

**Submissions Received**

**2020-21 Annual Plan**

**Climate. Smart.  
Recovery.**



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Submitter #3  
Syed Khurram Iqbal  
**To be heard?** Yes

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Need to know what projects will be initiate from recovery fund

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Submitter #4  
Joseph Wurts  
**To be heard?** Yes

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** There should be an option D, and keep the expenditures at the current level, or at best, cap the expenditure increase for so much more money after so significantly raising rates in the past few years as well as selling essential assets? The HBRC needs to learn fiscal prudence. In my opinion this survey is yet another highly biased HBRC "have our say" questionnaire, where a particular answer is predetermined, and that proffered options all reflect the predetermined answer (that of an expected 7.3% increase in expenditure that requires funding, either now or in the future).

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Please define just what this plan will entail before establishing any funding for the plan.

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Submitter #5  
Russell Waites  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** How about 0 rates increase and 0 borrowing. Like a lot of us out here I havn't had a pay rise for 7 years - yet you lot think it is fine to to keep on upping rates or increasing debt every year. Well just stick to the basics and stop your overspending and while you are at it any of you bunch earning over 100k should take a pay cut.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Just STOP!!!

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Submitter #6  
Wendy Apperley  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. Status Quo for rates - Proceed with the planned 7.3% rate increase in line with the Council's 2018- 28 Long Term Plan.

**Reason** Before borrowing can the Council make any savings? Can items in the Long Term Plan be deferred? It doesn't seem to me to be a very good idea to put us in debt given the Covid 19 situation. I appreciate that people may find things difficult given the pandemic and think borrowing will add to people's difficulties in the long run. The Government has thrown a lot of money at the Covid 19 situation which we are going to have to pay back, probably in tax increases and this will decrease the amount of money that people have.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

Submitter #7  
Elizabeth Read  
**To be heard?** No

### Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** It is vital that HBRC can continue its vital work, without immediately impacting ratepayers - particularly those affected by the drought and Covid-19 impacts. I support Council maintaining a prudent approach to continuing to improve regional environmental outcomes and supporting regional economic recovery.

### Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** I note that you will divert funds from planned office upgrades for field staff. I am supportive, but encourage Council to capitalise on and maintain the new ways of working that have been discovered through Covid-19 so that staff (across the business) have the choice to work more flexibly and lead the way in a more sustainable approach to working. I also encourage Councillors to keep conducting meetings via digital platforms - that way also leading by example and saving on the unnecessary costs (including building) associated with in-person meetings. This will be Climate.Smart.

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Submitter #8  
Michael Kelly  
**To be heard?** No

### Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** We already get hit with a very high regional rates burden, especially when compounded by our ever-increasing local body rates, on top of a never-ending line-up of central government taxes, fees & charges! Enough is enough folks...when will all you (very important!) bureaucrats finally come to an understanding that we the common people (mostly hard-working & law abiding citizens) simply can NOT keep taking these constantly increasing financial costs - unproductive in many instances? Unlike monopoly bodies such as the one called H.B.R.C. (not unlike N.C.C. & H.D.C.) we do not have the luxury of being "price makers" - our discretionary incomes just keeping getting squeezed ever tighter!

### Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Climate Change is all the rage, for sure, but I am not so easily fooled by all the faux "science" hype that the media (fed by a few very large global "players") keeps shovelling into the spongy "minds" of the multitudes! Try reading some real science-based investigative work on "climate change" theories eg. "AIR CON" by Ian Wishart of Howling At The Moon Publishing Ltd.

Yes, it would appear that our planet earth is back into yet another global warming phase...but it has nothing to do with CO2 emissions and rising carbon levels in our atmosphere...go ahead and do some independent research; provided by truly non-partisan scientists...ones without multi-national, massive corporate inducements at their heart.

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Submitter #9  
Brendan Nikolaison  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #10  
Don Graham  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. Status Quo for rates - Proceed with the planned 7.3% rate increase in line with the Council's 2018- 28 Long Term Plan.

**Reason** I do not see the need to increase rates at this time All other businesses and households must learn to operate within their incomes and you should learn to do the same Since you are all elected by us to do a job which you willingly accepted do not treat us as a cash cow to supply a steady flow of money for your pet projects. Every rate payer is struggling to keep afloat at this time and we need our money for every day living.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #11  
Eric Pedersen  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #12  
Tony Fulton  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** You need to change your mindset. Reduce your spending. Don't increase rates. Don't borrow more money. This is the real world, wages don't automatically increase 7% annually. Work with what you already have. Just like we have to.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Work with what you already have. It's just too easy for you to spend other people's money. You have a budget, aim for 90% use and 10% contingency.

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Submitter #13  
Phil Norman  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #14  
Neil Eagles  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** Farmers and Townies will be finding the coming year to be a difficult time financially. A little time will give all breathing space.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Will be available to assist those farmers and horticulturalists experiencing feed & water shortage from the drought to get back on their feet. Pray for rain during Spring to set the Bay up for the next year.

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Submitter #15  
Karlene Paterson  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** Don't think rate payers should be getting the bill, surely there's money put to the side for such situations like this. Droughts are common in H.B if there isn't a plan already in place for situations like this then why not!?

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #16  
Jason Kelly  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason** Option D - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and reduce costs to match.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Council needs to stick to core business.

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Submitter #17  
David Trubridge  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. Status Quo for rates - Proceed with the planned 7.3% rate increase in line with the Council's 2018- 28 Long Term Plan.

**Reason** I think that most people are quite capable of affording the 7.3% increase. But if you do this you need to build in some form of assistance for those in need who cant afford it.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** This is as urgent as ever and must be pushed ahead with.

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Submitter #18  
Alice Munro  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. Status Quo for rates - Proceed with the planned 7.3% rate increase in line with the Council's 2018- 28 Long Term Plan.

**Reason** So the financial impact on future years is less. Proceed with 2018-28 projects outlined in the long term plan to benefit the citizens of Hawke's Bay now and for the younger generations in the future. We need more development now to make HB a preferred region to live and work in so to increase regional population and economic growth.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** To get 'shovel ready projects' up and going as soon as possible for regional development and economical growth.

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Submitter #19  
Crystal Ellery  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #20  
Raewyn N  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. Status Quo for rates - Proceed with the planned 7.3% rate increase in line with the Council's 2018- 28 Long Term Plan.

**Reason** Wairoa rates already more expensive than other places. Please do t increase further!

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Not best time to be trying to get more money from ratepayers to help climate. Better to encourage ratepayers to help climate for free and not increase rates please!

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Submitter #21  
Clinton Rivers  
On behalf of Awanui Trust  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** Local council rates have risen at around 5-11% over the past three years. Currently tenants/property owners paying around \$45-\$60 per week in rates alone per dwelling, is this reflected in a 5-10% increase in local and regional council services, is it value for money? Rubbish collection? Improved water quality? Roads?

Given recent COVID19 shutdowns businesses have done what they can to run leaner while still attempting to operate. Rental increases have been postponed for 6 months.

Increases in local or regional rates landlords will pass on to tenants, as they are doing with the healthy homes standards. A 7% rates increase in rates would result in a ~\$5-10 increase in weekly costs to tenants or property owners. With record low interest rates and high unemployment now is the time for the government to cushion these increase by applying a low 3.6% or no rate increase and reviewing how things can be run more efficiently.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #25  
Riaz Unwala  
Shareen Family Trust  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #27

Cliff Earl

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Don't spend ratepayer money on bailing out drought affected farmers please.

