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Submitter #14

Beth Harker

To be heard? No

General Comments

The bus fees within Napier city are far too expensive. I would love to take the bus, help environment, but with a weekly cost from Onekawa - 3km from CBD at almost \$35 week bus fees this is just absolutely ridiculous. The fare is the same to the other end of Taradale some 13km (10km more). No wonder the buses are always empty. Shame on HBRC, you need to be more cost effective to meet the need and meet environmental sustainability. Get back to basics and review the price structure.

Submitter #16

Kerry Lane

To be heard? No

General Comments

Please increase your funding of HB tourism and regional facilities - Hawkes Bay must take a more prominent role. This generates growth which generates and sustains jobs which ultimately benefits the HBRC PS - how about a name Change 'Environment Hawkes Bay'

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - Best option for region / future proofs for generation to come

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - Fully agree we need to take bold steps here to save our most fragile eco systems

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - Best option

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - This should be collected and maintained by HBRC in Napier

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - I do not see cost / benefit to this activity - status quo is my preferred option

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - This should actually be increased - not held and certainly not reduced. How bizarre that we propose reducing spend when this activity delivers vibrancy and success to our region please back winners !!!!

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing

Submitter #17
Bridget Seque
To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - I support faster change.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - I support faster change.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - Excellent proposal. I support increasing sustainability and resilience.

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - Agree, HBRC best placed to fund this regional activity.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - Recognises importance of Tangata Whenua, especially in our region.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Tourism is an economic activity which should be supported by business's who benefit from it. Prefer the money to go to the environment.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing – Agree

Submitter #18
Carl Hart
To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing

Submitter #19

Sara Dukes

To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing

Submitter #20

Shannon Bray

To be heard? No

General Comments

It is crucial that we support the development of our rivers and parks to provide for recreation and tourism. These places are rich in cultural heritage, and should display high levels of amenity. The Council needs to do more to recognise and appropriately manage our important landscapes, such as the rivers, mountains and hills across the Region. This is a requirement of the RMA.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - We need to ensure that farming practices deliver quality outcomes for the environment. Riparian planting is critical, and needs to be incentivised as well as measured.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - Farmers need help to change. We need to show them goodwill so that they work towards good environmental outcomes.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - All houses built today should be sustainable, no matter what the income of the home owner.

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - A more transparent mechanism for Civil Defence.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - As tangata whenua grow stronger through their settlements with Government and the increase in their own expertise, it is important that we seek to engage so that we can work together. Tangata whenua can help us to achieve good environmental outcomes.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Tourism can be promoted through environmental outcomes. As tourists become more savvy, they will select places to travel that are environmentally sound. We should focus on the environment and the tourists will come.

Submitter #21

Lisa Lomas

To be heard? No

General Comments

I would really love the council to realise what is working well and what needs to stay implemented. Everything is a team/community involvement. For us all to keep doing well we need to be listened to.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - Tourism I believe is an essential part of Hastings economy. To vacate funding would mean we would limit resources to bring in new business to area. New Business to area helps everyone, not just tourism. I do not want to see funding decrease as what has been implemented has to continue. We all want Hawkes bay to keep growing, I see lack of funding in this area as a definite no. We need to keep this funding and we need to build it up more. if tourism keeps growing then jobs will keep growing and our local spend will increase. If we continue to grow as we have and with continued investment in promotion - in three years visitor spend will be \$835m per annum (based on a 5.5% growth rate). No other business is supporting us in this way for our tourism business, we need this to continue so we can continue to concentrate on our businesses. When more people come to area, we see more spending at local businesses, this must continue also. It has a flow on effect to this whole area. To ignore this is to ignore Tourism as a great economic growth provider. For myself, when things are going well in business that is other businesses bringing in their expertise to our area, it also means they buy food, resources for their stay and that means we share what our growth has with local areas. I have been able to offer a part-time job this year, never before have I been in this position so to me that means I need the growth to continue so I can continue.

Submitter #22

Nichola Nicholson

To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - Please maintain the funding for tourism as it is an important part of the region as a whole

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend -

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC -

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 1 - Status Quo

General Comments

I support any initiatives that encourage business growth in the region and jobs for our youth and a reason for our sons to return to the region once they complete tertiary study.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - The general public have a great awareness of their obligations to the environment and everyone is trying hard to help our waterways and public spaces.

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo - I've been watching Country Calendar for many years and have seen a significant shift in the message over the years. Farmers are the best caretakers of their land. They have immense knowledge and skills at their disposal and are applying best practices to the maintenance of their properties. It is encouraging to see the fantastic work that has been made in native tree planting along waterways and I see that farmers have a sustained commitment to continue and enhance this practice in the generations to come.

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain - Currently there is more than adequate advice and resources put towards safe warm homes.

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain - Local knowledge of Civil defence requirements is best left in the hands of those on the ground who best understand the conditions on the spot and in real time. Centralising does not always produce the best results.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - I think there are more housing and community living solutions to be presented to the Tangata Whenua to help with safe living conditions for families and shared living spaces for the best use of resources and support. More rent to own and housing on shared land is a solution for the future in a safe and supportive environment.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold

The Hawke's Bay Tourism team has made amazing strides in taking a struggling tourism region in the height of the Global Finance crisis to the powerhouse of regional promotion that it has become on the whiff an oily rag.

The Hawke's Bay budget for tourism promotion is not large compared to other regions but they make it go far and the choices made and the connections that have fostered gives all in the industry a bang for the buck. The goal from day one was clear and has built from there.

Firstly the web page was created and the most fabulous photos of our region were taken. Suddenly we all saw our region in a new light, the way those from the outside could see us. We became Hip! And the slogan "Get me to Hawke's Bay" just made it sexy.

From day one it become clear that the team had a committed goal to unite the region as a whole to present the "Hawke's Bay" story. It wasn't just about Napier, or the Wine Country, or Te Mata Peak or the food trail; it became a story about all of us. Suddenly stunning shots of Waikaremoana appeared on billboards in Auckland, Wairoa became Rocket Lab ground zero and Central Hawke's Bay became Little Easy biking Mecca (and my personal destination of choice for a host of golden daffodils).

Our business opened as the Global Financial Crisis was starting to really hit. It was tough here in the Provinces for a number of years and there were some very cold hard winters. Hawke's Bay Tourism's goal (in line with Tourism New Zealand) was to take the edge off winter and to broaden the shoulder season. They have

achieved on all fronts regarding this. There started to be a bit more fat in the budget to get through winter, more hours we could give our staff and more certainty that meant to their pay packets.

So why would the brake be applied now that the industry has come into its own and become a powerhouse employer in the region. It's impossible to put a percentage on the trickle down effect but it means one more staff member, one more Uni student gets a summer job to continue their studies, more check out staff are needed in the supermarkets, more staff rolling ice creams and making coffees. In a time when it was hard for our youth to secure an out of school job, suddenly there were a few more options and a few more chances to get some money in the bank to get through their studies. I know this, 2 of those students are my sons.

We don't have the big powerhouse tourism players you see in other regions. Most of the tourism providers and all their related supplying companies are small businesses run by families trying their best to show our little corner of New Zealand in its best light. We work long hours and we run a tight ship. Our individual budgets are not big, there's not a lot of extra dollars to tell our story so we rely on the collective regional entity to tell the story of us all. What we can't provide in a monetary sense has been more than compensated with complimentary stays and hosting. We can provide hospitality which is vital to the welcoming of the key industry contacts.

In summary, we support maintaining current funding levels for the Hawke's Bay Tourism team to continue to fight the good fight and campaign for us all. They do amazing work and the industry growth means more jobs in our region and a healthier economy for everyone.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing - It gives the most options without the obligations of a guarantee.

General Comments

Funding the Hawke's Bay Tourism will help protect the environment. The more support Hawke's Bay Tourism businesses get, the more people they can employ, and the more revenue they gain. Financially secure businesses are more well-equipped to give back to the community, and do more for the environment. Our business, for example, due to the support from Hawke's Bay Tourism, has become a Qualmark member, and has recently achieved Qualmark Gold. We are one of only two coach companies in the country to achieve this. Due to this tourism relationship, we go over and above what many other businesses do, to protect the environment, with our recycling initiatives, water protection, planting, emission control, and community support. The flow on effect is stronger than most might be aware. There is no incentive for this, if HBT aren't facilitated to promote this to our target market.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - I have done extensive studies on this, and have found that there needs to be more education, stronger partnerships, and better incentives to encourage participation in the protection of our environment.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - I have done extensive studies on this, and have found that there needs to be more education, stronger partnerships, and better incentives to encourage participation in the protection of our environment.

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain - This should be the individual's responsibility. It's a great idea, but can't justify rates increase for it.

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - We have one response unit, which means we should have one rating.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - N/A

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - As a tourism trade business, a large portion of our shoulder season work, comes from HBT, and the work they do bringing in conferences, events, and incentive groups. We can't afford to go to every trade show, list in every magazine, and advertise on line. They do this on our behalf, and we collectively get the benefits. This should be a no brainer, the industry needs support by way of funding, in order to keep up with every other region in the country. We have been slowly increasing our stake in the national market, but that will decrease if we don't have the funding needed to get in front of the same people as our competitors. This is fundamental business that allows us to continue employment through the winter.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing

Submitter #25

Judy Chen, Tourism Export Council of New Zealand

To be heard? No

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - To date, HBT has performed exceptionally in driving more visitors into the region. As an example, they out-performed other regions within NZ in winning the annual TEC Tourism Conference bid this year. As a result, we will be bringing in more than 250 key movers and shakers in the tourism industry to the region in August 2018 to showcase the best of what Hawke's Bay has to offer. Cutting HBT's funding will cause detrimental damage to the good work they do. As a key tourism industry body within NZ, we are completely against this proposal. The economic impact will not only affect tourism operators but the whole of the Hawke's Bay region.

Submitter #27

Glennis Moriarty

To be heard? No

General Comments

I fully support HBRC's fight against fracking and hope it leads to the desired outcome.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - An emphasis on the environment is more important than all else.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - As above.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - Resilience is essential to cope with the effects of climate change.

Civil Defence

- No preference.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - Tangata whenua have shown they have good understanding of environmental concerns and should be accepted as full partners.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Tourism should be required to pay for itself, including paying for negative effects on the environment.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

- No preference.

Submitter #29

mokopuna o nga Rangatira.Huiriana Lawrence, Te Whare Awhina Foundation

To be heard? No

General Comments

all Crown, Regional Council are a British systems of corporate control, decreases white man activities destructive to Earth processes.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - H.B.Regional Council is a created vehicle for native Maaori land theft. Has received lands by pakeha invented Laws suiting the British system and not the people's lives. Regional Councils are set up to implement UN Agenda 20 and UN Agenda 30 and so forth.

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo - illegal moves against Native Maaori title O Te Iwi A Maui.

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain - Maintain until the British New Zealand Government seizes genocide enacted upon Native Lands, Crown Lands and others....

