Fox, Franz & Glacier Country tourism group, for the benefit of the glacier country & beyond.

The discussed option of these positions being bulk funded is a valuable option - it works very well to service our community.

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Name Maurice & Rowan Sullivan Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr  
(please circle)

Name of Organisation (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address PO Box 17  
Fox Glacier

Telephone (day) \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (evening) 337510887

Email Address maurice.ro@xtra.co.nz

I would like to speak to my submission (please tick): ☐ Yes ☒ No

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My/ Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is  
Fox Glacier Community Centre

~~We~~ We would like to have Council's continued support on this much needed project.

We can't quite keep up with the amounts of money promised, but at the last count, \$200k of funding is ~~set~~ secured in our favour, if so that would be most appreciated.

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Name Maurice Sullivan / Rowan ☒ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Miss ☐ Dr  
(please circle)

Name of Organisation (if applicable) Fox Glacier Rate payer

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FOX GLACIER Telephone (evening) 037510887

Email Address maurice.rodriguez@conz

I would like to speak to my submission (please tick): ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

Rural Rate Increase

House of 5 souls similar to plenty of rural house holds in the district. We stand to have a rate rise of 25% which for most is a rate increase of more than the residential total rate. Seems to be mainly attributable to road costs where the user pay principle is being applied. Cook Flat Road if left to rural rate payers would have movements of less than 20 per day, but not so as council monitoring will indicate which has been core in the past. Implies no use by commercial or urban rate payers. "not so". Other areas roading supports heavy traffic movements of milk with large parts of economic benefit going to employment of urban Hokitika residents.

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Name Rowan Sullivan Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr  
(please circle)

Name of Organisation (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address PO Box 17  
Tox Glacier

Telephone (day) \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (evening) 037510387

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to speak to my submission (please tick): ☒ Yes ☐ No

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My/ Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

Haast Rural Fire Parties

In the past the Haast Rural Fire group has ~~had~~ had money from WDC for its continuation - submit that this commitment continue until another funding agency can be found - these guys do a great job. I believe there are other funders out there to cover this group but maybe encourage them to find other funding but cover in the mean time.

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Name DES ROBERTSON Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr  
(please circle)

Name of Organisation (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address 50 ROLLISTON ST  
HOKITIKA

Telephone (day) 755 7444

Telephone (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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My/ Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

GETTING REAL DOES NOTHING THAT MAKES ME COMFORTABLE AS TO  
THE DIRECTION WESTLAND IS HEADING.

THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO MENTION ABOUT REDUCING THE HORRIFIC  
DEBT THAT OUR COUNCILLORS HAVE ALLOWED TO BE INCURRED.

WHOMEVER WROTE THE DEBT COMMENT ON PAGE 18 WANTS TO GET REAL  
AS DEBT IS NOT A GOOD THING ITS A BLOOD KILLER AND ITS GOING  
TO KILL THE RATEPAYERS OF WESTLAND FOR THE NEXT 15-20 YEARS.

THIS ISSUE MUST BE ADDRESS BIG TIME IF WESTLAND IS TO PROGRESS  
WE HAVE TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.

THE \$5000 FOR TOURISM W/C THE \$30000 FORTHCOMING HERITAGE  
\$30000 CYCLING SHOULD ALL BE AID.

COUNCIL SHOULD BE MORE HANDS ON WITH HOW COUNCIL IS RUN  
MANAGEMENT AND STAFF MUST BE HELD MORE ACCOUNTABLE, STAFF  
PRODUCTIVITY HAS TO BE LOOKED AT.

GETTING AND DECISION MAKING NEEDS TO GET REAL. IF YOU  
LOOK AT THE PAST, \$100000 HAVE BEEN WASTED.

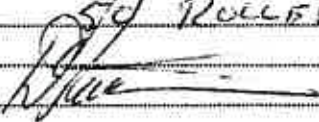
SOLID WORK IS A PROVEN EXAMPLE OF THIS AND TO ME IS  
BADLY MANAGED. THE REMOVAL OF THE FRANK DAMON FUND IS  
BLOODY SHORT SIGHTED.