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Submitter #28

Sharon O'Hanlon

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #29

Brendan Veale

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. Status Quo for rates - Proceed with the planned 7.3% rate increase in line with the Council's 2018- 28 Long Term Plan.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. Status Quo for rates - Proceed with the planned 7.3% rate increase in line with the Council's 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

**Reason** If there is to be an increase, no point in the long term to delay it. See Attachment

Topic 1 Rates Approach 2020-21

There shouldn't be a necessity for a rates increase this year.

- Our rates have always been paid 31 Jan.

This year you require that they be paid by 20 Sept.

Is this not, in effect an increase of 33%?

If Rates are adjusted upwards when property values increase, I presume they are also adjusted downwards when property values decrease.

What are "affordable" rates? It is getting to the stage where you need to change the word!

Don't forget that ratepayers are paying 2 lots of rates.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Don't further encumber ratepayers with unnecessary increases to rates

Submitter #32

Davis Canning

**To be heard?** No

### Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** Year on year rate increases have to stop. Councils have to learn to live within their budgets. The ratepayers this season are under extreme financial pressure. The Regional Council must pull its head in and play its part with a no rate increase to assist the whole regional economy.

### Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** These recovery funds are usually pocketed by "experts, advisors etc." charging outrageous professional fees and don't get anywhere near the people at the coal face who really need the assistance.

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Submitter #33

Johannes Christiaans

**To be heard?** No

### Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

### Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** This is definitely necessary

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Submitter #34

John McConville

**To be heard?** No

### Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** In the coming months businesses and individuals will have reduced funds and any increases in spending could be too taxing.

### Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

### General Comments

This form of consultation is a genuine democratic process. A good move by the council.

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Submitter #35  
Terry Wood  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason** Lesson the borrowing

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #36  
Peter Pann  
**To be heard?**

**General Comments**

Read the plan. Beautiful wording... little to no substance. Nothing unusual from the govt staff. good luck

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Submitter #37  
Jessica Lowe  
**To be heard?**

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Thank you for being proactive, and considering changes that will support our communities in what will be a difficult year.

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Submitter #38  
Elizabeth Wallis  
**To be heard?**

**General Comments**

Build the Ruataniwha dam, Join together with all the councils to make a joint solution to sewage , waste water, and drinking water. Elizabeth Wallis

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Submitter #39

Brian Waller

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. Status Quo for rates - Proceed with the planned 7.3% rate increase in line with the Council's 2018- 28 Long Term Plan.

**Reason** Maintains continuity of cash flow to plan

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Climate change mitigation is imperative

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Submitter #41

Siu Kau Tai

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #42

Michele Grigg

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #43

Francis Carter

**To be heard?** No

### **Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

### **Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #44

Simon Shaw

**To be heard?** No

### **Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. Status Quo for rates - Proceed with the planned 7.3% rate increase in line with the Council's 2018- 28 Long Term Plan.

**Reason** Increasing debt is rarely a good idea and just makes even higher rates increases inevitable in future. You could instead offer targeted rebates aimed at low income households. But not offering rebates to unsustainable agriculture/horticulture, or to polluters, high fossil fuel users, or those who commercialise the water i.e. businesses that sell our water for profit.

### **Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** If this can be done from existing revenue, without borrowing. If the capital projects have a positive environment effect and are carbon negative. And especially if employment opportunities are created.

### **General Comments**

I would ask council to keep the climate emergency to the front of mind when making decisions. This is more of a threat to all our futures than COVID-19 or the existing manifestations of climate change such as drought. Measures that rapidly produce a carbon negative economy for Hawke's Bay are the only priority if we look 20, 50 or 100 years ahead, which is what we must do for the sake of future generations.

### **Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

- Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.
- Reason** In general, ratepayers are expected to have to "get by" and "make do" in this Covid-19 economic crisis, and so households are being forced to make some hard short-term decisions that will undoubtedly have less-than-ideal longer term effects. Not pretty, but that is the reality - we will make those decisions and we will get on with it.
- It is NOT the place of Councils to "immunise" themselves against this Covid-environment by increasing rates (taking funds out of households already hard-hit) so they can pretend that it is business-as-usual.
- We are taught to be prepared for an earthquake situation; to have a plan as to what we should do when our physical world starts falling apart. And every Council should have a plan for when their financial plan falls apart. In fact, it should be mandated in law that every Council in NZ should have a plan on how it can operate on revenue reductions of 5%, 10% and even 20% WITHOUT having to resort to ratepayers, even though this might detract from objectives under the long-term plan.
- Councils, like households, will then have to "triage" where they spend ratepayers' precious cash. Triage, triage, then triage some more.... I am gobsmacked that HBRC's consultation over a 0% rates increase seems to be unique among Councils in NZ when it should really be an automatic and PLANNED response. In my opinion, Councils proceeding with any kind of rates increase come 1 July 2020 are acting both IRRESPONSIBLY and IMMORALLY (so much for "We Are All In This Together").
- Thank you for your leadership, HBRC. Triage, triage, then triage some more!

### **Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

- Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.
- Reason** If the Fund can be justified, ahead of - and even at the expense of - other Council spending then it should proceed on its merits.

### **General Comments**

Thank you for being realistic in your consultation options - unlike some Councils where the so-called "consultation" is nothing more than a thinly-veiled ultimatum.

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Submitter #46  
Helen Lawson  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** we as a family have been financially affected by covid-19 as my husband has had a large pay cut, and any rates increase would impact on us financially

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** we do not need the council to borrow any money for a fund especially if the rates are the same

**General Comments**

a long term plan needs to be implemented for future water storage to lessen the impact on droughts

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Submitter #47  
antony carstens  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason** borrowing will cost more in the long term

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** recovery fund is not required

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Submitter #48  
Kathryn Moerua  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #49  
Sandhu Paramjit Kaur  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #50  
Sukhpal Singh  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #51  
Jobenpreet Singh Chahail  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #52  
Mark Scofield  
**To be heard?** No

### Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21

- Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.
- Reason** It is time council recognise household incomes do not rise inline with council rating expectations.  
Many households will suffer a decline in income this year. It would be irresponsible for there to be an increase.  
You took 19% increase last year and many were upset over this.  
Like a household you need to keep your budget tight, cut some unnecessary expenditure, work more efficiently and focus on priorities without putting further burden on rate payers.  
Just like people on a fixed or reduced income have to do.  
I have a small business and Covid 19 cut our income by 100%  
We can not take on any further costs in our business or personal life  
So please no increase in rates this year.  
Also do not try to get a big increase next year either it will be unfair. Work smarter.  
Thank you

### Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21

- Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.
- Reason** In council long term financial management you should have reserves for future projects which can be drawn upon. This is a time if the priorities are there to utilise these funds. Should not require loans or rates increase. I have to use the same principal in my own business.

### General Comments

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback Look forward to the results.

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Submitter #53  
Pete Rutter  
**To be heard?**

### Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21

- Chose**
- Reason** Rates should not increase at all!! Reduce all your burocratic overheads first, get back to dealing with core issues, pest management, vegetation control etc.  
Far too many managers and people who produce nothing.  
Rates have increased threefold in last 5 years, services provided dropped to minimal. Council should be looking to reduce rates and cut the deadwood out from Dalton St.  
NO INCREASE!!!!

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Submitter #54  
Daryl Kendrick  
**To be heard?**

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose**

**Reason** Good Afternoon I am not in favour of a 7.3 percent Rates increase this year. Thank you

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Submitter #55  
david wilkinson  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason** Don't want to overborrow and then our rates money is simply paying banks interest.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** I believe we will naturally recover quickly.