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 – Hold

Submitter #31

SANDRA WATERS, Navigate Hotel

To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives - Option 1 - Status Quo

Partnerships - Option 1 - Status Quo

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold -

Introduction

1. This submission is from Regional Tourism New Zealand (RTNZ), located In Wellington. If you wish to contact us regarding this submission, in the first instance, please telephone Charlie Ives, Executive officer on 04 496 5396, or 027 230 2293. Or e-mail at charlie@rtonz.org.nz

Tourism and regional economic development

2. **Tourism is an intrinsic part of regional economic development.** Tourism is New Zealand's largest export industry and significant contributor to the New Zealand economy. It is a \$99 million per day industry, delivering \$40 million in foreign exchange and another \$59 million from domestic visitor spending every day.
3. **Tourism brings new money to regional and local economies.** Visitor spend contributes towards generating economic growth which binds and maintains community vibrancy and well-being. The visitor market underpins the business case for many recreational, sports and cultural facilities and events that require a mix of community and visitor use to be viable.
4. **The economic value and benefit of tourism is felt much wider than direct tourism businesses.** Visitors support the wider Hawkes Bay economy with 55% of visitor expenditure in retail, hospitality and other services, 38% in accommodation, activities and attractions and the balance on air and land transport and GST.
5. **Visitor expenditure supports wider community and business goals.** Tourism engenders a sense of pride and vibrancy in place and is often referred to as the "shop window" for economic development. The qualities that attract visitors to a place are also those that attract people to return and live, to work, to do business and to build new businesses in New Zealand's regions, cities and districts.
6. **The Visitor Industry provides significant economic returns and employment across all levels of the job spectrum.** Tourism is heavily service driven and relatively labour intensive. It therefore provides comparatively higher numbers of FTE jobs compared with other important industries. The Industry *directly* provides jobs at a wide range of skill levels from relatively low-skilled jobs through to higher skilled management roles. Furthermore, many of these jobs can be part time, supporting parents who wish to minimise reliance on child care and people who want to study part time. In the context of Hawkes Bay, \$630 million was injected into the local economy from both domestic and international visitors in 2017, which equates to 6% annual growth, and 6,200 workers in the Bay are employed in tourism related occupations.
7. **The Visitor Industry provides exposure to other New Zealand products and services.** Not only do visitors purchase NZ produced food, their exposure to a positive NZ experience increases their propensity to purchase NZ products when they return to their home countries. Rural tourism is also growing worldwide, creating opportunities such as farm hosting, special interest agricultural tours, farm-gate sales and local farmers' markets.

Local Government & Regional Tourism Partnerships

8. **Regional Tourism Organisations (RTOs) are acknowledged and respected as the key regional agencies.** RTOs are responsible for fostering and promoting sustainable regional tourism development, and while there are variations in RTO scale and structure, nearly all RTOs are defined by the following common key goal:

To grow domestic and international visitor expenditure in the region, which supports the economic sustainability of communities

9. **The role of Regional Tourism Organisations.** There are currently 30 Regional Tourism Organisations, (RTOs), spread throughout New Zealand, Each organisation is structured differently, reflective of their own community's view of tourism, its promotion and on-going development.

10. **RTOs provide leadership and coordination and are a critical structural layer in enabling the industry.** Tourism New Zealand's (TNZ) principle function is to market New Zealand as an international visitor destination for the long term economic benefit of New Zealand. TNZ partners closely with RTOs to enable their activities in market to be maximised and connected at a regional level. RTOs provide the structure for TNZ's activities to "translate" on the ground.
11. **Tourism partnerships provide fundamental infrastructural layers that enable the industry to operate effectively.** Central government primarily supports international marketing through Tourism New Zealand and local government provides the mechanism through RTOs to connect the regions and private sector into national and domestic marketing and further extend and leverage the investment.
This leverage of funding, and joint support, between Local Government, RTO's and Tourism New Zealand is an important linkage in the tourism distribution channel, providing significant benefits at both regional and national levels. HBRC is the only entity that can rate on behalf of the entire region, therefore all who benefit contribute - tourism touches the whole community.
12. **RTOs provide a critical role in connecting local government with the private sector.** RTOs facilitate the opportunity for the tourism sector to partner with local government and assist in developing and growing regional economies through tourism. This partnership is vital for the success of the visitor economy at all levels, and the value of these cannot be understated. Without these partnerships it is less likely that private sector investment would be forthcoming.
RTO's are also open access organisations, providing unbiased industry support as a public service.

RTNZ would therefore recommend that:

1. The Hawkes Bay Regional Council (HBRC) maintains funding to Hawkes Bay Tourism at current levels as a minimum, or preferably increases resourcing in line with their aspirational marketing strategies.

Charlie Ives Executive Officer

About Regional Tourism New Zealand

Regional Tourism New Zealand (RTNZ) is the name for the incorporated trust of 30 existing Regional Tourism Organisations (RTOs).

It was established as a Charitable Trust in 2005, with the objects being to represent the interests of the collective RTO sector in New Zealand.

As the peak body for RTO's RTNZ aims to encourage better coordination amongst RTO's as well as ensuring collective RTO's are engaged and consulted with on issues critical to the development of the regional tourism sector in New Zealand.

The activities RTNZ engages in include:

- **Developing RTNZ submissions on issues and draft plans that impact the collective**
- **Providing advice and assistance to members**
- **Developing and maintaining ongoing relationships with stakeholder agencies**
- **Negotiation and execution of project based funding contracts**
- **Managing and implementation of projects on behalf of RTNZ**
- **Coordination of media enquiries**
- **Advocacy of the RTO sector and the important role it plays in the New Zealand tourism landscape**

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold –

I make this submission as general member of the public and select Option 1: To maintain the current level of funding for Hawke's Bay Tourism

I spent 8.5 years working within the Hawke's Bay tourism industry, and can speak with first-hand knowledge and experience about the value tourism brings to Hawke's Bay. I believe the proposed reduction in tourism funding will set Hawke' Bay back years in terms of visitor awareness, market share and visitor spend, and it will not be a position we would recover from easily or quickly.

When we first moved to Hawke's Bay 10 years ago, I thought we had made the worst mistake possible. There were hardly any restaurants to dine in (and certainly none of the quality we have now), there were hardly any events to attend and there was a real lack of youth, culture and vibrancy.

I started working for the then Economic Development Agency (Hawke's Bay Inc, then Venture Hawke's Bay) which was extremely dysfunctional, however things turned a corner when the rating was taken over by HBRC and a new leadership team of George Hickton and Annie Dundas were appointed to lead Hawke's Bay's tourism growth and development. And what a success story it has been. Thanks to the HBRC's commitment we have seen visitor numbers grow, new tourism operators, restaurants, cafes open, and Hawke's Bay has become a competitive destination for leisure and sports events.

But if HBRC reduce funding now, all the hard work, effort and money invested so far by HBRC and Hawke's Bay Tourism will all have been in vain. Tourism is competitive and people have a wide range of choice of where to go and what to spend their money on (within NZ and overseas). We have to keep competing to maintain our growth and position. There is a reason why world leading brands maintain their advertising spends-because out of sight is quickly out of mind, and this would happen to Hawke's Bay. Another very real risk is the loss of confidence this would send to our local businesses, and our National partners and stakeholders. Will the likes of Jetstar, Air NZ, Tourism New Zealand, Sebel Hotels etc all continue to invest in Hawke's Bay if they don't think we as a region are committed to tourism?

I completely understand there needs to be a signal of greater contribution from businesses that benefit from tourism, however this does not seem to be a simple fix as so many businesses outside of traditional tourism operations benefit from the \$630m spend per annum in Hawke's Bay (year to date) In fact only 33% of this money went to hotels etc so an approach to gain bigger contribution from tourism and associated businesses would require some major analysis. I would like to see HBRC commit to this and maintain the level of funding while the best possible outcome is identified and implemented.

I support your Environmental initiatives however don't believe either the environment or tourism should be funded at the expense of the other. I am hopeful that HRC will work with those involved for a win/win solution so we can all live in a place we can enjoy and be proud of.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 1 - Status Quo

General Comments

I like the environmental focus thanks a great step in the right direction. Please look to assist all of the community groups out there that are trying to do th right th by cleaning th region up, planting and protecting it. Thanks

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - I think a lot of landowners want to make improvements but don't know HOW to go about it. They will need guidance, information and resources and I think if they get that, they'll be more likely to commit their own time and resource

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - Honestly I don't think this funding goes far enough. For our proposed rates for our property we would continue to pay \$2.93 per year for central and southern rivers and streams and about \$3.50 for coastal hazards. This is MINISCULE. For all the talk ab

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - Needs to cover the rest of the region not just the city air sheds

Civil Defence

- No view

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - This is important but transparency on what is being done, why and how much it costs will be important - communication on this one will be critical

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - I agree with the statement that this was increased to drive visitor numbers, which has now happened, so it can now be reduced and the spend can be targeted to other priorities. If the tourism industry here is as big and important as they say they are, surely they can levy their own members to raise funds.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing - I appreciate the desire to access funds but I don't like the risk associated with being guarantor. I would prefer rates increases to the financial risk of guarantor.

General Comments

It is essential that the Government initiative to reform agriculture into smarter ways of doing things. With Climate Change we must reduce farming practices such as dairy and highly intensive farming that demands high water use. It is already apparent that dams don't work. When it is dry so are rivers and dams are quickly drained. We must conserve what we have and use it wisely. There are great challenges ahead and the old way of farming and planting must be reviewed to provide sustainable practices for the future. Without the land and crops we have nothing.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - Riparian Planting is essential. The amount of topsoil washed down our rivers annually is tremendous. The sooner we stop the better. Behaviour must change.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - Partnerships such as the Twyford Scheme and some farmers groups is imperative to provide knowledge and to move forward. Individuals will not get it done. It is time to be more selective on the crops grown to conserve water and seek best outcomes.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - While out of HBRC hands the need for sustainable homes is a must. Other local authorities must play their part.

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - Flood control and a comprehensive scheme for all Hawke's Bay is important.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - Not sure about dedicated seats on Council but participation should be encouraged coupled with greater responsibility for outcomes.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Tourism Industry is doing well. They should bear cost.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing - Sounds safer.

Submitter #43

Bob Irwin

To be heard? No

General Comments

I suggest you think about how pensioners will afford an extra \$52 p/a. Money spent by HBRC in water proofing your new building and the dumb dam are examples of your inadequacy.. Your dept is top heavy. Do not contact me.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 1 - Status Quo

General Comments

How are you working with local councils to ensure collaboration on similar strategic plans. What specifically is your pest management plan? Do some research or contact Northland Council. to see the wonderful partnerships they have with enviroschools, farmers and community groups to address, pest control, riparian planting, fencing, water quality monitoring.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives - Everything seems aspirational. Would like specifics on partnerships community organisations going to work with. Actions needed now.

Partnerships - Glad that this is seen by council as important, however it seems rates are rising to subsidies work on farms, should this not be something farmers accept responsibility for. Also seems like there is more on admin and or setting up more bureaucracy.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - Need to move to renewable energies.

Civil Defence

- If it results in an improved service yes, if more bureaucracy no.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

- Yes should have been done years ago, and hope it is not just a tick box exercise.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Reduce,

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

- Unsure about this one. Benefits not really clear.

Submitter #46

Angus Wall

To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - I believe that without healthy waterways we will suffer as a community both financially and spiritually. There is no time to lose.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - Getting farmers to willingly support positive change for the environment is a win/win situation. This requires a close relationship and building trust. I fully support this initiative.

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain - I'm not entirely convinced of this idea. I like the general thrust of the initiative but I would need to know more about how the money will be allocated to homeowners.

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - This will make for a more coordinated approach to civil defence and it's more likely that the left hands and right hands will know what each other is doing.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - I don't know too much about the current situation but trust that it needs to be addressed.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Yes, I'd like to see the focus on the environment. It's long overdue.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing - I trust you've done your homework.