I MUST SAY I AM DISCOURAGED AT (Submission form continues over)

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THE WAY OUR ELECTED MEMBERS HAVE PERFORMED  
OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS AND ONLY HOPE FOR THE  
SAKE OF WESTLAND RATEPAYERS THAT THEY CAN TAKE THE  
BULL BY THE HORNS AND HAVE THE GUTS TO GET REAL AND  
STOP PUSSY FOOTING AROUND AND MAKE THE HARD DECISIONS  
DUMP WESTLAND HOLDING, AND THE PROPERTY TO LET THE RATEPAYERS HAVE IT.  
I WOULD LOVE TO SPEAK TO MY SUBMISSION, BUT ABOUT 8A  
BECAUSE THE LAST TIME I DID OUR DEBIT WAS \$700 AND  
OUR MAYOR AND SOME COUNCILLORS DID NOT SEEM TO BE  
INTERESTED IN WHAT WAS SAID AND THERE HAS PROVED  
TO ME THAT ~~MY~~ I WAS RIGHT

DEB ROUTHMAN  
50 ROLLISTON ST  


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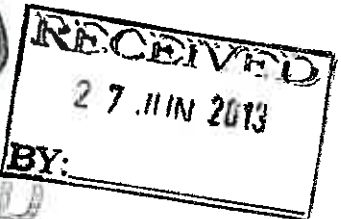
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Name Ross Godfrey

(Mr) / Mrs / Ms / Miss / Dr

(please circle)

Name of Organisation (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address 35 Rolleston Street

Hokitika

Telephone (day) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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My/ ~~Our~~ submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

as follows:

EVENTS: I support the 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan for cutting the Events funding by \$40,000 by only focussing on the one event being the Wildfoods Festival.

SOLID WASTE: I support the 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan for stopping the kerbside collection of glass from Hokitika and for the introduction of trailer bins at the transfer stations for sorted glass recycling.

CYCLE TRAIL: I oppose the 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan for the \$30,000 from the rates to be spent on marketing of the Cycle Trail.

PARKS & RESERVES: I oppose the 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan for cutting the \$20,000 allowed for mowing the street roadside lawns (berms).

WILDERNESS CYCLE TRAIL: I oppose the Council Created Reserve funds of \$242,000 which were from the Road Reserve sale to the Westland Milk Products being allocated to fund the construction of the West Coast Wilderness Trail as this money would be better spent on the infrastructure services for Hokitika: ie the Stormwater infrastructure systems for Rolleston Street.

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STORMWATER: I support funding to be allocated in the 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan to investigate and fix the Stormwater problem on Rolleston Street caused by Stormwater entering from the other streets where it can not be

collected in the overflowing Stormwater sumps causing it to continue on and gather in Rolleston Street.

The Council has been informed of this Stormwater problem and it has been on going for a number of years

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Name Glenice Purcell

Mr/Mrs/MS/MISS/DR  
(please circle)

Name of Organisation (if applicable)

Postal Address 29 Alpine View

Telephone (day) 755-8212

Telephone (evening)

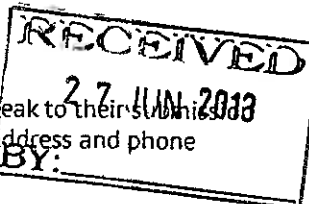
Mobile 021-395-068

Email Address g.purcell@extra.co.nz

I would like to speak to my submission. Please tick: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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My/ Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

#### Submission

With such a low rating base it is not feasible for the Council to have

The following;

1. Stop: Enterprise projects such as the Hollyford Road, Airport expansion  
Cycle trails. Leave this to private enterprise:
2. Stop: Employing Director's and consultants.
3. Disband the Property development company.

To conclude the Council needs to attend to the core business and ensure that a sustainable base is maintained.

Because of Council mismanagement we all have to bear the cost of their Ineptitude and repay the debt with high rates, so we expect them to cut their costs by trimming their staff and expenses and their schemes.

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Name JOHN O'REILLY Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr (please circle)

Name of Organisation (if applicable) DIRECTOR O'REILLY FARMS LTD + FLOWERY CREEK FOREST LTD

Postal Address 791 LAAR KOKATAH RD Telephone (day) 7556562  
RD 1 HOKITIKA Telephone (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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My/ Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

The increase proposed for rural farm properties is excessive at over 20%. Farm values are already very high and as a result farm properties currently pay a substantial amount of rates. In addition dairy farmers already indirectly are responsible for the large rates paid by Westland Milk Products. Given the stance adopted by the council and especially the Mayor on the 1080 issue, it appears the council are very unsympathetic of farming in general in Westland.

The rate increase proposed for Hokitika residential properties at below 7% seems no comparison to the 20%+ for farm properties. It appears this is a political decision due to the number of votes within the township area!!