**General Comments**

By the look of the last weekend and how people are getting out and spending spending spending our economy will recover quickly.

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Submitter #56  
Melody Harrington  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. Status Quo for rates - Proceed with the planned 7.3% rate increase in line with the Council's 2018- 28 Long Term Plan.

**Reason** We have all suffered from COVID effects. Deferring payment of this to the future is only putting a band aid on.

We will also face hiked taxes from the Central Government to pay for their COVID relief payouts.

Council rates should reflect what they truly are and we should bite the bullet earlier rather than borrowing to pay sometime in the future. This may make the council look bad but it is honest.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Deferring a building project makes sense. Saving for a rainy day makes sense.

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Submitter #57  
Peter Seligman  
**To be heard?**

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** Assuming that the extra borrowing is agreed on a fixed-rate basis, then I would support both preferred options

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Assuming that the extra borrowing is agreed on a fixed-rate basis, then I would support both preferred options

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Submitter #58  
Gillian Stuart  
**To be heard?**

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

**General Comments**

Hi there, I would like to respond to the annual plan and my choice for both options is the same as the council's preferred plan. Thanks, Gillian.

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Submitter #59  
Submitter  
**To be heard?**

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose**

**Reason** It is good to see that the preferred option on rates is a zero rise in the 2020-21 year. People on limited financial income who own their own homes cannot afford rates rises. It's hard enough to pay power/phone plus food without additional expenses being added. The rates rebate with the local council is a bonus to those on limited income.

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Submitter #60

Stuart Baker

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #61

John Montgomerie

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** seems best midway rate impact

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** needs to be done

**General Comments**

Good idea sending the prompt card and having sensible options to choose, rather than stressing rate payers out as to deciding on matters that are removed from everyday ratepayers knowledge

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Submitter #62

Dean Hyde (JP)

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #63

Sarah Price

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #64

Libby Young

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason** Cushion the financial impacts but not fully absorb them so they become a future problem.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #65

Alan Le Breton

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason** Despite the financial impacts post COVID on organisations and individuals, a modest 3.6% increase on quite a reasonable annual rates bill rather than relying totally on debt funding seems more reasonable.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** I support initiatives to get capital projects underway - especially post COVID-19 restrictions - to help our local economy recover.

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Submitter #66  
Tim Chapman  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #67  
H Steele  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** Option D: Keep the rate revenue the same and DO NOT BORROW extra funding. Cut back on projects. Debt is bad money management whatever way you look at it.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

**General Comments**

There needs to be more proof that there is a benefit to ALL PEOPLE of the region, not just a select few. Providing a biased few options for people to vote on is not democracy or not well thought out. Stating your bias to vote a certain way is undue influence and unethical.

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Submitter #68  
Becs Warren  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #69

Keiko Hashiba

**To be heard?** No

### Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** I support no rates increase. However the council should seek smarter, more streamlined operation in order to account for increasing demand on local government around environmental management. More work with no resources increase simply will not be feasible. Smarter and streamline operation may include introducing policy to work from homes, which reduces unnecessary CO2 emission, congestion in city centres, and reducing rent on extra buildings to accommodate ever increasing number of staff. This will be well aligning with the council's stance towards climate change (mitigation of).

### Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #70

Naomi Petersen

**To be heard?** No

### Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** While I am a small rates payer, I recognize that many regional ratepayers pay significantly more rates than I do, and that any increase this year can incur hardship.

### Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** The erosion control/flood mitigation etc projects shouldn't be delayed. We could end up paying much more in future for trying to save money now by halting these projects.

### General Comments

I appreciate the consultation process

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Submitter #71  
Jennifer Woodman  
**To be heard?** No

### Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason** At some point any borrowing must be repaid, and even if it's proposed under option B to run with a modest deficit and no rate increase next year, there will be an impact in 2022/23 rating year and beyond. My fear is that the times we're in will mean the community is just as straitened and possibly further - by repeated Covid outbreaks, prolonged tourism downturn, retail closures due to ever increasing on line shopping, ongoing drought, seismic strengthening deadlines etc - in 2022/23.

It doesn't look like a single sector of the economy will be immune. In considering Option 3 however, is there any magic about the 3.6% or could it just as easily be 2.5% (and bearing in mind interest rates are now at historically low levels) ?

### Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Yup a no brainer.

### General Comments

I salute your compassion and thoughtful response to the crises facing the people in this beautiful part of the world.

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Submitter #72  
Paul Bailey  
**To be heard?** Yes

### Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** See attached

### Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** See attached

### General Comments

See attached

### **Annual Plan Submission**

Whilst you are not consulting on the anticipated \$6.1m shortfall in funding it has a significant effect on the decisions on which you are consulting. In essence you are looking at increasing debt by \$7.6m to get the region through the consequences of COVID-19 and the drought.

### **Port Dividend**

It is unfortunate that the Port of Napier has decided not to pay a dividend this year. I accept that this decision was made because of future uncertainties and given the major capital works programme they have going on at present. However, in my view PON are being overly cautious.

I wonder if HBRC has given any thought that if the Port has a change of heart and there were to be a dividend can you make a commitment that this be put towards debt reduction?

### **Investments**

Investment returns are always going to be a fickle beast. Hopefully, there will be a resurgence in capital markets which will see HBRC's projected investment returns being exceeded. Again, as is the case for PON dividends, if returns exceed those originally forecast can you make a commitment that this be put towards debt reduction?

### **Rates Approach (Support option B)**

I am pleased to note that whilst you are revisiting your budgets for appropriate spending you are not looking at reducing the projected work streams. Regardless of COVID-19 or the drought our waterways remain in a mess and the programmes outlined in the 2018-21 LTP need to be continued.

Delaying the proposed rates increase by leveraging off HBRC's strong balance sheet is neither here nor there.

### **Recovery Fund (Support option B)**

Whilst you have delayed the additional office space for staff you are still collecting rates to pay for it so on balance directing these funds to a recovery fund sounds like a sensible thing to do. Whilst central government is loosening it's purse strings we should try to take advantage of that.

It's unclear from your consultation document what 'shovel ready' projects you have ready to help implement a 'Climate.Smart.Recovery'. I look forward to the LTP to flesh out the details and look forward to contributing to the discussion.

### **Reporting**

In the interests of transparency, I think it would be appropriate to have the loan repayments included as a separate line on the rates invoice. Not only would this make it difficult for future councils to continue collecting this rate once the debt is repaid, it would also remind ratepayers of the consequences COVID-19 and the drought have had on the Hawke's Bay economy.

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Submitter #73  
Richard Glendinning  
**To be heard?** No

### Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** borrow from central govt to help our region out which has been hit especially hard

### Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** we are already so late adapting to climate emergency. we need far stronger action and far sooner than existing plans dictate. the exponential rate of warming will catch us out collectively as a species if not. it makes absolute sense to put money into smart climate saving projects that happen to stimulate the economy at same time.

### General Comments

be bold. our lives and those of our kids are in your hands. aim for net zero carbon emissions in all you do.

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Submitter #74  
Peter Alexander  
**To be heard?**

### General Comments

Hi,

This email is in response to the invitation ("Climate. Smart. Recovery. Have Your Say" DLE card) issued by the HBRC this week.

I have a simple yet emphatic statement to make, as follows.