Submitter #49

Tony Senior

To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 1 - Status Quo

General Comments

Just grateful that the Regional Council seems to be taking a more balanced approach to their key role of protecting and enhancing the region. We all know there are big challenges ahead to restore many aspects of our environment that have been degraded over the recent decades in particular. Still feel the Council is too slow in dealing with many of the agricultural and industrial abuses that are contributing to the ongoing degradation of our waterways and big businesses and landowners are often given greater leeway than is fair or prudent for the future of the region as a whole.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - We have as a community neglected our environment for too long and relying on market forces and the agricultural sector to take a greater lead in this regard has proved misguided. Now we must as a whole community do more, and I applaud the Regional Council for facing this fact. Future generations deserve to inherit the natural clean green beauty of our environment - swimmable lakes and rivers and water that is safe to drink as well as reforested land. Some sectors of society have been asking for this for many years but have gone unheeded as business interests have always been put first. We need councils and regulators to ensure that the environment is protected for ALL. It would be nice to think that we as a community could appreciate the need for this without having to be taxed more but for many behaviour change is slow and only comes after strong leadership. Time is of the essence if we are to recover and protect more of our environment.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - The last National Government cut spending for Biodiversity and DOC despite warnings to the contrary and now we are paying the price. Ordinary people who are not big landowners have felt dominated for too long by the agricultural sector, some of whom have not been good stewards of the land and resources in their control. I would like to see much greater emphasis on partnership - not just with framers etc but primarily with local iwi and hapu in acknowledgment of their efforts over decades to protect land and waterways with meagre resources, both human and financial. Their crucial role as kaitiaki needs to be respected and acknowledged in all environmental planning and protection as they indeed bring knowledge to the table despite often being ignored and sidelined in the past!

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - This is a no-brainer especially in our region which has amazing climatic conditions which could harness more solar energy for example and assist and educate more people to appreciate the importance of building and making our homes more sustainable.

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - For the reasons outlined already by the Regional Council. We need to take a whole of region approach to civil defence rather than operating in silos and duplicating resources. However we also need to ensure that more resources do not get tied up in bureaucratic and top heavy administration systems.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - Have already addressed this in former questions. Time we showed greater respect to tangata whenua. Under the leadership of Ngahiwi Tomoana in my region, Maori have achieved some amazing things despite limited resources and misguided opposition. they also bring a fresh vision and way of doing things that would benefit the whole community eg the recent plan to develop a community housing option in Flaxmere.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - I appreciate that Tourism plays a huge part in our community and some wonderful initiatives have emerged to enrich the region but I also believe that HB Tourism have had their share of support and there are other ventures that equally deserve attention. I am aware that some of those opposed to a reduction in funding to HB Tourism have indicated that events like FAWC etc could be in jeopardy but many ordinary rate payers cannot afford to attend some of these events which can be quite elitist and I think the Council's priority should be to ensure that our environment and local activities are protected and enhanced for all to share not just a few.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing - I am a bit ambivalent about this one but option 3 seems to be the one that that gives the best choices for our future.

Submitter #51
Paul Goodfellow
To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing

General Comments

Coastal Hazards- people and businesses should be allowed to protect the land they have from the sea, rivers, dams, etc. Rather than have a miss match of plans, get a co-ordinated plan to protect all our coasts, river banks, etc, from erosion through the coming bigger storms and floods. When a new subdivision is built, please incorporate the impact of this development on the existing infrastructure, water use, water waste, sewerage, electricity, etc, to manage the cost at time of building, not 5 years after the event.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - incentives do get the proper results

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo - biosecurity should be paid for by the businesses using or abusing the land.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - to include items like solar heating, electricity generation, domestic water storage and better septic tanks is a great idea.

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - Please get a co-ordinated plan for the whole region with a transparent chain of command. Designated buildings which have been built with the idea of use in an emergency is certainly something to look into.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - I don't think this needs to be fast tracked, just planned on a case by case project with measurable results.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - I think that tourism is too big an item to just let slide. Maybe a more robust system to rate the results of money invested in each area of tourism. " Hawkes Bay" should be protected as a name such as "champagne" in france.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing - If you are going to join then do it with the best options available, you don't HAVE to use them, but they are there. Probably cheaper option in the long run.

Submitter #55
Dayna Joblin
To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 1 - Status Quo

Submitter #56
John Berry
To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - I am opposed to the proposal the council has outlined in Facing our Future 2018-28 and recommend the council does not proceed with proposed rates increase. Given that the housing affordability is a major issue in Hawke's bay at the moment i believe it is

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo - The council should use the status quo as a starting point to be more innovative around environmental management.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - I believe this programme has been successful so i would like to see it continue

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - I agree with the councils decision to adjust the rating basis for Hawke's Bay Tourism. I have no opinion as to the appropriate level of rating however.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 1 - Status Quo

Submitter #57

Mark Greene

To be heard? Yes

General Comments

This council should not have the arrogance to suggest any rate increase above the inflation rate. Do what your ratepayers have to do and work within your income. Continual rate increases well over inflation are completely unacceptable in today's business world. Prioritise spending within current income.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Tourism should now be self funding. User pays.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 1 - Status Quo - Retain autonomy.

Submitter #58

Lathan Wroe

To be heard? No

General Comments

Only do what is affordable to ratepayers and your grand ideas aren't CHB DC is also full of grand ideas they also need to pull their head in

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - Economic reality is I'm over paying any more in rates

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo - Everything is going along nicely in CHB. it's up Hastings /Napier area that's falling apart. Raw sewerage overflowing regularly? Come on sort your cities out. The Tuki Tuki is good down here be even better if we had a DAM to help keep it clean

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain - Currently works just fine

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - So long as there's no increase financially to my rates I don't mind

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - Are we not one group of citizens in Hawkes Bay? No need for any 'consultation '

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - Tourism is vital. Ridiculous idea to reduce funding. What are you thinking ?

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing - Neutral on this.

General Comments

A big thank you for showing the qualities of leadership, insight, and forethought reflected in this survey.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - The status quo isn't working, and it's so very important to make change, and to do so as quickly as possible. It's hard, expensive work for farmers and other land owners to engage in riparian planting and the like, and psychological research demonstrates time and gain that incentives change behaviour.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - Local hapu and iwi now have much improved infrastructures, supported by capable, ethical leadership. Amongst all NZers there is a growing appreciation of what the partnership intentions and aspirations were of those who signed the Treaty of Waitangi. I believe we will all be better off for shared leadership.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - There is always a temptation to reduce support once an endeavour is working well. It looks to me that we are damned by our success. The extra visitor numbers to HB requires more infrastructure, not less. In theory, it's true that businesses should have increased their ability to be self-sustaining, and self-promoting, and the Council will have in insider's view of the likely impact of reducing funding, but from my 'Joe Bloggs' perspective, I see more cars on the road, more campervans using the parking areas for them, and still more work needed to tidy up spots that could be of tourist interest. Perhaps the money previously used on promotion could be diverted to ensuring tourist spots are of optimal levels of presentation.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing

Submitter #60
William Henderson
To be heard? No

General Comments

Regional Councils need to concentrate on what they were set up to do, Air Water, RIVERS, LAKES, Parks, BIOSECURITY and leave the rest to City, District Councils

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - This is what the REGIONAL COUNCIL re. Hawkes Bay Catchment Board was originally formed to take care of.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - This is not for R.Council, A Cleaner environment makes for benefits for all.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing

Submitter #61
Andrea Berry
To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain - I would prefer a regional approach however, I have no faith in the HBRC to manage the relationships effectively.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - I believe councils provided services to the local people i.e. water, rubbish, sewerage, roads, schools, lights. Other services are paid for by the govt from taxes IRD, GST etc they are health services, state highways. Due to the new govt with greens etc they want clean waterways more trees planting (to get CO2 credits and employment) That is a political trend and they can act and pay. My local elected people are NOT POLITICS there views are NOT important, THEY REPRESENT US to remove are rubbish, provide local roads & lighting basic needs for a community NOT what they believe over Greens views or not, or right or left septum of the political divides let the govt do that and give funds for ALL regions to meet the GOVT objectives NOT provide sewerage etc for locals thats local govt to provide and raise funds. You are Not politicians but local administrators of our community. If you want to view your politics then try and be a MP and join a party which represents your views NOT be a local administrator for our community we do vote for our MP's -NPR Hastings etc which represent those voted for them in the Beehive. Be they Labour, Green, National or whoever NOT YOUR ROLE OR IDEAS leave it to national govt to implement.

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - But why not do the same as Australia and provide each property with a tank of water to each new property and existing homes within 50 years from now? For sola cells on homes paid far rate for power putting in the national grid PREVENT power companies from ripping off the public and when battery power is charged at home when power is disrupted they are allowed to carry on using there power from their batteries, currently power company does not allow that as far as I know. New residential buildings to have LED lights etc ru n on low power like 24 volt systems with the use of cookers which require hight end power it would move within 100 years a much lower power station needs as each home will provide its own needs. Only business and manufacturers will need power stations.

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain - We voted for seperate councils so why use back door attempt to join one authority so many proposals are trying to override the decision to keep seperate councils. STOP being a power base.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - We are one people i.e.NZers the land belonging to tribes can do what the tribe wants to do its their land also the rest of NZ belongs to NZers and they can do what they like not what the tribe want someone else land to do No money from my rates the treaty decisions of the court has given land and cash to tribes for past actions by the crown. As we have already compensated for wrongs then we have no debt to pay they have agreed for the settlement hence now more money out of my pocket to tribes they can fund their share out of their own tribe bank account not out of the people of NZ keep paying for the 10% population

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - But don't spend on environment the govt with the Greens can put forward their own ideas and money leave my rates alone

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 1 - Status Quo

Submitter #63
Essam Girgis
To be heard? Yes

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 1 - Status Quo

Submitter #64
Fred Dryburgh
To be heard? Yes

General Comments

I haven't studied the document's at length but think that more of the burden for increased rates should be placed on those that actively use the environment for commercial gain. E.g orchadists, wineries, farmers, water bottlers, tourism operators as they derive a commercial gain. Similarly commercial polluters should pay more for example industrial producers of fertiliser, co2, farmers.... There could be an argument that they are more responsible than say residential rate payers for the poor state of our environment .

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - We need to think of our future

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - As above

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - We need to actively support healthy and sustainable homes

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - Agree. Makes sense to coordinate centrally

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - Agree there should be more engagement and hard should work in close consultation with gangsta whenua

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - If we don't prioritise environmental issues the won't have a region worth visiting. If it's of value to business then why don't they self fund...

Submitter #67
Philip Pinckney
To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - Agree, it needs more work

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - Solar is the way of the future

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - Centralisation of this is sensible

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - I think there is sufficient consultation

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - Momentum to sustain is not enough. Other regions/countries will outstrip us and get the visitors

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing

Submitter #68
Helen Ross
To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing

Submitter #69
Wayne Ormsby
To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - Needed

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - Necessary

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - Solar next obvious clean energy and more homes with it the better.

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - Regional approach most sensible.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - More partners is better outcomes.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Tourism should not be propped up by ratepayer. I pay rates to protect environment not to enrich businesses.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing - Get the savings.

Submitter #70
Jodi Dalzell
To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - Stimulus is required to make things happen faster.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - We need to work together on this.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - Moving our region to a more sustainable model benefits everyone & the environment we live in. It will also foster a culture of personal responsibility, the more self-sustainable we become.

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - It makes sense that it all comes from one regional bucket.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - We need to all work together and improve on the ways that we do that, so yes.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - The wider economic benefit for the region far outweighs this \$1.8m spend. While the commercial sector do benefit, the intrinsic benefits for everyone are spread far & wide (jobs, new money into the region, supporting services, retail, the list goes on). Why not support & work with Tourism to capitalise on eco tourism opportunities, so that we can have our cake (the tourism industry) and eat it too (build greater protection for our environment)? I would encourage HBRC to take a long-term strategic approach over a short-term saving.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing - Lower risk

Submitter #71

Stephen Butler

To be heard? Yes

General Comments

I agree that we need to move with these issues. BUT AS RETIRED PEOPLE WE CANNOT AFFORD THESE XTRA CHARGES. It is hard enough now trying to live on a pension. Consideration needs to be applied to the people on the superannuation. Regards Steve Butler Avondale road Taradale Napier.

