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I do not wish to present in person

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I endorse the council addressing key challenges the region will face in particular development of scenarios relating to the regions future.

I consider the HBRC is the most suitable body to lead this.

A strong economy is vital for the region. Scenario development can be expected to foster discussion on the economy of the region and assist in assessing the regions potential and plans for the future.

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Rates movement: Support running a deficit budget to ensure rates adjustments is kept to a minimum.

Loan Funds; Support the 1% of leasehold land portfolio be allocated to a fund and for this fund to be used as borrowing facility for investing in capital assets of regional significance.

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Hawkes Bay Incorporated: Support HB Inc to become a business unit for the Regional Council.

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Subsidised Bus services: While it is noted the Regional Transport plan is in the consultation stage, I support the staged upgrading of information, extension and frequency of service. It is noted a rate increase may be required.

Land Transport Planning: Any transport planning should include rail and cycling.

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A Final Matter: I approve of the Regional council supporting the proposed Sports Park. I consider this project will provide significant benefit to the region and it will be difficult to be fully realised without HBRC support.

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Role. While mentioned in Paragraph 3 is made of "Biodiversity Protection" I consider reference must be made to the NZ Bio diversity strategy because loss of species is of major concern. We must address our "most pervasive environmental issue".

It also reflects New Zealand's commitment, through ratification of the international Convention on Biological Diversity, to help stem the loss of biodiversity worldwide

Sincerely

Lloyd Beech