Given the acute state of the New Zealand economy as a whole currently, it would be remiss of the HBRC to entertain pursuing a raft of activity that is "nice to have yet not necessary" during the next 2 years; particularly where such activity mostly relies on rates as the main funding source. Instead, I suggest that only "essential" work (i.e. "core business") should be undertaken by the HBRC to ensure that no increase in rates is required for at least the next 2 years. Households have enough to be concerned about presently, and as we all apply ourselves to the best of our ability to rebuild the N.Z. economy during the next 2 years.

It would be insensitive (to say the least) on the part of the HBRC to entertain any increase to apply to rates during this time.

Sincerely, Peter Alexander

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Submitter #75

Peter Kirk

On behalf of Aristotle Group

**To be heard?** No

### Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason** The financial impact of Covid is relatively unknown but unlikely businesses will have recovered for two or three years. to add funding cost to projected rates increase next year, resulting in an increase close to 10% Criminal. This will push many business owners out of business, especially tourism businesses. Yes it is only a few dollars, but combined with all the other increases, it adds up.

### Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Lets get leverage from central Govt funding.

### General Comments

In terms of saving money, what wage/salary decreases were applied to Councillors, staff etc of regional council during Covid lockdown period. The private sector has seen job losses, wage cuts to 60-80% and business restructuring. Councillors should have lead by example as many of your captured rate payers do not receive their income from a protected entity such as the Regional Council.

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Submitter #76

Paul Whitaker

On behalf of Wairoa Property Investments Ltd

**To be heard?** No

### Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** See attached

### Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Please delay for 2 years until business is back to normal. Survival is key at the moment in 2 years could be a good time to start, once covid has been totally eliminated.

## General Comments

We suggest that all Rates Increases be put on hold, until the challenge of Covid has gone. We feel it is important that the more money in peoples hands at the moment is crucial for survival.

We own 20 properties in your area and if a rates rise goes ahead, this will impact on our maintenance costs, which means local contractors miss out and properties are left in a state of repair.

During the lockdown we reduced our rents by up to \$100/week, which has significantly impacted the cashflow of our business. We feel a rates freeze will help soften this to some degree and think that the council should play their part in this loss.

Thanks for the opportunity to submit this submission.

To confirm once again - we propose (B) and leave the recovery fund a couple of years.

Kind Regards

Paul Whitaker

( Paul Whitaker )

- Et owner of Property Brokers  
Hawkes Bay

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Submitter #77

James Bell

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. Status Quo for rates - Proceed with the planned 7.3% rate increase in line with the Council's 2018- 28 Long Term Plan.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

**General Comments**

I hope the HBRC can make some positive community and environmental changes as an outcome of learnings from the Covid-19 situation in respect to how the HBRC operates. More staff working from home will reduce the pressure on office space (possibly savings to be had if only main building is tenanted) as well as reduced parking and traffic congestion (air pollution) in town. There will likely be well-being benefits for staff that prefer the option of working from home. Many businesses are trialling new work arrangements and I hope local government does the same.

Let's make the new normal a better normal.

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Submitter #78

Yvonne Forrest

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

Submitter #79

John Berry

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** I submit that the rate increases should be 0%. I would like the council to consider adding additional options to future consultations. The above options may have the unintended consequence of the council believing that rate payers are happy to borrow the funds to cover the shortfall. I have selected B since it is the best option out of those listed above. However I would prefer the council instead cut back on spending and defer capital expenditure in order to accommodate the 0% rate increase.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Since the \$1 million dollars has been a reallocation of budget items tagged for additional office space and updated facilities for field staff I submit that instead of funding the Recovery Fund the \$1 million dollars is instead used to, in part, offset the reduction in rate increases for the year.

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Submitter #80

Tristan Tully

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #81

Noreen Tully

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #82  
Patrick Maloney  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. Status Quo for rates - Proceed with the planned 7.3% rate increase in line with the Council's 2018- 28 Long Term Plan.

**Reason** The planned work needs to be done, and it must be paid for. There is little to be gained by deferral of the work, and/or not facing the cost as they are incurred.  
Going forward there are likely to be further projects and additional costs in coming years, so we just have to face the reality that we need to pay for the jobs to undertaken.  
Given the wealth gains to property owners in recent years it is appropriate that they also have to face the reality that they need to also pay a rating increase (which is quite small relative to their very significant tax free capital gains).  
The amount of Regional Council rates is small amount relative to the rates of the territorial authorities, so it is not a particularly significant cost to property owners.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Climate change is real and serious, and it will be costly. Work and expenditure are just a necessary expense of our future.

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Submitter #83  
Tina Haslett  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason** I believe cushioning the impact is the right way to go, but I think the mid point option may be the best way to achieve it.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #84

Ian Barns

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** The Council needs to be operated as private business and must work within current funding levels. In private enterprise you would stop any essential spending and staff numbers must be greatly reduced to reduce spending on wages. This will be tough but the remaining employees will pick up the additional workload, or find people who will. This is how businesses survive until the economy picks up and more income generated.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** At this time when we cannot guarantee that covid 19 is firmly under control and that there will be further pain to ratepayers through job losses, loss of income etc. Stop any and all non essential projects for at least 1-2 years.

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Submitter #85

Pamela Harrison

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #86

Graham Harrison

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #87

Derek Lawson

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** I have had my work hours and pay cut due to Covid-19 and the looming recession and can't afford a rates increase at the moment

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** I have had my work hours and pay cut due to Covid-19 and the looming recession and can't afford a rates increase at the moment

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Submitter #88

Karyn van der Zwet

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #89

Anthony Walsh

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #90  
Chelsee Neverman  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #92  
Ross & Maureen Culver  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** We have had to tighten our belts You do too. (you wasted the money on the Dam Experiment!)

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Do not borrow for funding as we do not want a recovery fund.

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Submitter #93  
Natasha Mackie  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason** Prefer not to pay for costs incurred today by fully loan funding - discounts / relief could be provided to those who need it.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** As long as it is used to leverage central government funding - otherwise \$1million won't go a long way.

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Submitter #94  
Leen Fluit  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #95  
Kirsty Chalmers  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason** I prefer an approach that balances the need to assist ratepayers in the current situation with not overburdening the future payments needed- particularly when we have no way of knowing what future emergencies may impact everyone's finances.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Good idea and will leverage the government's shovel-ready projects well.

**General Comments**

My residential address is in Marlborough, however we are ratepayers in Wairoa. Thanks for the feedback opportunity - I firmly support an annual plan with an increased focus on the environment.

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Submitter #96  
John Reilly  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** A lot of residents have suffered financially with Covid19

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Save money. Things could get worse later on in the year.

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Submitter #97  
Geoffrey Whitehead & Faith Barber  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #99  
Joanne Harry  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Government should be funding this, not rate payers.

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Submitter #100  
Stephen Hayes  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #101

Cecile Hurford

**To be heard?** No

### Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason** We do not know how much longer the economic impact of the Covid 19 will impact us and it could well be worse next year and/or the years following. At the moment the Government is still subsidising a lot of businesses, so the impact might be less in this financial year. It is for that reason I am choosing option C.

### Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** While we have a downturn due to Covid 19 we also have a serious climate emergency and for the sake of refurbishment of offices, not to proceed with that, would be unwise in my view. I therefore support the Council to establish a Recovery Fund.

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Submitter #102

Kathryn Bayliss

**To be heard?** No

### Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** I think the budget tagged for additional office space and updated facilities for field staff should be reallocated to general rates and/or the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) to offset the amount needed to pay or borrow for rates. Everyone has been affected by the drought and COVID-19 pandemic and their ongoing repercussions.

### Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21

**Chose**

**Reason** I think the budget tagged for additional office space and updated facilities for field staff should be reallocated to general rates and/or the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) to offset the amount needed to borrow if rates are kept at the same level as 2019-2020.

Only if this is decided against I would select the option: B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

It will reduce the effect of rate rises next year if the \$1 million is reallocated to general rates and/or the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC). It is impossible to know what the circumstances will be like in the coming years so everything must be done to reduce rates and spending.

### General Comments

Stricter rules and enforcement should be made on outdoor burning in urban and rural areas. Even in rural areas we are affected by smoke and smouldering from fires for days after they have been lit, even though they can be kilometres away. Clean air is important for everybody's health.

No damming of waterways should be considered or allowed when water storage is planned and built. We need to keep our waterways free flowing and natural as much as possible.

Submitter #103  
Tony Williams  
On behalf of Care of Creation group, Catholic Parish of Napier  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

**General Comments**

What we do is a small contribution to a world-wide need of care for the environment (human and non-human) and ensuring sustainability by:

reduced use of fossil fuels reduced use of plastics  
reduced use of pollutants (including pesticides and herbicides)  
reduced use of water, including waste disposal  
working collaboratively with others locally, nationally and internationally.

Thank you for what has been achieved to date.

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Submitter #104  
David Robson  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** Many people have a lost or diminished income and as such may struggle to even pay current rate let alone any increase

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #105  
Adrienne Tully  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. Status Quo for rates - Proceed with the planned 7.3% rate increase in line with the Council's 2018- 28 Long Term Plan.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #106  
Jean-Fabien Barrois & Rose Annear  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #107  
Hawkes Bay Fruitgrowers Assn Inc  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason** Support cushioning impact of rates increases on a community recovering from Covid and drought but the mid point means that future impact on rates is more evenly spread.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Encourage Council to leverage government funding for shovel ready projects which will support employment and regional recovery.

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Submitter #108  
Ian E. B. Piner  
On behalf of Tedot Limited  
**To be heard?**

**General Comments**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a suggestion for possible inclusion in the Annual Plan, and also for future annual plans.

I recommend that provision be made in the estimates for the treatment in ridding noxious growth of Gorse and Broom from the areas alongside the Napier / Taupo road, especially now whilst it is in its early years of growth. This is preferable before it spreads, out of control, over the adjacent countryside and further afield - similar to what has happened in southern areas of the North Island, North Canterbury, and elsewhere.

Look forward to your favourable consideration in this matter.

Yours faithfully, Ian E. B. PINER (Tedot Limited, Havelock North)

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Submitter #109  
Ping Wei  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #110  
Bruce Fraser  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. Status Quo for rates - Proceed with the planned 7.3% rate increase in line with the Council's 2018- 28 Long Term Plan.

**Reason** First, the basic principles. In general, borrowing is not sensible when used to fund normal running costs. Expenditure on capital items is a different story - borrowing can be justifiable when there are long term benefits. The borrowing under Options B and C are not for capital, so those options are not easily justified.

Second, the general consensus is that we (the world, NZ, Hawkes Bay) will be having a tough time over the next few years. If 2020/21 is tough, 2021/22 will be at least as difficult. And maybe a lot worse. So it totally goes against financial logic to burden future years with borrowings arising in 2020/21. Borrowing now will only aggravate the financial pressure for future years. How does the HBRC plan to manage the 2021/22 budget?

In conclusion, compare this situation with a household. If the wage earner gets a salary reduction, would he/she borrow money to maintain the former lifestyle? And there wasn't much mention of cost savings, but that will need much consideration too.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

**General Comments**

I regret that I will be away on 15 July, so cannot attend the hearing.

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Submitter #111

David Bishop

**To be heard?** No

### **Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason** The rates population does not require a fully cushioned impact rates relief package which is why I support the mid point option. Sale of Napier Port has lessened ability of Council to manage rate levels in good years and bad years and thereby cushion impacts on ratepayers, however that decision promoted by and agreed to Council means that ratepayers must now shoulder the rates burden. The climate change and environmental initiatives must continue

### **Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** It is better to take a loan out of Napier Port for the \$1m recovery fund than ping ratepayers for the fund.

### **General Comments**

Council must proceed with its long term strategy particularly focusing on environmental initiatives and those to reduce climate change. I would like to see one of the 5 other Ruataniwha dam proposals, such as that in the Tukipo catchment be fully investigated with a working plan developed to implement. I would also like to see arable land zoning specify 'best types' of use (e.g. horticulture, cropping, sheep and beef) but not allow conversion to dairying. The full environmental impacts of land use types including greenhouse gas emissions must be part and parcel of the application process for a land use consent, for existing and proposed users.

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Submitter #112

Mary Ellen Warren

**To be heard?**

### **Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason** Recognize things have changed, but no overreaction.

### **Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

### **General Comments**

Suggest a rethink of staffing to provide for work at home, apprenticeships.

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Submitter #113  
Gary Curtis  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason** Paying for some of the rates increase each year 'flattens out' the impact of rates payments. No major disadvantage by adopting this option.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** The idea of the recovery fund has merit but am concerned that should the Council decide to establish a Recovery Fund, the fact that the funding is coming from funds set aside for upgraded accommodation for HBRC staff, spending those funds now is only delaying an increase in rates to pay for upgraded accommodation in the not too distant future.

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Submitter #114  
Fiona Dick  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Bad timing re establishing a Recovery Fund. Specifics please. \$52 added to the annual bill is quite a sizeable amount. Why always ratepayers funding whatever? Four working adults in one house, one ratepayer, one working adult in one house and one ratepayer. There is an electoral roll and to make fairness for all why not target ALL voters - the despised poll tax but at least the load is shared. BUT I am still very much opposed to this 'vague' recovery fund. Rather ironical to say money does not grow on trees.

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Submitter #115  
Penny Reynolds  
On behalf of Washpool Station Limited  
**To be heard?** No

### Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** According to the HBRC advice last year, our rates were to increase 40.8%; a far cry from the stated district average of 7.3%. I submitted on this at the time. Some rural ratepayers are not only facing the economic consequences of Covid 19 and the worst drought in "113 years ". They are also dealing with the costs of the governments National Freshwater policies, the MPI Mycoplasma bovis eradication programme, environmental development work and their FEMP's. Some of these new costs for our businesses are being incurred voluntarily as we are all invested in improving environmental outcomes. They are however still new expenses for our businesses to manage.

All these issues are combining to be a tsunami of extra expenses for a district that is already one of the most expensive areas in the world to produce food. I would like to see the HBRC review all its expenditure, focusing solely on core district infrastructure. Between the "General Increase in Programme Delivery" and "Organisation overheads and Inflation" costs that make up the 7.3% rate increase; there must be expenses that can either be deferred or cancelled altogether.

### Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** It is time for the HBRC to rethink its entire expenditure; just as every business in NZ is having to do now. There must be capital work expenditure that can be deferred without significant impact on the region. Leave that money with rate payers who will be doing their very best to recover.

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Submitter #116  
Keith Newman  
On behalf of Walking on Water (WOW Inc)  
**To be heard?** No

### Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason**

### Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

### General Comments

See following

## **Submission to HBRC annual plan 2020/201**

Haumoana  
Hawke's Bay 4102  
26-06-2020

To whom it may concern,

### **HBRC shingle consent conditions could cripple Coastal Strategy**

While the joint council Clifton to Tangoio Coastal Hazards Strategy 2120 has been promoted as co-operative and nation-leading exercise it is unlikely to be affordable or acceptable to the various councils and communities effected unless major obstacles are addressed urgently.