Submitter #72

Gus Mattson

To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain - Option 2 only if guaranteed city councils will reduce local rates by the amount they are presently collecting towards civil defence. I don't believe city councils will reduce rates by the amount said to be for civil defence just the same when we started paying HBRC rates which were previously collected by city rates and they didn't reduce the rates by the amount they were collecting.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - What and where does the HBRC spending on Tangata Whenua go. I would like to see a break down of this. I believe increasing any spending will not reap any more results.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce -

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing

Submitter #73

Susan Jacobs

To be heard? No

General Comments

The Council needs to encourage more qualified women to run for office.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - Our streams, rivers and aquifer are not in healthy shape. Lack of fencing and intensive dairying/farming have greatly contributed to this situation.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - Certainly continuing to assist people achieve more efficient warmer homes is important for energy use reduction, and for healthier children, but also increasing the incentives and support for more sustainable practices for the region is needed too.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - This is essential if the HBRC is to honour the Treaty. The region has previously done poorly in this area, reflecting the voices of the majority, rather than working in genuine partnership with Māori.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - For decades, HB tourism promotion was paltry, and it is only in recent years that this has improved. It is critical not to go backwards, and only sustained funding can ensure that it does not falter.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing

Submitter #74

Amanda Newport

To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - Tourism is important to the region if you cut funding you will decrease tourism in the long run.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing

General Comments

I have given my opinions and feel I have wasted my time as the council will do whatever it wants anyway, I do feel better for filling this out but would hope future council would take into consideration that we are not all rich and getting paid huge salaries to spend others money. \$1.00 per week is nothing to you but it is to the average person on low income. I did go to the trouble of looking at the salary of the CEO and felt sick to my stomach.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - If you own the land you carry out your own remedial work not paid for by rate payers. I am on a pension and no one plants or cares for my land. I even have to maintain council land to keep it tidy.

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo - As above, if a farmer wants to plant trees or maintain a drain that is his choice not for people on a pension to help them. Those chose their lifestyle let them look after it. I look after my land with no help from council.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - I agree with this option as I feel there could be people like me on the pension that need help to keep these services going. I would see a person on the pension would have major problems paying for a new septic system.

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - We are in a very earthquake prone area and we need control of our area.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - Sorry I object to any of this as we are one country under one flag. This to me is giving another race more than all of us.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - When you own a business you should not need hand outs. A good product will sell itself.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing - If you have to borrow you go for the best rate available.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - Landowners should be responsible for their own behavioural changes. We ratepayers should not have to pay to educate or regulate landowners at all.

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo - Farming is a business, and successful farmers are fully trained in the management of their land and it's uses. The Regional council should be available for assistance in some degree, but doesn't need to fully fund any farmer or landowner education.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - The sooner we can clear the airsheds over Hawkes Bay of smoke, especially in winter months, the sooner we will have more healthy population. Personally I would like to see a total ban on woodburners as I suffer from respiratory problems as a result of smoke in the atmosphere. I know of many others in the same predicament who will agree with me.

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - As long as we are only paying the rate to one council I am not concerned which one takes the responsibility.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - I find this proposal unsettling. I cannot see why we need to have any sort of separate partnerships based solely on race.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Tourism is a business, and as such needs to stand on it's own two feet. Even \$900,000 per year is far too much to expect ratepayers to pay. We do not get any "trickle down" from visitor spending, no matter how hard people are trying to make it appear that ratepayers are reaping the benefit

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 1 - Status Quo - This is a very bad idea, and fraught with dangers. I strongly oppose the joining of this group.

General Comments

Environmental goals are a necessity now and I applaud these. However I think it would be a big mistake to cut tourism funding to achieve these. This part of NZ NEEDS increased tourism and the economic benefits generated from it (including employment). As the environmental issues are dealt with this can easily become more Eco tourism focussed. The funds needs to be better spent not reduced.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - I agree that incentives will work but also think that stronger regulations are imperative.

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo - I actually believe a partial funding model would be effective and am also concerned for what spending cuts this full funding option might make necessary.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - I believe that more funding and interest free loans will encourage a lot more lower income owner occupier families to move towards sustainability and increase their properties and families health therefore over time reducing health costs as well.

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain - I think HBRC needs to acknowledge that Northern areas get significantly less in terms of services by keeping the rate as it is.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - It is essential and should be high on the list of any governments (local or national) list of priorities.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - Hawkes Bay is still small time on the lists of must see & do places & activities in New Zealand. Operators of all sizes deserve to be represented as more and more travellers of all types are looking for an authentic visitor experience not a generic one that some of the larger operators provide. By a huge and very obvious mile the current tourism funding is spent on Napier & Hastings pushing these places mostly exclusively is unfair and most non HB people think that vineyards & Art deco is pretty much all that HB has to offer. It is a misuse of funding that has occurred not an excess. An example is Northern Hawkes Bay which is virtually unrepresented nationally. there are alot of business owners & rate payers here that get precious little in the way of support or promotion from HBRC.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing - There is no need to be guarantors or to have a facility to borrow in excess of \$20million at this point

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - Our land, water and biodiversity are not improving under the present situation and most need help and quickly.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - I am involved with a farm which is working with the Regional Council to develop a sustainable and supportive framework for the land, water and biodiversity on the working farm. Farmers need assistance to either get on move on with this or advice and both

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - I would like to see a system where rain water is encouraged to be saved and used in urban areas which isn't the HBRC. I would like to see more use of solar power but I understand it is not still not economically viable.

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - One civil defence for the whole region

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - always encouraged to work together

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Why should tourism be supported when other local industries are not. I submitted several times to the HBRC for funding for Film Hawke's Bay - an economic framework which encourages the film industry to use Hawke's Bay. I was never funded but saw the tourism network being funded. If they want funding go to their stakeholders.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing - can option 2 become option 3 over time?

General Comments

The information provided in the postal document and online in relation to this process is very “thin”.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - I agree with the rationale outlined above. The status quo is not working. A real step up in actions to clean up our streams and rivers is necessary.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - The HBRC working with farmers seems to be the most logical approach.

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain - I believe it's the personal responsibility of homeowners to insulate their own homes. Do not extend.

Civil Defence

- I have no view on this

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - No increased funding for this. I believe in racial equality. No racial group should receive an exceptional benefit.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Agree to reduce funding for tourism. Those receiving the benefit of tourism should pay for its promotion, not the community as a whole.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 1 - Status Quo - You have not provided sufficient information for me to form an opinion.

Submitter #82
Karl Goodchild
To be heard? No

General Comments

this is the second rates rise in as many years don't let there be anymore!

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - Farmers should be paying out there own pocket for fencing and planting as they have damaged the land and polluted it , and have no problems taking the profits they make.

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo - farmers need to pay for there own problems caused on the own farms they are a business and do not share there profits with rate payers.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - This is a good solution to this issue

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - yes this makes it a clear thing

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - We don't need to be paying people to be part of a committee, if Maori have a issue take it to the waitangi tribunal.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - People that make profits from tourism should pay for there own advertising

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing

Submitter #83
Penelope Fraser
To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - Not confident HBRC has ability to manage funds for option 2

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - Unfortunately insufficient information available on status quo and reasons for current decline of the regions environment

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain - Option 2 would creates dependent communities.

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain - No information on how the service would be better

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Plan for this sector to become self funding

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing - Concerns re council management of "unlimited borrowing"

General Comments

I am all for what you have proposed in your flyer, Its a crying shame our beautiful region has got in the sad state it is in, how did this happen? And the last council wasting 20 million on the ridiculous Dam scheme is scandalous, they should have been held to account. A few should really have faced imprisonment over it! Yes you will get short sighted ratepayers be-moaning the increase in rates,...too bad. We need to fix what has been partially destroyed. Hawkes Bay can lead the way, we have an incredible country that the world increasingly wants to see, lets keep it beautiful. I am fully behind your plans, don't over populate and ruin Hawkes Bay, keep it the jewel that it is.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - Lets get moving and take the fast track to fixing what has been neglected.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - As above

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - Tank water is a no brainer, this is beautiful water with no chemicals added. I have been drinking it for 30 years.

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - No comment

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - Not sure on this one, but Maori need to play their part and educate their own people to look after the land and sea life instead of plundering it.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - Reducing the tourism funding is a silly option but more importantly tourism in our region needs to be managed better. At the moment in NZ its just a free for all with tourists, we are going to ruin our beautiful country with this backward approach. If tourists have the money to tour NZ & Hawkes Bay they have the money to pay a small fee for walking tracks and using our amenities. Other countries do this, we need to get upto speed with it. You will find this will easily compensate for the \$1.8 mil you are trying to save.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 1 - Status Quo

General Comments

Overall, I am very happy with the direction of the new Regional Council that we elected.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - It is "the Market" that has destroyed our environment. Stronger regulation is one option but landowners need to be educated and encouraged to see the rewards of change. The extra we will all pay in rates is an investment in the future.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - This is not about town versus country. We all need to work together and help our farmers be good stewards of the land.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - I do not know why it is not compulsory to have solar panels in all new homes when it is easy to fit them. Water storage tanks to take the rain runoff from the roof should be on all new homes. Are they? They provide all the water for lawn and gardens. Hawkes Bay is a drought area. I have a 1958 water cylinder. Too old for a solar system. Most of us cannot afford the cost of solar powered hot water. Actually, basic home maintenance is enough of a struggle for a lot of retirees. Couples or families buying a first home are struggling to pay a mortgage in an overheated market. Some of these homes are cold and damp and rundown. Rentals tend to be worse.

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - We need an overarching model for HB in case of earthquake or tsunami. Combining our resources makes sense.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - Well, look at that track up Te Mata peak! That's a good example of not working in partnership. Result. A disaster and lots of unhappy people.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Our environmental degradation is at crisis point. The tourism trade is doing nicely, thank you. No point in taking the tourists to polluted rivers. Hardly a selling point.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing - I am a very conservative person with money. I do not like the sound of unlimited or high risk. I would not do it myself.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - Council is inefficient.

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - Why give preference to one minority group? It is PC gone mad.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - Should be self funding. It is not council business.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing - If cost effective it makes sense to join.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - The Council is stepping beyond its normal fulfilments and obligations to its rate payers. Once committed to option 2 the on going costs will increase year by year and become a huge cost long term.

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo - Same Reasons as number one, but also shouldn't the council be already giving advice? as part of its normal duties.

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain - Council should not get involved with normal private matters that owners of developments such as Sustainable homes have to face, such as complying with building codes and the like.

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain - This will drive up costs and drive up the Councils size and staff levels. Why alter the present structure which involves all parties who rightfully should and need to be involved.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - Strongly against automatic seats for Iwi. Elections for councillor's need to be on a merit basis and voted in, any funds handed out should not be directed towards cultural purposes. This is a Governmental level surely. Not a local Council. The Treaty of Waitangi has no obligations for Council to meet this.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Obvious, Council should not be involved in propping up private business.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing - Unlimited borrowing needs explaining further Pay back periods and interest rates need to be fully explained in plain language.

General Comments

Most of the basic premises about improving the environment and responding to climate change are sound, but farmers, forestry, and fishing industries should be funding and carrying out these improvements. The incentive should come from HBRC making it harder for them to do business if they do not change their ways, rather than all ratepayers having to subsidise the already very wealthy agricultural and other primary industries. Sustainable homes needs to specifically target the underprivileged and have more funding than is proposed. A largely male, white, and older council needs to look at its own composition before proposing taking more money from ratepayers to fund “working more effectively with Tangata Whenua”.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - The principle is sound but the agricultural and forestry industries must pay and change practices now. Funding an already wealthy sector to do some research led by the polluters themselves will lead to minor change over a long time. HBRC needs to reduce water consents now, and inspect and prosecute farmers and forestry owners who are degrading the regions soils and waterways.