I am concerned about future planned rate increases as outlined in the Annual Plan and the "easy option" of further unfair rural increases due to unsound council fiscal management



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Name Bill O'Reilly Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr  
(please circle)

Name of Organisation (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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Hokitika Telephone (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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My/ Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

With regard to misleading headlines about rates 7-9% increase you people should be warning the public. This is totally misleading, tell the truth up front. Some roads in Hokitika - K. are 10 years behind in maintenance and in poor condition a coat of seal does not cover up sunken and uneven areas, only makes it look good. Road upgrades that were promised 9 years ago eg Styx-Hokitika have never been touched and have been subverted by items that have no relation to core functions, but are window dressing for a small portion of the public.

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The Council needs to support its main areas which are the life blood of the Hokitika township because without this support you can have all the hype & photo opportunities you want but the commercial areas of Westland need to be able to support a thriving town. The Council attitude to farmers is appalling its support for Anti 1080 protesters and a few lapsed shoppers is disgusting. Council should stay out of these arguments and keep its nose clean. Grit Depts are there to handle H.B. problems.

As for Council Debt, we have a ~~young~~ <sup>former</sup> Mayor who has to be in receipt of 100K with expenses this is his job to keep a day to day eye on what happens in Council Depts.

It is appalling to think Council gets itself in such a financial state.

Look back before the present Mayor came to office and read his comments & tongue lashing of the previous Mayor (that's itself).

It is time to return the the township who councillors were jointly & severally liable for council funds.

There is an old adage which states "It is very easy to spend other people's money."

My advice to councillors is look at history and see what Winston Blair did. He left the Council when he came back from Germany in 1939.

One word GO.

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Name Trolle - Grace Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr (please circle)

Name of Organisation (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address 13 Whitcombe Ter

Telephone (day) 7557250

Telephone (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address Hokitika  
gracetrolle@gmail.com

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My/ Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

~~Regent Theatre~~ Theatre - We suggest the Council include the Regent Theatre in its 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan. This local building has been refurbished with thousands of hours donated by community so as to have a Town Hall for the town. All work was done voluntarily. The Theatre is used for the Shaws Community meetings & events & film. It is the heart of the community. The grant is needed to help pay for the actual running of the theatre.

Without this building we would have no common, comfortable meeting place.

All work on the building was paid for by volunteers.

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Name Jane O'Reilly Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr (please circle)  
 Name of Organisation (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
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I would like to speak to my submission (please tick): ☐ Yes ☒ No

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My/ Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

Kōkatahi/Kōwhitirangi Community Rate needs to remain in place to fund projects in our community.

Kōkatahi/Kōwhitirangi Rural Volunteer fire force needs to remain & continue to be funded in part by the National Rural fire Authority & the W.D. Council. The KKRUFF is essential to our community providing safety & security and a first point of call in the event of a major civil defence incident - (flooding, earthquake etc.)

I believe our 20%+ rate increase is excessive and unwarranted, & do not believe that for the amount of rates we pay (as a community) that much of it is spent in our community. Think the Council sees the rural areas as an 'easy option' given the less than 7% increase in the urban area.

Talking about "Getting Real" I think it is time Council Management & our Mayor stood up & took some responsibility for the predicament the Council now finds itself in.

(Submission form continues over)

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Westland District Council  
Private Bag 704  
Hokitika  
[council@westlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:council@westlanddc.govt.nz)

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**Draft Westland District Annual Plan Submission**

Name: Dave Ricketts and Clare Corson

Postal address: PO Box 99  
HOKITIKA

Phone no. (03) 755 5551

If you are completing this form on behalf of others, please name the group or organisation:  
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Do you wish to present your submission to the Council in person (4 & 5 July)? Yes/No  
(delete one)

**My submission is as follows:**

I support the inclusion in the Annual Plan for Council to make provision to help keep Hokitika's Regent Theatre open by including an average annual rates levy of about \$10/yr for each Hokitika ratepayer, and \$3/yr elsewhere.

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Extras comments:



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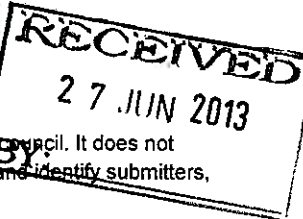
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Submitters: Diane Baker

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We do not wish to speak to our submission.