The nub of the problem, proven through WOW Inc and Hastings council negotiations with HBRC, is that any structure holding shingle back from flowing northward for any amount of time requires an equivalent amount (in cubic metres) to be replaced from a secondary source to compensate.

This is a natural process that works well at the Tukituki river mouth where no infill was ever required from its creation in 1999 to this present day, with the beach stabilised for between 300- 500metres (southward) and so much shingle flowing past the groyne or down the river that the river mouth needs to be manually re-opened at times.

Present restrictions and processes if unchallenged and unchanged will place the cost of proposed coastal protection plans in the too hard basket largely because consenting requirements will make it too complex and costly to proceed with.

While I have personally tried to keep up to speed, and am aware that agreement on funding and who pays remains an obstacle, the largest concerns relates to legal and consenting obstacles.

WOW Inc, after nearly 11-years of lobbying, including over six years where its members were involved in Coastal Strategy workshops and consultation, raised concerns about the consenting and shingle issues during the Coastal Hazards process.

These remained unaddressed even when the Coastal Strategy Document was signed off by all councils.

A 'case study' completed in December 2019 and finally released publicly nearly four months later (April 22), recommends changes to legislation to free up a process that has "started to push up against some roadblocks that other councils have not yet encountered".

The report commissioned by Community Resilience Ministers (Local Government, Civil Defence Climate Change and others) aimed to "get under the hood" of the challenges councils were facing and presented the Hawke's Bay experience to help shape proposed Resource Management Act (RMA) reforms.

The HBRC and Ministry for the Environment (MfE) report said councils were concerned the current legislative framework was unable "to respond dynamically to changing information" and was "not fit for purpose" in implementing the best practice Dynamic Adaptive Pathways Planning (DAPP) approach used by the Strategy.

Coming up with the Strategy involved leading technical experts, community and mana whenua input and includes short, medium and long-term adaptive pathways for addressing coastal hazards along the most populated stretch of the Hawke's Bay coastline.

Responsibility for natural hazards and climate adaptation are spread across the RMA and its New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement (NZCPS), the Local Government Act (LGA) and the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act (CDEMA).

"The Hawke's Bay councils describe a situation where, in the absence of clearly delineated responsibilities, they cannot decide between them who has primary responsibility for addressing natural hazards and climate adaptation."

WOW does, however, commend the efforts of the past chairman Peter Beavan and the current chairman Jerf van Beek, for continuing to be actively engaged with ministers of the Crown and their departments to try and create the flexibility needed to progress practical work.

The reality is that any proposal for work on the coastal edge requires strictly adhered to consents from HBRC. Even small scale works like that envisaged in the Hastings District Annual plan for Cape View Corner (\$600,000 budgeted) will require HBRC consent and approval.

This very premise is problematic. For a start, groynes are designed to hold shingle in place and then ultimately continue to allow northward flow once sufficient quantities have been trapped to build back the crest or beach.

In the case of Cape View Corner, where Hastings proposes to finally protect infrastructure, including water, power, the cycle track and access road, a revetment wall and possibly a stub groyne are envisaged. Detail is still being worked out.

All of this is being planned to fit in with the Coastal Hazards Strategy all-of-coast plan, which includes a proposed series of groynes, and another proposal to work with private property owners (H21); largely at their own cost, to create a holistic solution for a decades old problem.

**NB #1:** This is still under negotiation with detail being worked out but would be an ideal solution to an age old problem and eyesore.

If the idea of a stub-groyne is pursued; to be expanded as needed as part of building back the crest and the wider groynefield, the consent conditions as dictated by the RMA will require shingle backfill.

In other words multiple large truckloads of shingle to compensate for the shingle held back despite the reality that in the right conditions natural processes are likely to compensate in less than a week.

The consent conditions, as we have seen from past attempts at understanding this process, will add complexity and cost. Sourcing that shingle can also present consenting and access issues.

Cape View Corner will only require a small amount of shingle to comply. If we took the actual Coastal Strategy preferences of a large groyne field; for example five or seven structures from Elephant Hill down to the Tukituki River mouth, then we see a major problem arising.

This problem has always been "the elephant in the room". In its multiple modelling exercises to understand how this might work, WOW Inc and its coastal engineers, working in conjunction with both Hastings and HBRC, learned just how prohibitive this would be.

**NB #2:** HBRC and the Coastal Hazards TAG group have all the reports. Further data can be provided on request

It became evident that the requirement to place outsourced shingle as backfill to the south of each groyne would not only be a logistical nightmare (getting trucks on to the beach) but a very expensive one doubling the cost of these structures.

Built into the consenting is the requirement to regularly replenish the groynes so shingle could continue to flow down to the river mouth and beyond to Napier.

**NB #3:** The removal of the Winstone's shingle extraction from Awatoto has made a difference and is no longer sucking material north as quick as it was although WOW is still awaiting a promised report on actual quantities.

The shingle, we have been told, possibly needed to come from further up the Tukituki River, maybe as far as Central Hawke's Bay. This would require the cost of scores of truckloads of shingle being dumped on our beach and as a consequence logging huge carbon miles.

**NB # 4:** Sources at Red Bridge and on both sides of Black Bridge where shingle is building up and starting to spill over on to land on either side have been suggested as options but no data has been provided

By the time the first truckloads arrived the groynes could have been naturally filled but still the ridiculous replenishment requirement must continue.

The reality, even in the Tonkin & Taylor modelling exercise, added millions of dollars to groyne construction costs, to the point that it was deemed unaffordable by WOW Inc and the community it represented.

If we continue down this track, why would we expect going through the same exercise; when costs are now much higher, will produce any different result?

Unless there are some firm and timely concessions from Central Government giving HBRC the necessary flexibility to proceed with the Coastal Hazard Strategy its ministers encouraged and so warmly embraced, then this six year process may well be considered a waste of everyone's time, energy and investment.

Wow Inc is fully supportive of the advocacy being taken by Hawke's Bay Regional Council to clear the way for more flexible, creative and nation-leading approach to coastal protection.

We urge HBRC to take an even bolder and more assertive stand to influence regulatory and policy change at the highest level on behalf of the region and other region's looking to leverage what is otherwise a robust and practical approach to climate change and urgent protection planning.

Keith Newman

Chairman of Walking on Water (WOW Inc)

**NB #5:** If necessary, please refer to my letter to the executives and chairs and officers of the joint councils: Remove obstacles to urgent coastal protection (08-11-2019).

### **Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** Us workers can't afford any increases. Our wages have not gone up for many, many years and everything around us is sky-rocketing.

Since August 2019 I have been put down to 4-day work weeks and as from the 7th July 2020 I have lost yet another day, now being 3-day weeks. Now, I've been told that they're looking at 2-day weeks shortly after dropping to the 3-day weeks.

Our money to pay for rates has been getting more and more difficult. The Council is too top-heavy, just like the Government. Too many cooks spoil the broth. I'm in a situation now that if rates are to continue to keep climbing, I have no other option than to sell my property and pay for rental accommodation. I am an unhappy property owner. You must stop raising rates. Another matter... you should have fort the Forest & Bird, come Greenies over the dam, you were pathetic in not standing up to what needed to go ahead. I'm disgusted in your slack actions!!!