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo - You can fully fund this but only by increasing the rates on rural landowners way above the increases proposed. A farmer with a property 10 times the value of an urban homeowner (and 10 times the income) has much less than 10 times the rate increase. Agriculture needs to change in order to be sustainable in a world of changing climate. The quality of the environment must be put ahead of the farmers and other landowners wealth. If they are hit financially they will have greater incentive to make positive changes.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - Quality of housing - or rather poor quality housing - is a marker of inequality for Maori and other disadvantaged groups. The sustainable homes initiative needs to target the most socially disadvantaged, not offer subsidies to those of us who can afford to improve our own properties.

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain - Not broken, so does not need fixing

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - Why on earth is HBRC not working extensively with Maori already? I see mostly a line up of older, privileged, white males when I look at the current council. A few of you need to mentor politically aware Maori individuals and then resign so that they can contest your seats!

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - HB seems to have grown very well in terms of events, visitors, cruise ship visits, etc. Again why alter something that seems to be working well.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing - Option 3 sounds like trying to have it both ways. Council needs to decide whether to be a full part of LGFA or not.

General Comments

\$1 a week is too much. Every week is a struggle and this is just another kick in the teeth.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - Land owners should be responsible for their actions. Increase monetary penalties and impose prison sentences for those caught breaching regulations. We already suffer water shortages so land owners can produce goods, we as a community pay for roading and infrastructure so they can transport and sell the goods and we have to pay to dollar for the goods. Enough is enough.

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo – as above.

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain - I would be happy extend for existing homes only excluding rental properties. If you can afford a rental property you can pay for your own upgrades. New homes should have a mandatory standard to meet at their own cost.

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain - I don't have an opinion.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - You should be doing this already.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - This should be zero. Stop paying this immediately. The tourism industry should be funding their own initiatives. I challenge you to show me how I gain 1 cent from tourism.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

- Stop borrowing money. Spend what you have.

General Comments

Loved (NOT) all the greenie rhetoric some of you are happily parroting. Do you really want to restore your house, suburb, city back to the wet land swamp it once was? And much of HB was not forested even before Maori set fires to large tracts & turned it into grass/shrubland

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - We are a democracy. Not a state/local body dictatorship yet

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo - We maintain our bit of natural resource as our funds allow. No point in letting you waste funds we don't have.

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain - Any one who hasn't availed themselves of the current option by now must be illiterate. No need to extend scheme past 2018!

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain - Local people (street, suburb, valley) work together & know what to do in an emergency (WE all hope!). If they don't, let God help 'em. In major disaster, there will be no bridges, power, water, sewage, fire or ambulance service, hospital/staff/nurses or food in supermarkets. Having civil defence won't help anyone then. If its long & strong be gone. Not impressed with the Councils/Govt crying wolf several times over recent years about imaginary tsunamis.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - Two races - one people. Now multi cultural. VERY racist to pander to one group.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - Tourism is our only growth option for funding. With no stored water, not allowed to run stock, irrigate crops & reducing rainfall/higher temps; no major industries (Japanese owned mill excepted) Heinz Wattie will move to Brazil soon. Who will be able to pay rates? Only folk with fat wallets have money coming from public purse: teachers, nurses, govt ministries & local body staff.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 1 - Status Quo - Interest rates remaining low. Ports of Napier is a fantastic cash cow for you!

General Comments

Glad to see the council with a plan. Well done, now lets crack on with it. Lets take the long-term view for our children's children. A little investment now will have a bit impact in 50yrs

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - I grew up in the bay, moved away for 10 years and have come home to raise my kids. Lets sort it out so we can swim in ANY waterway

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fun

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain - Civil defence needs to be well connected to its community. Local district councils have a narrower field of responsibility and are able to direct targeted resources to a smaller group of constituents in line with the actual need. A mirco approach to civil defence is better than a macro approach because each communities needs may differ in an emergency.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - Tangata Whenua influence and input to governance and management should be embedded into our system by employing some of these people. Employees of a company or government all bring a little of their beliefs and principles to work and this amalgamation of people at the workplace creates a culture and influences its decision making and governance. We should not have special treatment and processes to 'tick the box' and just to keep a very small percentage of the population happy

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Agree. Long term if we take care of our environment, it will be a tourist attraction in itself

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing - Debt should be managed extremely carefully. If we are not financially stable then we won't be able to look after the environment at all.

General Comments

Thanks for making it easy to submit online.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - I agree with your assessment of the situation and its need for funding.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - The desired outcomes will never be achieved if landowners feel subject to compulsion, rather than partners with the rest of the community and HBRC.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - This approach has been welcomed and used by the community, including myself, and is seen as a good incentive towards home improvement.

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - Agree that the service should be under one authority, for better administration and implementation.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - Tangata Whenua have historically been left out of local government, feeling confronted with meeting procedures that they did not understand and were inconsiderate of their culture. It is heartening to see the new level of Maori participation at regional council meetings, in which they obviously feel welcome. Maori have much to offer and many today are fully conversant and understanding of environmental issues.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Does the entire public wish to subsidize business, tourism or otherwise, I think not. Businesses should financially stand on their own feet and if managed incompetently should not have a free ride on rate payers.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing - Most reasonable option.

General Comments

Noxious plant species are an increasing biodiversity threat, seemingly largely ignored, failing public pressure. Clematis vitalba in particular has the capability of totally overwhelming areas of native forest growth and, with a few years growth, presents a considerable eradication problem for landowners, many of whom are unable to identify the plant during its early growth stage. C vitalba, along with other pest species need a nation-wide program of eradication, perhaps organized by regional councils. We spend millions of dollars eradicating a few rooks which were excellent grass-grub controllers and no threat to native biodiversity. The problem of invasive, exotic plants is a direct parallel to the plastic in the oceans problem, an obvious and growing problem thirty years ago but, typically, we take no action until such problems confront us on a major scale and are then far harder and more costly to correct.

We need major action on invasive plants, now.

PETROLEUM EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION.

INTRODUCTION.

The following text evaluates the basis upon which tight control and possible drilling exclusion of petroleum wells within Hawkes Bay, or parts thereof, is seen as either desirable or essential in terms of protecting natural resources, particularly groundwater integrity.

Petroleum extraction is categorized internationally as a hazardous industry, a factually based category for an industry having a long history of associated human fatalities and environmental pollution. While well drilling technology has advanced over the years best practice can never totally preclude well-site accidents, particularly during exploratory drilling when imperfectly understood sub-surface geological conditions are always present.

The following referenced studies and reports directly relate to the subject, presenting information that cannot be reasonably ignored.

Well Casing Integrity.

When considering the necessity of cement bonding between steel bore lining tubes within a well and the associated drill bore rock surface, there is considerable opportunity for imperfect cement sealing to eventuate, especially as the cement has to be pumped from the surface, down the steel bore inner lining, to flow back upwards between the outer steel tubing and the containing rock wall of the bore hole, a procedure that often results in a faulty bore annulus sealing, even of newly commissioned wells. Additionally, steel tube joints sometimes fail due to junction damage or resulting drilling problems that necessitate remedial down-hole work, such as extracting a broken drilling string, drilling bit seizure etc. A comprehensive study of well blow-outs between 1960 - 1996, experienced in Mexican Gulf States and off-shore wells details well blow-outs and their frequency, showing that most occurred during exploratory well drilling, with the next elevated incidence occurring during well work-over, during well maintenance. 1. 2.

Blow-out prevention equipment. BOPs.

BOPs are not always fitted during exploratory well drilling and, if they are, do not always automatically shut-off the well bore to prevent a high pressure blow back of gas or liquid, resulting in gas and/or liquid petroleum exhausting into the air, with the ever-present risk of ignition and resulting fire-blast, plus local area contamination from the uncontrolled well discharge.

Hawkes Bay Geology and Seismic Factors.

Despite intensive geological surveys and analyses of Hawkes Bay geological and tectonic plate conditions, there undoubtedly remains numerous unknown seismic fault fractures, in addition to those currently known, and few are ever discovered during geological surveying. In fact, under the sub-title of Prediction, a report from The Royal Society of NZ and the Prime Minister's Science Advisory Committee, post Canterbury earthquake sequence, stated "Prior to September 4th, there were no surface signs of the fault that generated the Lyttleton aftershock...An oil-gas survey had been carried out but did not reveal any convincing evidence for the presence of the Greendale Fault."

Faults originate deep within the earth's crust, rising to the surface, thus creating a ready pathway for pressurised liquids or gas to vent to the surface and/or groundwater, including relatively deep water aquifers. This fact, in conjunction with the oil industry's claim of groundwater protection being afforded by impermeable rock layers between deep target oil sources, possibly at 2,000 to 4,000 metres depth, and shallow groundwater sources, plus the ever-present possibility of well casing failure, indicates that the industry's claim is based upon very shaky grounds. Additionally, exploratory drilling often encounters relatively shallow pockets of very high pressure gas the blow-back pressure from which is difficult to control.

Well casing failure.

Analyses from the USA show that some 60% of petroleum wells show upwards migration of pressurised gas/liquid after 20 years from initial drilling and that all wells will ultimately leak petroleum product. This is due to multiple factors, in addition to the prevalence of faulty bore cementing, as well casings are subject to a variety of corrosive acids, CO₂ gas, sometimes hydrogen sulphide H₂S, also strong brines that are always present in oil producing strata, plus cement fracturing created by seismic shaking, where present. 3.

The opportunity for human error and surface spills of hydrocarbons and drilling mud liquids is ever present, one typical example being the contamination of water supplies for seven farms and some thousands of sheep and cattle, in the Clydebank Water Supply Scheme, near Wairoa, in May 1999, when excessive surface water overflowed with well drilling flow-back into a nearby sinkhole and from there into the local groundwater supply source, indicating inadequate consideration being given to the safe disposal of toxic contaminant fluid, on site. It is directly relevant that the presence of a sinkhole is indicative of karst- limestone geoformations, wherein sub-surface passages provide widespread, underground water flow linkages, a certain source of groundwater contamination in that instance. This water contamination related to K5, Kauhoroa 5 well site, operated for Westech Orion Joint Venture and it was permitted by HBRC.

A good analysis of chemical and biological risk assessment of natural gas extraction is given in reference 4, a study that preceded the banning of petroleum well drilling in much of New York State, USA. 4. Ref 5 also relates.

Groundwater/aquifer contamination by petroleum fractions from well drilling.

Despite petroleum industry claims that well drilling has never resulted in drilling-induced groundwater contamination, numerous experiences and scientific reports show that their claim is groundless, with cases of drinking water associated gas explosions from igniting methane gas being common, the presence of methane being directly attributable to nearby petroleum well drilling. Ref 6 directly relates.

The question of "offset", minimum distance allowed from a private property, for well drilling.

A 2011 scientific paper from Duke University, Durham, N.C, USA, shows conclusively that petroleum well drilling within a distance of one kilometre of private, underground water supplies, resulted in thermogenic methane gas contamination, in N.E. Pennsylvania wells, in some instances to a level where gas with drinking water could result in an explosion, if accidentally ignited. Underground water sources that were separate from well drilling by more than one kilometre distance, were uncontaminated by deep-sourced methane. Analysis was enabled by matching groundwater hydrogen/carbon isotope levels with the isotope pattern from local source petroleum strata. 5.

Water contamination pathways in Hawkes Bay.