Name... Dave Hindman

Address... 327 Mangawhi Flat Road, Huri Hari

Date

Submission to the Westland District Council Annual Plan 2013/14  
Re the removal of the Community Township Development Funding – Hari Hari

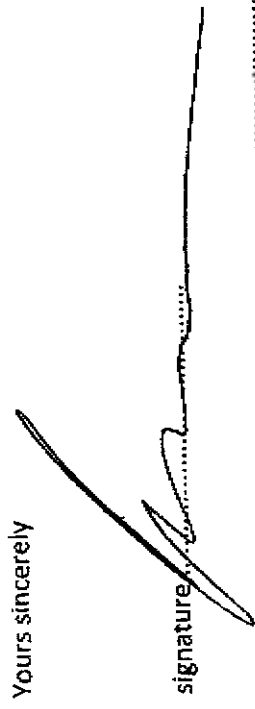
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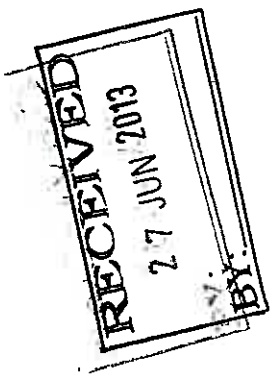
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Yours sincerely

signature 

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**Kirsty Manera**

**From:** franknewman6@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, 27 June 2013 1:51 p.m.  
**To:** consult  
**Subject:** Westland 2014 Draft Annual Plan Submission



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**Westland 2012-2013 Draft Annual Plan Submission**

**Submission Number:** 2010144

**First Name:** Frank

**Last Name:** Newman

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**Email:** [franknewman6@gmail.com](mailto:franknewman6@gmail.com)

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**Other**

**Organisation:**

**Submit in person?** No

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**Comments:**

I submit that the Council retains the status quo with regard to the opening hours for both the Hokitika Museum & Library. Further, I believe a reduction in Museum curatorial services would have a detrimental effect to the ongoing preservation of the collection for current & future generations. The introduction in the Draft Annual Plan (DAP) refers to "Westland will, by 2030, be a world class destination", surely a world class destination should have an appropriately funded Museum. I do not see that being achieved by treating the Museum (& Library) as soft targets for spending cuts. The DAP is looking to cut \$25,000 from the Museum budget (interestingly it will now share very similar funding as allocated to public toilets), however Council has acknowledged that it was providing services without passing on the ACTUAL cost to ratepayers. Well, GET REAL & pass on sufficient cost to ensure the funding levels of the Museum & Library are maintained & secured in future planning. General Rates under DAP 2013/14 \$5.761m increase by 0.006248915% = \$36,000 to extinguish proposed cuts.



Name BG & RN Johnson

Address 495 1A Fontaine Road

Date 26/6/13

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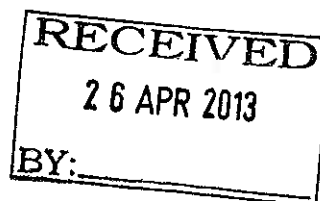
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~ Ross Community Society Incorporated  
C/- Charlie McBeath (Chairperson)  
25 Stewart Street  
Ross 7812  
3rd April 2013



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The Mayor and all Councillors  
Westland District Council  
Private Bag 704  
Hokitika

CE	HWM	MPR	GM AO	CFO	EA	CSO	TLO	ASST ACCT	Councillors
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Dear Mayor and all Councillors  
RE: ROSS SWIMMING POOL

The Swimming Pool Committee requested our support during last months meeting (4<sup>th</sup> March 2013) to hold a special community meeting to consult and request use of Ross endowment money for works to be carried out on the swimming pool. The community society gave approval for this meeting. It was proposed that major work is required; such as having a PVC lining installed, for the continued future of the swimming pool. Having attended the special meeting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013, I can inform you that the community gave its unanimous support for the above to occur.

This letter is to endorse the Community Society's support for the Ross Swimming Pools request for use of Ross endowment monies to line the pool. I understand you already have an estimate from one company which was attached to the Ross Swimming Pool's Annual Plan submitted to Council in February. After discussing this with the pool committee I also understand they will have two quotes from reputable companies for the work to be undertaken and a firm costing to provide yourselves with at your next Council meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Having undertaken the process with the Playgroup last year we wish to convey that if you require any further information from us we will be only to happy to assist and view the swimming pool as a major importance to our community and wish it a long future with your support  
Yours sincerely

Charlie McBeath  
Chairperson

1. We, are members of the Ross Swimming Pool Committee who are present today to request that this Council release sufficient Ross Endowment Land funds to cover the cost of lining our Pool.
2. We have followed the Council's criteria for the release of these funds by, firstly, seeking approval from the Ross Community Society and secondly, from the members of the Ross Community.
3. In both instances we received unanimous support for our application.
4. We are seeking to use this funding source to ensure that no extra burden is placed upon any ratepayers in our community.
5. We have a proud history of being as self sufficient as possible in our fundraising, but in this major repair and cost, we do need your help. Our latest fundraising effort raised more than \$30,000 for the solar Panels on our Pool, and, as some of you will be aware, we have continued to fund repairs to this system to reduce the financial burden to this Council.
6. We believe that the planned improvements will help reduce the overall running costs of the Pool, while providing the Ross townsfolk with a complex which will hopefully last many years into the future.
7. The Council has been supportive of the use of these funds with the reconstruction of the Ross Play Group building.