### **Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose**

**Reason** Neither! Get rid of top-heavy, unnecessary employees, we don't need a Mayor either, it's not necessary at all. We used to get through life without a Mayor, so go back to the good days. Thin the council employment, do it now!

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Submitter #118  
Lou Corkery  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason** Many Hawkes Bay Rate payers have had enough financial burden this year, with the drought and Covid-19 affecting many businesses, the farming sector and employment.

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Time is of essence with our climate change and environmental issues. We need to proceed quickly to make changes for the better and recover or restore our natural environment.

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Submitter #119  
Darryl Baxter  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. Status Quo for rates - Proceed with the planned 7.3% rate increase in line with the Council's 2018- 28 Long Term Plan.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #120  
Liz Remmerswaal  
On behalf of Cape Coast Conservation Group-Te Matau O Maui  
**To be heard?** Yes

**General Comments**

We are a newly set up wetlands ecology group and have had one public meeting with HBRC biodiversity officer, Beau Fahnle, attended by 12 locals.

We want to work together to as a community to protect our waterways, learn about and look after the native bird life and do predator control.

We have the blessing of the Cape Coast Community Group and WOW, and are keen to work with other interested parties.

We wish to submit to the annual plan and are keen to attend a meeting to share with you our requirements which overlap with council objectives re enhancing our local natural environment.

Thank you.

Submitter #121

Alex Smith

**To be heard?** Yes

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

**General Comments**

I dont see anything in terms of the marine bio security budget and mitigating the effects of harmful pests entering our area.? I would like to see a section in terms of mitigating the effects plastic is having on the environment especially the marine area, yes sedimentation is a disaster but so to is plastic.Force city councils to clean up drains/waterways stormwater at a faster pace.

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Submitter #122

Brian Williamson

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

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Submitter #123

Christine Gould

**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

**General Comments**

Just want to let you know that I support, that I found the plan very good.

Submitter #124

Karen Evans

On behalf of Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc

**To be heard?**

## General Comments

Kia ora Please find attached Forest & Bird's submission regarding HBRC's 2020-21 Annual Plan.

Ngā mihi nui, Karen



## Submission on Hawke's Bay Regional Council's 2020-21 Annual Plan

26 June 2020

To: Hawke's Bay Regional Council  
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Emailed to: [haveyoursay@hbrc.govt.nz](mailto:haveyoursay@hbrc.govt.nz)

From: The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc. (Forest & Bird)  
PO Box 631  
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Attn: Karen Evans, Regional Manager  
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### Introduction

1. This submission relates to Hawke's Bay Regional Council's public consultation on its 2020-2021 Annual Plan.
2. The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand (Forest & Bird) is New Zealand's largest independent nature conservation organisation, representing many members and supporters. Forest & Bird's mission is to be a voice for nature on land, in fresh water and at sea. We aim to protect New Zealand's unique flora and fauna and its habitat.
3. We have 47 branches throughout the country, three of which are based in the Hawke's Bay region. Our branches are involved in a wide range of conservation and advocacy activities, and have actively led and contributed to environmental efforts in Hawke's Bay for generations.

### Submission

4. HBRC has identified and reaffirmed Climate Change as its core long term focus and priority. Forest & Bird supports this, while also recognising the extreme pressure that both the current drought and Covid-19 have put on the people of the region. However, the reality of climate change will mean that drought events become more common and the wrong kind of response now will only exacerbate the medium to long-term issues experienced in the region.

5. HBRC plans to develop consistent and objective evaluation criteria for assessment of existing and new programmes, including whether they will promote a “*Climate. Smart. Recovery.*”. In doing so, it will be important to ensure that the way in which interventions respond to climate change are progressive, sustainable and genuinely transformational. We strongly oppose approaches to drought resilience such as building dams that will simply perpetuate environmentally unsound land use, or enable intensification of water needs in a region where that is inappropriate.
6. It should be recognised that many of the land uses HBRC that has previously sought to protect through water storage measures actually contribute to climate change as they have large emissions profiles (methane emissions from dairy stock, the mined phosphate and synthetic nitrogen fertilisers typically used in large quantities, transport/export emissions). The cost of continuing with these activities needs to be accurately assessed. By focusing on protecting the status quo, Hawke’s Bay industries would be further entrenching themselves in a climate change induced struggle.
7. The only genuinely sustainable approach is to review and where necessary rebalance water allocations, as well as pursue other approaches that will help mitigate water loss and climate change (e.g. encourage conversions to regenerative agricultural systems, wetland and lowland forest planting, establishing shelter belts). This would require some land use changes, but will mean that the vast majority of Hawke’s Bay businesses can continue to access the water they require without increasing the long-term damage to the environment (and essentially kicking an ever bigger can of water shortage issues down the road).
8. F&B supports expenditure (whether funded by rates increase, borrowing or reprioritisation) on projects that are nature-friendly. The Hawke’s Bay region needs a recovery that is good for People and Planet, which means that projects that will impact on ecologically-sustainable flows and lead to higher water use should not be pursued. These kinds of projects will only exacerbate the region’s water and climate related challenges.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

Karen Evans

Regional Manager, Hawke’s Bay

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Submitter #125  
Stu Burden  
**To be heard?** No

**Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21**

**Chose** B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding – a 0% rates revenue increase.

**Reason**

**Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21**

**Chose** A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason**

**General Comments**

I know its unfashionable but I would just like to ask the council to try to live within its own means a bit more. I, and I'm sure most ratepayers, can use any savings to good ends more efficiently than the council can.

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Submitter #126  
Coralee Matena  
On behalf of Federated Farmers of NZ  
**To be heard?** Yes

**General Comments**

Po marie

Please find attached FFNZ Submission to the HBRC Annual Plan 2020.

Please acknowledge receipt of submission.

We would like to speak to our submission and note that the 15th of July has been set aside for hearings. A hearing time between 10am and 12 noon on the 15th would be most appreciated if possible.

Nga mihi

Coralee Matena

**Federated Farmers of New Zealand**

**Submission on the Hawkes Bay Regional Council  
Annual Plan 2020-21**

28 June 2020

To: Hawkes Bay Regional Council  
159 Dalton Street  
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Submission on: **Hawkes Bay Regional Council Annual Plan 2020-21**

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1. The Hawkes Bay Province of Federated Farmers (Federated Farmers) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Hawkes Bay Regional Council (Council) Annual Plan 2020-21. We acknowledge any submissions made by individual members of Federated Farmers.
2. Federated Farmers notes that the overall rates increase, to align with the forecast in the 2018 Long Term Plan, proposed increases of around 7.33%.
3. We understand that Council were initially not intending to consult on this year's Annual Plan, however given the impact of COVID-19 and the drought, Council have reconsidered their approach to the 2020 Annual Plan. Ultimately this has required Council to consult on their revised annual plan draft. Federated Farmers understands that most affected is Council's non-rates recovered revenue (investments) which will be down \$6.1M which would/could equate to an average rate increase of up to 24.7%.
4. In March this year, Katie Milne – National President for Federated Farmers, wrote to all Territorial Authorities asking that Council's reconsider any proposals to increase rates, and instead retain rates as set the previous year. In her letter, she noted that the significant unknown impact of COVID 19 on our communities and our economy, and also reiterated that this year would now not be business as usual for ratepayers. The letter also asked that in line with what every business in NZ is having to undertake, Council should focus on core functions and operate as efficiently and effectively as possible.
5. We understand that HBRC's preferred rating option is to keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019- 20 and borrow the required funding 'top ups', ultimately resulting in a 0% rates revenue increase. Federated Farmers thanks Council for its actions to minimise the impact of rates on its communities, recognising how tough this year has been for all sectors of the community. We are however concerned about the impact that this debt will have on rural rates, both now and in future years. Rural rates have been increasingly significantly year by year, albeit without any increase in farmer/rural rate payer ability to pay. This year and those subsequent will be no different, as the draft has put significant pressure on the viability on the region's rural communities.