While possible future petroleum drilling in Hawkes Bay could result in groundwater contamination due to unknown fault-line presence or faulty well sealing or ageing, surface accidents from flow-back or producer water, ponded containment or from well high pressure blow-out, could rapidly result in local stream or river pollution with a variety of drilling water toxins, some of which are carcinogenic, including high-chain petroleum fractions such as benzene, toluene and xylene, or raw crude oil, any of which could gain direct river access to our major aquifers. Aquifer contamination being impossible to mitigate or eliminate, once it has occurred. Due to flow-rates and water volumes present, contaminants, once in rivers such as the Ngaruroro or Tutaekuri, could not be effectively prevented from gaining access to our aquifers, aquifer water access being directly through the river beds.

Planning requirements to exclude avoidable risks.

The CEO of Petroleum Exploration and Production Association of NZ, PEPANZ, Cameron Madgwick, recently stated when addressing the Hawkes Bay Regional Councillors, that the future of petroleum exploration and production, in Hawkes Bay was a "planning issue", but this ignores the fact that planning decisions must include the wise avoidance of environmental degradation and public safety hazards, both of which are encompassed within the planning legislation requirements of the Regional Council. Indeed, future planning for mitigation/avoidance of coastal zone hazards is a parallel case in point.

Conclusions.

While the above is but a condensed presentation of the problems associated with petroleum drilling activities, the references provide in-depth information that supports the conclusion that very tight controls are warranted for any possible future petroleum drilling permitted, plus a definite prohibition of any well drilling in locations where sub-surface or surface water contamination could result.

During his recent presentation to HBRC, Cameron Madgwick's statement that there had been no groundwater contamination issues in Taranaki, also in relation to capped wells, "there are no issues around the wells," has to be regarded in relation to the small number of wells drilled and how rigorous has the analysis of possible water pollution been, and by whom? Possibly, the main water pollution analyses undertaken being by the drilling companies? We have often been told that drilling technology in New Zealand embraces the best practice from the USA, but with thousands of wells drilled there in individual plays, technical and associated pollution problems have been numerous and can only be expected if expansive drilling should occur in New Zealand, in part assisted by policies such as Taranaki Regional Council's "hands-off" approach that accepts the petroleum industry as both operator and pollution monitor.

Finally, if existing resource development and environmental protection legislation fails to protect the public and their vitally important resources, then the legislation can only be seen as unfit for purpose.

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General Comments

You will have gathered from the foregoing that I think it is unreasonable and unrealistic to expect HBRC ratepayers to willingly accept the impost of a 19% rates increase. Given the relatively low base, you would probably get away with an increase of say two or three times the rate of inflation, but beyond that, you should really be required to live within your means, like the rest of us.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - I prefer the status quo because your proposed fully funded option is an unfair impost on those who have no prospect of anything like a 19% increase in disposable income. In the real world you should be aiming at moving forward at a more measured pace.

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo - Like most of the rest of us, you should be required to do better with what you have rather than simply exercising the option of extracting more money from your rating base. You seem to be saying that the choices are either front with the level of increase sought or face a continuing decline in the environment; there must be middle ground where the decline can be halted and improvements made in slower time with less financial impact.

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain - This program has proved successful operating at its current level. Why do you feel the need to draw more money from your rating base to extend it, when clearly there are other issues to be addressed?

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain - If transferring the function to HBRC had a neutral rates impact in the aggregate then it might be a good measure, but realistically I would expect that there would be no matching reduction in the HDC or NCC rates and the rate payer gets smacked again.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - This is mumbo jumbo. How will "internal appointments and strengthening cultural competency" assist with protecting and enhancing our environment? Why do you feel you need more money to work more effectively with Tangata Whenua? Why not just up your game?

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - The tourism industry appears to be alive and well in Hawkes Bay. If the reported tourism revenue figures are correct, then one might reasonably expect the industry itself to shoulder more of the cost of running this agency. If regional tourism appears to need a boost at some point in the future, the matter could be reconsidered, but in the meantime you appear to have other pressing uses for the funding saved.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing - By participating as a guarantor, the assets of the HBRC could be at risk in the event of a major disaster in one of the larger participating territorial authorities. If there have been no significant issues borrowing from other approved lending agencies to date then option 2 appears to provide the opportunity for a further \$20m if needed without the risks of option 3.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - it will dramatically improve the state of the Hawke Bay environment

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - it will help farmers have access to environmental expertise

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - it will help the country get to 100% renewable energy

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - it will make civil defense planning simpler

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - as long as it increases environmental engagement from young Maori

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - the tourism sector doesn't need so many handouts any more

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing - it gives us more options to protect our environment

General Comments

Please consider reflective roofs and pavements as a way forward to make HB more sustainable and help mitigate imminent climate change effects. I would like to paint my roof to reflect radiation, but I am not sure which paint is the best paint to use. If HBRC could give clear guidelines on which paint to use, and perhaps subsidize this paint, I am sure more people would be very willing to invest in this.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - I am very happy that HBRC is making a positive change to repair some of the damage done to the HB environment. I fully support funding this. In fact I would be happy to pay \$10/week for this, rather than \$1/week, as long as there is the guarantee that that native ecosystems are being restored, in consultation with ecologists from DOC and experts from Forest & Bird.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - see above. I completely agree with council's position.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - Another excellent initiative. Please also consider encouraging people to paint their roofs and walls a light colour (and perhaps ban black houses). With the gradual loss of the ice caps on the north & south pole, we need to do something to reflect the thermal radiation back into space. Presently the reflection of light & radiation by the ice caps reduces some of the global warming and climate change we are facing. As these ice surfaces diminish, it is important to create other reflective surfaces that fulfill this function. Advice on which paints to use and where to buy it would be very helpful, and investment in reflective pavements as well.

Some references (for example):

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Evaluation of the Albedo-induced Radiative Forcing and CO2 Equivalence Savings: A Case Study on Reflective Pavements in Four Selected U.S. Urban Areas.

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Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase -

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Developing the environment helps tourism. Clean water, native bush and swimmable rivers and lakes will bring more tourists to HB.

Submitter #98
Michele Grigg
To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing

Submitter #99
Colin Rafferty
To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund -

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund -

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - And campaign for a better export price for domestic solar production

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - As long as there is a requisite reduction in city rates

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing

Submitter #100
A Dowley
To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - The status quo is taking us backwards

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - It makes sense to improve the health of the community that they are living in warm dry home and reduce their costs by using sustainable electric or hot water systems

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - Centralisation should have happened when we had the chance 2 years ago

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing

Submitter #101
Alison Mirands
To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing

Submitter #102
Anne Blake
To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - Need to improve the environment

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 – Reduce

Submitter #103
Benjamin Molineaux
To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - The use case of Civil Defence is to plan for and respond to regional level disasters/emergencies. It makes sense then for a regional rate to fund this activity. If any hyper-local planning and response is needed I'm sure a regional organisation and fund will assist the local councils to deal with the particular hyper-localised issue.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - You should do this (Option 2) because it ought to be done, rather than because it's an 'obligation'.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - While the regional may benefit as a whole from Tourism, it's largely a private benefit to the individual businesses. This activity would be better funded by, and coordinated by a Chamber of Commerce or a coalition of Business Associations, or private organisations (eg AirNZ), or sector co-operations (Vinyards getting together to promote the HB wine experience). Focusing on the core land, air, water, biodiversity should be first and foremost for Regional Council, with other organisations leading and funding private good items like tourism promotion (until such time as the Regional Council doesn't have land, air water issues as an urgent priority).

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing

General Comments

Keep rates as they are, or reduce them. Reality check.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - You do not need to increase rates automatically every year. You must face the reality of working with a fixed amount, just as we ratepayers must do. Wages are static, they do not increase every year. Yet we are constantly faced with increases in not only rates, but insurance, cost of living etc. By increasing rates you are simply removing money from the economy which has a negative effect. Take less overseas trips, give up the corporate vehicle, those sort of things might help.

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo - The question is presented with a negative aspect. You need to work with what you have.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - I do not know enough about this to give valid comment, so I will agree. But perhaps would be more accurate to include a middle option?

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain - Why change it? Is it broken? My experience with amalgamation is that it actually negatively affects communities.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - You must learn to work with what you have.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Businesses should pay that which benefits them.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 1 - Status Quo - I do not know enough about this to legitimately comment.

General Comments

I think that council should consider setting up a "watersmart" initiative to complement the heatsmart one, as the pressure on the regions water sources continues to grow. This could involve providing educational material about how the public and businesses can make small changes to reduce their water consumption and possibly subsidise some water saving devices (eg water butts)

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - Whilst I whole heartedly agree with council's initiative, i am concerned about the financial burdens being placed on ratepayers. I would like to see more effort towards making polluters pay to reduce the socialisation of businesses "externalities"

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - I would like to see council subsidise the buying of certified dry wood. The beneficial effects replacing of inefficient wood burners will be greatly diminished if people continue to burn wet wood.

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - If tourism is such a money spinner it should be able to organise it's own funding. Hbrc should focus on its core responsibility, not be a source of ratepayers subsidies for private businesses. If hbrc acheives its environmental goals that in itself will help boost tourism in the region

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing

General Comments

Increase rates as much as you need! Time we started paying for the effects of the baby boomer economy-boosting mentality.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - Do everything you can to change. Being a driving force and giving the impression of 'no choice but change' is the only way reluctance/apathy is going to be beaten. Environment should not be the last thing thought about.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - Ratepayers to take ownership of issues as well.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - Sustainable homes should now be the norm to achieving a building WOF. "Sustainable" yes but define parameters of sustainability.

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - Will remove the boundaries. Use new amalgamated Fire NZ as model (though everyone can do without the misogyny!)

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - Unsure why a 'capacity increase' is necessary. New staff will only create boundaries between all of council's existing staff. A big task for any new staff member to take on - being the 'go-to' liaison.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - Tourism has the capacity to fund more despite the funding put into it! A local compulsory rate for those coming through the port or airport or staying in hotels/parks/etc can go to mitigating tourists environmental costs (e.g. public bins disposal to landfill being on ratepayers heads)

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing

General Comments

start visiting the people you represent - the people not the businesses with the biggest cheque book. I work next to a panel beater - out door sanding & painting - regional council response - nil. Can I swim in my local river or take my dog there - no. I got water poisoning - havelock north - council tried to sue another council. And you want to ask for more money ? Try doing the job you are supposed to within a reasonable budget

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - Councils need to operate within their current budget not bleed the captive ratepayer every time you need to implement a new plan that replaces the old plan that didn't work. Start listening to the people you represent not the newest university recruit - t

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo - same answer

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain - So once again council wants to meddle in private enterprise - bleed the urban ratepayer to support the rural - who have chosen to live there - why can you not see that we have an aging population with a fixed income and every time a council squeezes another

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - Maybe this is one area where savings can be made

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - How does this cost money - to invite them into governance?

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - yeah at last

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 1 - Status Quo - refer to question one - we need to reduce our liability not give the open honey jar to wide eyed councils

General Comments

HB should be famous again for safe drinking and swimming water and a real tourist destination and better farming with no treat to our rivers

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - very important for HB future and safe drinking and swimming water is the most important issue at this moment

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - see above

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - very important to have healthy homes

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - easier and cheaper with billing

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - better co working than afterwards getting things settled

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - tourism is very important for far away HB otherwise people will skip us and too many jobs are involved with tourism so we have to keep funding it

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing

Submitter #111

Peter James

To be heard? No

General Comments

HBRC rates a few years ago on my property was \$111 pa. I paid on the 20th January 2018 \$257.60 pa. The proposed rate for my property is estimated to be \$298.19 (+15.8%) A total rate increased over a few years of \$187.19 (+268.6%) Recently (on 1.4.18) I received a super increase of 1%. I need to work now within my income, I believe all councils should consider this when considering considerable rate increases. Peter James.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - Common sense.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - again common sense

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain - Home owners choice, not yours.