## ROSS SWIMMING POOL APRIL 2013

### Expenditure

- \* Treatment / Chemicals costs per year \$2,500
- receive \$2,000 from council to assist with chemicals
- \* Maintenance costs 2012/13 season - \$9,405.69

### **Breakdown** - \$3,217.50 caretakers fee

- \$1,775.50 new chlorine pump
- \$1,804.49 plumbers account - council request committee pay
- \$2,608.20 solar panel fix by committee

Only maintenance committee should be paying for is for caretakers fee. Any work committee wishes to carry out such as buying new covers and reel - they fundraise and apply for grants.

### Income

- \* Fundraising done over past 12 months by keyholders \$3,338.59 (housie / raffle)
- \* Grants \$5,100.00
- \$2,000.00 Westland District Council (chemical assist)
- \$2,000.00 Department of Internal Affairs
- \$1,100.00 West Coast Community Trust
- \* Donations \$338.00
- \* Keyholders sub & casuals \$2,923.00

45 households within township are keyholders, around 20 households more are casuals users.

Amount of Ross Endowment Funds left around \$237,000





INDUSTRIAL FIBREGLASS LTD

187 Dyers Road  
CHRISTCHURCH

Ph (03) 982 5189  
Fax (03) 982 5183

20 August 2012

Dear Bev

**Re: Ross District Swimming Pool**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a quotation for the Ross District Swimming Pool.

The works to be carried out include sandblasting the pool and applying a 5mm Fibreglass membrane on the inside of the pool and continuing up to the finish of the blue edge. A non-skid surface will be applied to the surface of the steps and the outside edge of the pool. The lane lines will be re-painted.

If you were able to remove all the stainless prior to Reflex commencing works this would allow you a cost saving there.

***Quotation:***

Sandblasting, application of fibreglass membrane and non-skid surface, repaint lines	\$ 58,700
Accommodation (if making our own arrangements)	<u>\$ 3,360</u>
- Based on \$ 120 per day, 4 men, allow 7 days	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$62,060 Plus GST</b>

*Please note all prices quoted are exclusive of GST.*

We have some ideas below that could raise some additional revenue to cover any funding shortfall:

- Consider increasing the key price from the current price
- Allow families/businesses to sponsor a brick in the wall (a set donated amount would allow them have their name engraved on a brick on the wall for prosperity)
- Sell the lanes to local businesses which would give them a right to erect signage on the pool lane
- Publicise to the local community that their support is vital prevent the pools closure
- Reiterate that swimming is part of the school curriculum and therefore a pool facility is required to meet the needs of the school
- The solar panel is in need of repair, ask a local plumber who would be willing to fix and in lieu of payment could erect a signage up on the wall

### Warranty

Reflex Industrial Fibreglass Ltd warrants the new lining of your swimming pool for a period of two years from the date of completion works. The warranty applies to materials and labour supplied by Reflex Industrial Fibreglass Ltd.

Items that are excluded from this warranty include the following:

- Cracks, delamination or other damage to the lining caused by failure of the pool substrate.
- Damage caused by others.
- Normal wear and tear.
- Discolouration caused by excessive use of pool chemicals.
- Discolouration caused by sunlight.
- Accidental damage.

Once again thank you for the opportunity to be able to provide a quotation and if we can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to make contact.

Yours sincerely

Greg Simons  
INDUSTRIAL MANAGER

**Subject:** ROSS POOL REFURBISHMENT  
**From:** Lance Jacobs (lg-jacobs@xtra.co.nz)  
**To:** dombev@xtra.co.nz;  
**Date:** Tuesday, 9 April 2013 10:56 AM

Dear Beverly,

It was nice to meet last week and visit your pool.  
We wish to submit a price to refurbish the Ross pool using New Evolution PVC to the floor and walls and PVC coated stainless steel as the top coping.  
We have allowed to supply five new skimmer boxes and 10 Myrtha inlets.  
We also include 3 mm fleece underlay to the floor to take up imperfections in the floor.  
Also included are five lane lines and targets.

We have not allowed for any pipe work outside the pool line.  
No allowance has been made for the drain hole at the deep end of the pool. This can either be filled in or a sump fitted.

Our price for this refurbishment is \$78,500.00 excluding GST.

If you require lane line anchors to be fitted we could supply and fit these for \$390.00 each.

Yours faithfully,  
Lance Jacobs.

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