6. Federated Farmers is also concerned that Council is opting to borrow the entire forecasted shortfall. Covid-19 has forced businesses, including farming businesses, to reassess their budgets and outgoings and make hard decisions about aspects of forecasted spending that could be minimised. We do however appreciate that Council is undertaking a "smart cost review" to minimise costs, including for new staff appointments and salary increases.
7. While we appreciate all opportunities for cost savings, Federated Farmers considers Council's best asset to be its staff. We are particularly grateful of the hard work of late of staff involved in the Rural Advisory Group. Their tireless hours spent in meetings, communications, administration, and support have been a life saver to many. Federated Farmers therefore asks that any reductions to personnel be as a last resort as retaining great staff is perhaps the hardest task of all.
8. Federated Farmers considers that real progress in cost savings will be made in via the 2021 Long Term Plan. We would like to be actively involved in Council activity to draft the Plan, along with the requisite consultation.
9. Federated Farmers also understand that HBRC are seeking to establish a Recovery Fund to leverage potential government co- funding for Council-related capital projects. We would like to work closely with Council on the scope and detail of these projects, to ensure they align with rural HB activities and realities.

Federated Farmers thanks the Hawkes Bay Regional Council for considering our submission to the Draft Annual Plan 2020.

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## **ABOUT FEDERATED FARMERS**

Federated Farmers is a not-for-profit primary sector policy and advocacy organisation that represents the majority of farming businesses in New Zealand. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the interests of New Zealand's farmers.

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.

This submission is representative of member views and reflect the fact that local government rating and spending policies impact on our member's daily lives as farmers and members of local communities.



## Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21

### Chose

**Reason** Zero rates increase would help families in need a little bit.

### General Comments

2020-2021 Plan,

HB Regional Council(ers),

I have been one of the lucky winners of a flyer, which I don't know why this money waste is happening.

Climate. Smart.Recovery ????????

Have your say! How do you mean? You do whatever you want anyway, and WE HAVE to pay!

OK, first question:

Climate! Who is able to do something about the climate? Hands up please.

More money does NOT help.

More wind turbines only kills more birds, takes huge amounts of concrete and land and the earth is doing just what it always has done, so does the climate fluctuation.

Living 35 years in HB and every year there is a shortage of water for the farmers, and a clever mayor gives consent to a Chinese outfit to take water out of OUR aquafer for next to nothing ( \$2750/year) and selling it in china for NZ\$ 1.20-1.60 per liter.

More solar panels? Huge investment and pollution in third world countries where the raw ingredients are found (out of sight, out of mind. Tough luck for those people dying, because we are stupid)

More hydro dams? Where? On fault lines? NZ is one huge fault-line and who cares about the people living down streams?

Second!

What do you people mean with Smart?

I know, there are smart people, who get it wrong on occasion. Clever computer modeling people for instance.

Governments get it wrong because many governors are not as smart as they think.

Think back to one smart man ones said to the people of Hastings.

You monkeys, you better leave the thinking and decision making to us. He meant ME.

Third

Recovery?

Recovery from what? From a government who did have it wrong.

Easy! Vote them out. Problem is: what do we get then?

Never heard that Bacteria can be killed and virusus NOT? (medical fact)

So, that is one thing our (clever) government obviously doesn't know.

You lot want more money to go to your (personal) bank account?

Or where did you have in mind it should go? Bankrupt businesses!

NZ should NEVER have gone in total lockdown.

Lock the borders and send all tourists back home with the same plane they came in.

But it was a good effort to see if NZ can become a police state in the future and the Chinese are laughing their heads of.

Why?

NZ needs money to rebuilt! You call it "recover!"

Where does that money come from?

I guess it comes from China, lending it to us.

Not paid back in time? OH! No problem, we buy (take) more land from you for next to nothing.

We have already big chunks of NZ, and would love to get more, very cheaply (dum sheep you are, well,we whites are Barbarians, according the Chinese anyway)

Canada is cleverer by printing their own money. Devaluation of their currency, but better than handing over more land, forests farms and factories to who? China!  
Read the book "In The Jaws of The Dragon" and you'll see what I mean.  
And you get wiser. I hope.  
SO! all in all, we ratepayers are going to be hit by a huge increase in rates.  
Correct me if I am wrong.  
That Dutchman according to my former mayor  
Peter van der Stam  
PS, any answers will be welcome.

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Submitter #128  
Gerard Pain Adrienne Tully  
**To be heard?** No

### Topic 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21

**Chose** C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.

**Reason** In case things are worse next year.

### Topic 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21

**Chose** B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

**Reason** Yep, I think it will probably be a good idea to establish a recovery fund.

### Late Submissions Received

LATE

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**Sent:** Monday, 29 June 2020 4:41 PM  
**To:** Have Your Say  
**Subject:** Annual Plan for rates

My preference for the rates annual plan would be Option C – the half way house option between Option A and B. Paying half this year and half next year makes it easier I think for those struggling but not that bad that one could not cope. Kerry Kitone

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

# 2020-21 Annual Plan Submission Form

01 JUL 2020

LATE

Have your say! Please give us your feedback on the 2020-21 Annual Plan consultation document by Sunday 28 June 2020. This includes online, email, hand-delivered and mailed submissions. Post written submissions to: **Hawke's Bay Regional Council, Private Bag 6006, Napier 4142**

Please be aware that submissions are public information. Your name and feedback will be included in public documents as part of the decision-making process. All other personal details will remain private.

Name: Hera Tahau

Address:

Daytime Ph:

Email:

Is your feedback on behalf of an organisation or business? (If yes, this confirms you have authority to submit on the organisation's behalf):

YES  NO (circle one)

Name of organisation or business:

Do you wish to speak at the Regional Council hearing on 15 July 2020?

YES  NO (circle one)

Please note that COVID-19 guidance may affect the way we hear submissions.

## TOPIC 1: Rates Approach for 2020-21

Select one option for the Regional Council to charge rates for 2020-21.

The Council's preferred option is **B**: Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding - a 0% rates revenue increase.

Which option do you prefer? Please circle one.

**A. Status Quo for rates - Proceed with the planned 7.3% rate increase in line with the Council's 2019-28 Long Term Plan.**

**B. Cushioning the Impact - Keep the rates revenue at the same level as 2019-20 and borrow the required funding - a 0% rates revenue increase.**

**OUR PREFERRED OPTION**

**C. Mid Point - Proceed with a 3.6% rate increase for 2020-21 and borrow the balance of required funding.**

Please state your reason/s here (optional):

Need more room? You can attach extra pages but please make sure they include your name and address.

## TOPIC 2: Recovery Fund for 2020-21

To establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million to accelerate Council capital projects to help implement the **Climate. Smart. Recovery.** plan.

The Council's preferred option is **B**: Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.

Which option do you prefer? Please circle one.

**A. No, do not establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.**

**B. Yes, establish a Recovery Fund of \$1 million.**

**OUR PREFERRED OPTION**

Please state your reason/s here (optional):

Need more room? You can attach extra pages but please make sure they include your name and address.