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain - Retain it closer to home, not with HBRC.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - I would prefer to maintain the status quo, what ever that is.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - Commercial activities should remain with the commercial operators.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 1 - Status Quo - A wider choice of finance.

Submitter #112

Geoff Mentzer

To be heard? No

General Comments

How about more attention to environmental issues, eg Argentine ants and the moth plant. The latter's on DOC's list of NZ's 10 worst invasive plants, a fact that HBRC's completely ignored.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - The costs of Option 2 would be on all ratepayers

Partnerships - undecided

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain - HBRC role is to look after the environment. If you run with Option 2, surely you should include all shops, offices, factories etc

Civil Defence

- undecided

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Tourism should be self-funding, it's no different to any commercial enterprise

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

- undecided

General Comments

A worthwhile strategy from an organisation that is long overdue to get its act together and regain the confidence of ratepayers. With the exception of the proposed cut to tourism, which will have a big impact to a sector that can make a substantial contribution to the province's future

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - In an ever competitive and fragmented marketplace, it is essential to maintain our exposure and marketing commitment to this \$630m vital contributor. HB Tourism is doing a great job growing our visitor numbers and spend among fierce opposition from all Regional Tourism Organisations. This modest investment is paying off and Tourism's economic contribution is enabling new jobs, supporting services and small businesses to flourish and expand. But one needs more than a good climate to stay ahead of the game with Local Authorities around the country investing more in Tourism attractions, infrastructure and marketing. It could be argued that even keeping current funding levels is insufficient - to consider cutting them is simply naive. As a former director of the Wellington tourism agency and a respected marketing consultant, I urge the Council to reconsider the reduction of HB Tourism and at the very least retain the \$1.8m investment to ensure this sector continues to grow and develop.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing

Submitter #115

Les Costello

To be heard? No

General Comments

HBRC managed to waste Fifteen Million Dollars on the Ruataniwha Dam with no one held accountable. Now a 15% proposed rate increase on people who have little ability to find additional funds (pensioners etc..) It was the failure of HBRC to look after the waterways in the first place that led to the current problem. Perhaps if HBRC had concentrated on it's core business instead of misguided schemes and inflated salaries there would not be a need to constantly increase rates.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - Providing HBRC enforces this with the rural community.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain - One farmer having a burn off totally wipes out any improvement in air quality achieved in the cities

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - Providing this does not result in a further rate increase and the creation of yet another bureaucratic empire

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - Already have far too much influence for less than 15% of the population

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - User pay

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 1 - Status Quo

Submitter #116

Will Coltart

To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing

General Comments

I would love to see more simple (i.e. cheap, just a couple of bars at least for pull-ups) body weight gyms in our green areas on the hill. Youth and adults that jog and exercise around here are using the front entrance of the old scout hall to do some body work exercise at Gleeson Park. The kids play equipment is not suitable to double up in this park to use for this. Not really a long term plan wish - but thought I'd put it in here as can't find anywhere else on the web page to submit that. Thank you

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - I would like to see financial incentive schemes developed that reward farmers using organic and sustainable practices by heavily penalising (taxing & fining/recovering) from those that don't.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - The sooner we get the ball rolling the less it's going to cost to repair the damage already done.

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain - I prefer to have strict law or bylaw compliance/policing that rental homes are adequately insulated. Local build regulations could be strengthened to force new builds or additions to have the highest standards in insulation and be energy efficient designs. Incentives should be developed that make new buildings who are not using the best sustainable systems on new builds should be penalised heavily. This could be extended to old buildings too, create financial incentives (like much higher taxes) for buildings not making use of all or some of the options suitable for them.

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - Don't know much about this, do whichever makes the best business case. But why does Civil Defence get such a high proportion of our rates. They need budget cuts, more important things to spend money on I think. If we have a disaster we have our armed forces who will chip in. And we all very neighborly anyway I think - we don't have to have so many wages going into that.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - We all New Zealanders, I don't think we should be actively encouraging separate entities. Working with everyone should just be normal and every day practice. Saying that, if it benefits sections of the population that are not as well off then yes, I'd support any changes to help uplift communities. Or the environment.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - Definitely disagree with reducing, if anything increase it. There are so many small things that can be done or added that benefit tourism (and locals). Copy some of the clever ideas and projects that even the smallest of towns do around the world. Napier should put a smile on people's faces for as many reasons as possible when they visit or pass through. For one make sure we have the best facilities for campers (freedom and non-freedom, and day picnics). Provide more and cleverly designed (sustainable and easy to clean / service) toilet, cold shower, hot shower coin operated, dishwashing, bbq, waste disposal bins, flat parking, tree planted areas. Then keep them clean (easy if you have enough and well designed).

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

- I don't know the implications, do what makes best business sense for the long term welfare of the residents here.

Submitter #119
Glenn White
To be heard? No

General Comments

Prioritize keeping rates affordable

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - Don't want rate increase

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo - Don't want rate increase

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain - Look at option 2 latter on

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - More efficient

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - Keep race based policies out of councils

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Tourism business should not be ratepayer funded at all

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 1 - Status Quo - All other options have too much liability risk

Submitter #120
Dyson Mantell-Harding
To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - People need the education as well as the stick in order for it to be productive

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - People need the education as well as the stick in order for it to be productive

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain - It has to make economic sense not be subsidized

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC -

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - Can still work with them without needing more funding

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Tourism operators and related industry should be paying for this as they are the only ones that benefit.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing

General Comments

Not at a quick read. Sea level rise will be an interesting one. I suspect it is too late to prevent. Council needs to be careful to take move/relocate decisions early. Some interest groups eg Haumoana residents will not like this. But in helping people, you must take a long term view and to the extent ratepayers money will be used, it should be to assist re-location not build seawalls

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - To me this an important strategic choice. This is Councils core business as i see it. If it takes a rates increase so be it.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - Further decline in the rural environment is just unacceptable so as I am concerned. I say this as a person who has both both rural and urban interests. My (small) forest is at Patangata CHB, near the river. I do not pay rates on it because the ownership is via a forest right

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - I just think we need to continually update our waste and energy systems and it is good for HBRC to show a lead

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - Not my area of knowledge

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - As a paheka, When I get in to conversation with Maori elders on sustainability I find a great deal of common ground. It is important to grow and nurture these links and a bit of money helps

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - The reason to give money to industry is to assist a change process. This industry is thriving. Rather than the ratepayer giving to this set of business interests it is time for the tourism industry to give back to us

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing - This area is outside my skill set. Talk to a lawyer, I am sure you already have

General Comments

HBRC are heading towards left leaning greenie radicalism and are losing sight of what their role is. I resent this and am against paying more rates to support this radical attitude.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - We do not need to pay an increase in rates to improve our environment. There are sufficient rates currently being collected by HBRC to adequately pay for Councils obligations. We do not need a bloated bureaucracy of "Greenies" managing our region, which "Facing our Future" is indicating.

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo - This can be better implemented by Council and its staff being more efficient and at the same time looking for cost savings.

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain - Solar water heating is currently not economical so this should be scrapped. There is plenty of water in Hawkes Bays aquifer and rivers so domestic water storage is totally unnessecary and is a waste of public money. Septic tank replacement should be paid for by the property owner as and when needed. The "Sustainable Homes" programme should be stopped before 2023.

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - Agreed that it should be transferred to HBRC but manage this efficiently to reduce costs.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - There should be no need to work with Tangata Whenua as they have very little to offer. This liaison should be scrapped altogether.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - No further comment

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing - I am unsure how best to respond to this other than to say that borrowing should be kept to an absolute minimum.

General Comments

I would like a direct answer as to why we are not charging those that are raping our water reserves! We have had droughts in Bridge Pa, water quality issues in Havelock North, We now have to chlorinate our water supplies, and yet, we can let our pure water go off shore for next to nothing, only to have to buy it back for \$5 a bottle! This angers me and frustrates me, and now, we are asked to foot a bill that will "Improve" our region. There are whanau out there like me, that are willing to help to preserve and regenerate our rohe, yet an additional bill on top of what we already pay for is ridiculous when we have another funding stream we can access but no-one in the HBRC seems to want to raise the topic. Why is that?

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - I believe that funding these initiatives is key to growth. I disagree with the rates hike and instead we should be charging those taking water from our rohe! Even at a small charge of 10c a litre, would this not negate the need to hike the rates.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - Same again, I believe that funding these initiatives is key to growth. I disagree with the rates hike and instead we should be charging those taking water from our rohe! Even at a small charge of 10c a litre, would this not negate the need to hike the rates.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - Better quality of homes is a need, not a want. However, I refer back to the charging of those taking our water! Rather than increasing the charges of those that already live here in our beautiful rohe.

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain - I believe that we need to sort out what is already on the plate at the moment. Though it is regionally driven, different areas within HB have different needs. I believe that the Council should be the one to ascertain the needs of their particular region but work concurrently alongside the other regions within HB.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - Most definitely increase the engagement of Tangata Whenua, at present, it appears tokenistic at best!

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - I believe funding Tourism Hawkes Bay is key to economic growth. Cutting funding from areas may in fact create less jobs due to the inability to maintain funding through other sources. Tax those taking our water and use that money to help boost tourism in HB, thereby creating a more attractive area for those that visit, bringing more money into our rohe for the growth of the economy.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing - Working alongside the Local Government is good for the region, however, it would need to be monitored so that other areas do not miss out.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - Because farming plans effect the rest of the community and larger catchment area of HB. EG Polluted rivers from run off from farms means our children can not grow up being able to swim in the local river like generations of other KIWIS.

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - Must included solar power and photovoltaic cells to make us sustainable. These should be financial assistance for this and we should be leaders in NZ for forward thinking. Other sustainable means of generating heat or power etc should be considered as well.

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain - People should be encouraged to insure their own houses and then there will be no need to increase and change. Is this really going to be a cost cutting exercise or a cost increasing exercise. Have the numbers been crunched yet?

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - This could be a backward move. The numbers are likely to increase and we need to off set the cost of other facilities that these tourist will be using.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing

General Comments

That urgency and pressure to implement these plans etc should be at an affordable and practical rate and not put at risk peoples lively hoods,especially the rural communities and farming families. Some of the publications about climate change, environmental and water issues seem to be alarmist to say the least and common sense needs prevail on decision making for everyones sake

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - Clearly conservation measures need to happen,but at an affordable pace and the burden should not be land owners only

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - I support option 2 ,providing that it is not too much of a financial burden and is practical.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - option 2 ,provided it is affordable and practical and not pressured in a time limit

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - I think the Regional counsel is better suited to this roll and an emergency will most likely cover a larger area than the local council

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - They have enough say at present

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Option 2 seems more affordable,and reflects what may give a real return for investment

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing - To use this facility only if there is less likely to be any great risk,and to limit borrowing to a minimum

Submitter #129

wendy hansen

To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - Altho I don't support the status quo neither do I support full funding if it means a rates increase. I believe the money should be found within the existing budget by cutting other expenses. I am a pensioner and am in danger of being rated out of my home

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - see above

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain - cost

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain - cost

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - think it is fine as is

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - cost. let business fund this

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 1 - Status Quo - don't understand what the LGFA is

Submitter #130

Leslie c j Tipu

To be heard? No

General Comments

If possible some information of maybe when we can once again be able to have free refuse disposal again?

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - because this is how we have managed these issues here in our town without outside influences, so I see no need for change.

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo - Farmers are our biggest users of the land subsidised by the government, so I think it's in their interests to fund this matter.

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain - because insulation and any improvements should be free to purchasers of homes that are 50years or older. Before any additional costs.

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain - No just retain the status quo, no need for regional council involvement at this time.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - No retain the status quo, there is no need for tangata whenua funding to be included in these matters.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - Everyone benefits! Not businesses!

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 1 - Status Quo - Retain the status quo because of affordability.

General Comments

Curb spending. Live according to your means and within your constraints as most of us do. Not the other way you do which appears to be spend now and the taxpayers will supply any deficit-after the event. Haven't we had enough? Our water maintenance was not closely monitored over many years and now we have had water shortages, horrible chlorinated water to drink and bathwater the colour of weak tea. And how is that rectified?-by upping the rates for those of us who had blind faith in previous councils which just sat on their hands, or, we didn't even live here or were alive at that time. It's the epitome of an avoidable problem with ignorance of the longevity and population increases.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - Fine just as it is.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - A considered opinion.

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain - Too expensive. More and more cost for taxpayers including homeowners and developers. Up will go the real estate.

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - Probably more economic sense.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - Absolutely not. Another instance of them and us instead of 'we'. Cultural competency??? More them and us. You just perpetuate this and it goes on ad nauseam. Sick to death of these separations.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Finance. If you just took a breather from all this expansion and look first at the infrastructure BEFORE creating grandiose schemes, monuments and allowing more hideous housing to infringe further and further into our green spaces then growth should have minimal impact on our supply of schools, doctors, crime, hospital services etc. Please take a breather.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 2 - Join as non-guaranteeing - Considered opinion.

Submitter #134

Neil Daykin

To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain - stick with user pays rather than socialism

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 – Reduce

General Comments

I think that you should give us more information and communicate it better. You only have open meetings from 6-8pm. If you're a parent it's really difficult to get there at this time unless you get a babysitter. Where are the day time meeting options (even one day time option for the region would be great)? Where are the webinars? Where are the call in options to these meetings so that we can hear first hand what is going on? Thanks for taking the time to read my submission. So much good stuff that you are all doing, but as with all businesses, there's always so much that can be improved as well.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - Why is there no option 3 - to subsidize, or to prioritize catchments?

Subsidizing or prioritizing is my preferred option for this. We need to move forward faster than the status quo, but we need to weigh this up against what we are losing if we were to fully fund.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - Again - we should subsidize and prioritize rather than fully fund. Lets make things happen but not to the detriment of other sectors.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - We need our people to be safe and healthy. I agree with extending.

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - It makes sense to transfer to HBRC rates....as long as we see this reflected in the HDC rates!

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo - I don't disagree with increasing per se - but you have given us no information about what this actually means. Where are we at now? Where do we want to get to? Are we not meeting our obligations at the moment? What are the regulations that we are suppose to meet? What does the HBRC actually need to DO to get there and how much money does it cost to do it? If you are going to put our money towards something, give us the goal and how we know when we've achieved that goal.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold

Hawke's Bay Regional Council is doing many great things for the region, but with the limited information that you have provided to us, I think that decreasing the funding for Hawke's Bay Tourism so heavily within 3 years is not a very clever idea.

Hawke's Bay is finally getting somewhere – we have a region that people know about and have as a destination on their travel list. Hawke's Bay Tourism has put the region on the map and we now have a united voice who is talking the talk and walking the walk. If you silence the voice of Hawkes Bay Tourism now, we fall off the list of destinations within New Zealand. We disappear. And so do so many tourism sector jobs. Yes, the big businesses who can afford to do their own marketing will survive, but what about all those small businesses that make Hawke's Bay so unique and actually depend on the collective voice of HB Tourism to spread their message? At \$900k per year by Y4, I am certain that HBT will not actually have the financial capability to promote the region to any great effect at all. I understand that you need to prioritize and that money doesn't grow on trees, but I think that you need to take another look at what you are sacrificing if you decrease funding to this low level.

You have used the word 'Momentum' in your communications...in marketing, momentum only carries you for a few months (until you run your next campaign). Marketing is not about momentum, it is about traction. Once you have traction, information flow becomes easier and you can really start driving your message to your target market. In visitor terms, HBT finally has the ear of potential tourists after 3 years of hard slog...if

you pull funding now, there's no further information flow and no engagement to bring them here so you may as well have thrown all that money and hard word out of the window.

You say in your flyer that you 'believe' that the previous increase in spend has 'paid off' – I am interested to know how you came to that understanding because this has not been communicated to the public? I am also curious to know why you think that if you decrease funding that potential visitors will remember the message 4 years down the track and consider Hawke's Bay as a destination during their planning? This is not the way the human brain operates...if we stop hearing the words, the message falls out of our heads.

It is my belief that decreasing funding now is tourism suicide. Perhaps you are thinking you will then divert funds back to HBT when tourism for the region goes back into decline? But if this is your strategy then it may be worth mentioning the fact that gaining consumers costs 25% more than keeping current consumers.

Please...keep the funding for Hawke's Bay Tourism

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

- Need more info to make a decision on this.

Submitter #136

Cheryl Paul

To be heard? No

General Comments

Nice and simple document, relevant questions and i feel very informed.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - I don't see why some farmers should benefit monetarily to adhere to regulations when others do what they know to be right at their own cost. I chose this option because as a ratepayer outside of the air quality zone for funded heating systems I don't believe all ratepayers will be treated fairly if a fully fund option is made available

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - I agree with Option 2 to help HBRC work together with farmers to develop options to reduce waste discharged into the river and reduce the water taken in peak shortage seasons.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - It would be nice to extend the options for cleaner heating and insulation grants to CHB and Wairoa as these areas are also affected with poor air quality in cooler months. All areas also have residents who's health is at risk and wold benefit from the options available to Hastings and Napier.

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - Makes sense to collect via HBRC

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - Be the leader in this area. The representation is growing substantially and more tangata whenua are engaging in their hapu activities

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - Focusing on the environment is in turn, still a focus on tourism. if we protect and grow our rivers and forests our communities will be much more appealing places to visit. Tourism operators should practice good business to ensure best economic outcomes.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing - a cap on borrowing could prove detrimental should the rates be the best option in the market.

General Comments

The people in charge of businesses that pollute our environment and waterways are responsible for their bad practices or their type of business that has caused the pollutions The general public the people who are the workers and labour are not the ones to penalise with absorbant rates. Seek ideas from your broader HB region about tourism and how to give people jobs through dreaming and thinking big and seeing what the possibilities are.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - I agree with planting trees and being involved in growing them. I do not agree that a tax on general population be levied as it is a problem from bad business and approach to land management . The owner of the land must fix the problem. or get off it.

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Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - This is a confusing area. When I built my house 40 years ago + I desoigned in solar water heating. it should be mandatory expense to a home builder. Septic tank hot spots and sewerage systems in towns sorted across the HB. Not just at Mahia Beach. Owner pays with Govt levy. Sorted by Local District Council

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - Civil Defence is a necessary public service when disaster strikes we need you.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - I would like to see a think tank put to the community for ideas to boost tourism and make ours a unique place to visit because it is a world wide attraction. Ask your community of ratepayers for ideas on line -however- and see what transpires and worth investing in, or getting investors in with consultation with ownership. No think big schemes I can see happening....???!!!!

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing - Get central govt monies for subsidizing sewage issues. help farmers deal with their e.coli poisoning issues. And make forestry clean up all water ways....

General Comments

I suspect Plan Change 6 is unlawful as HBRC has budgeted \$650,000 to fight the WCO on the Ngaruroro (see HB Today 27/8/17 "WCO must be opposed" by Rex Graham) while imposing a WCO under PC6 on the Tukituki. Discrimination is illegal under various Acts and in this case HBRC has chosen to support irrigators on the Heretaunga Plains by opposing a WCO while enforcing a WCO on irrigators in CHB. Unless HBRC plans to negotiate with CHB Irrigators over an extension to the deadline I suspect HBRC will be facing an interesting legal challenge. It is interesting that HBRC seeks to increase interaction with one class of citizens, namely Tangata whenua while actively discriminating against another, namely irrigators and by extension the citizens of CHB who rely on a viable water based economy for a vibrant community.

Further to my first submission I do not think it is particularly transparent to point out that the increase in rates will be about \$1.00 per household while failing to mention that the increase for many rural property owners will be nearer \$1000. The general assumption will be that the rate increase will be minor. In some cases this is true. In many cases it is patently misleading.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 1 - Status Quo - The proposed 19% rate rise is predicated largely on the presumption that many of our streams lakes and estuaries are a mess and that if we continue with our a business as usual approach we can only expect further decline .neither of these propositions appear to be supported by the evidence of your science team..except for turbidity All the long term indicators for fresh water and rivers are stable or improving .Except for two lagoons ,all monitored swimming sites show that they are perfectly healthy 95 %of the time and moderately unsafe after heavy rain events when no one is likely to swim anyway. apart from the scientific evidence you yourselves provide ,there is clear evidence that there is not a business as usual mentality. CHB wastewater has improved immeasurably since the upgrades to the ponds resulting in a major improvement in the Tukituki dairy farmers subject to the clean stream accord by Fonterra have made huge environmental gains .your public position is entirely unsupported by your own scientific research is no justification for the spend you propose and therefore you need to re consider your budget and base it on facts not fantasy

Partnerships Option 1 - Status Quo - Because HBRC record is poor and there is little evidence that your performance will improve therefore leading to wasted resources .You would be better lowering the rates and letting landowners do their own thing with their own money The LASS initiative is evidence of the HBRC s inability to perform simple functions achieve limited goals or perform effectively or efficiently . This initiative looks like it would fare no better than LASS.

Sustainable Homes

- Get out of this business .It is not a core funtion f council.It exists it seems to me to curry favour and votes from the urban electorate

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - Centralising civil defense makes sense

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - Reinforce success

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 1 - Status Quo

Submitter #139

Gavin Ashcroft

To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - Landowners should be held accountable and take more responsibility for maintaining their land in a manageable level to protect the environment

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend

Civil Defence

Option 1 - Retain

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 1 - Status Quo

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 1 - Hold - The Tourism industry is a vital part of any region in N.Z. Any reduction in funding will be detrimental to this region as a whole. All rate payers benefit in some way or other. This region is showing a massive increase in people coming to the region to see what the district has to offer whether they be internal or from overseas, whether it be for recreation, sightseeing, sport or other activities. Any funding cut will hamper future advertising and strategies to encourage more visitors to Hawkes Bay and its towns where they spend monies in all areas to support business whom employ many workers in the tourism industry. It is a very shortsight approach being taken by councillors in proposing a reduction of funding when it has taken the region to get where it has got through the great work H B Tourism has implemented and achieved over the past years.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 1 - Status Quo

Submitter #140

Danny Eagleton

To be heard? No

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund

Sustainable Homes

Option 1 - Maintain

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing

General Comments

Continue in this direction. It is imperative. Maintain your courage and vision. Keep on,keep on, keep on.

Land, Water & Biodiversity

Incentives Option 2 - Fully Fund - We must act now.

Partnerships Option 2 - Fully Fund - The more people who are involved and focused on these projects the more likely they are to succeed.

Sustainable Homes

Option 2 - Extend - People see that the HBRC and ratepayers are seriously supporting our community.

Civil Defence

Option 2 - Transfer to HBRC - Less admin, more focus.

Working with Tāngata Whenua

Option 2 - Increase - This partnership will bring depth to initiatives.

Hawke's Bay Tourism

Option 2 - Reduce - My focus is on the environment. With a degraded environment we will have no tourism.

Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Option 3 - Join as unrated guaranteeing - More flexibility.

