

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 05/07/2024

First name: CAROLYN

Last name: HILHORST

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Feedback

1.1 Local Community
Taupō

1.2 Next 10 Years
Agree with the plan

What do you think we should do more/less of? (be specific)

Put roundabouts in the problem sites - Need one Napier /Taupo turn off on Lake Terrace. Its a nightmare for people trying to turn right at bottom of the Napier Taupo give way. Its an accident waiting to happen.

1.4 Tūrangi Wastewater
Strongly Agree

1.5 Taupō North Wastewater
Strongly Agree

1.6 Bag it or Bin it
Strongly Disagree

1.6.2 Strongly Disagree
Disagree

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this issue?

I wouldn't want to see the rates go up further to allocate wheelie bins all around the place. \$3 a bag works. With the current economic crisis for several people unable to manage, bins is likely to increase rates even further.

Massive cost to provide bins to each household. Need more rubbish bins at Secombe Park. I walk my dog down that area every day and are continually picking up rubbish. How can people bin rubbish when there are few rubbish bins available. I am trying to keep rubbish out of our lake and preserve the lovely back yard residents and visitors can enjoy.

1.7 Housing

Strongly Agree

1.7.4 Strongly Agree

Use motels for visitors.

1.8 Development Contributions

Yes

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this strategy?

1.9 Community Funding

Yes

Please explain why you agree or disagree with these changes.

1.9.1 Community Q2

Yes

Please explain why you support or do not support the proposed eligibility and assessment framework.

1.10 Waste management and Minimisation Plan

Yes

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this plan?

1.11 Any other feedback?

I feel really sorry for the businesses along the lake terrace (pub & grub through to Bayleys real estate. Its not nice trying to have a coffee or breakfast or lunch and breathing in all the fumes from idling cars, campervans, noisy motorbikes and the likes. It has spoilt it for those who want to dine at those business/eateries.

Shame - wasted money. Could have put that into some low cost housing.

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First name: Michelle

Last name: Phillips

Organisation:

On behalf of Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa Runanga
Trust

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The future of solid waste management

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Full submission attached

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ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION
Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa Runanga Trust
Waiotapu Office

Taupo District Council
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Taupo 3330
4 July 2024

Submission on Taupo District Council Long Term Plan 2024-2034

INTRODUCTION

1. Please accept this submission on behalf of the Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa Runanga Trust (the Runanga) which refers to the consultation document for the Taupo District Council Long Term Plan 2024-2034.
2. When Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa Runanga Trust refers to “iwi” in this submission it means the people of Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa
3. The Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa Runanga Trust is the mandated iwi authority for the Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa people
4. From Te Waiheke o Huka (Huka Falls) to the south, we extend east to our pouwhenua at Ngapuketerua beyond the Rangitaiki River, then northward across the plains of Kaingaroa to Wairapukao and further on to Pekepeke. From here we extend to our northern pouwhenua at Maunga Kakaramea, turning west to the Paeroa Range and on to Orakei Korako on the banks of the Waikato River, the birthplace and principal papakainga of Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa. From Orakei Korako we extend further west to Pohaturoa, an ancient pa site. These are the pouwhenua, the geographical marker points that describe the rohe in which Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa is recognised as an iwi with mana whenua
5. Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa is an affiliate to Te Arawa River Iwi Trust which is a Post-Settlement Governance Entity formed in relation to the Ngati Tuwharetoa, Raukawa and Te Arawa River Iwi Act 2010.
6. Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa is also an affiliate to Te Pumautanga Trust which is another Post-Settlement Governance Entity formed in relation to the Affiliate Te Arawa Iwi and Hapu Claims Settlement Act 2008.

SUBMISSION COMMENTS

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Ka ora te iwi – Ka ora te tangata

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Naku noa, na



Michelle Phillips
Environment Manager
Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa Runanga Trust

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First name: Sarah

Last name: Sayers

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

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Feedback

1.1 Local Community
Wairakei

1.2 Next 10 Years
Do less

What do you think we should do more/less of? (be specific)

1.4 Tūrangi Wastewater
Agree

1.5 Taupō North Wastewater
Disagree

1.5.1 Disagree
Agree

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this issue?

1.6 Bag it or Bin it
Disagree

1.6.1 Disagree
Agree

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this issue?

1.7 Housing
Strongly Agree

1.10 Waste management and Minimisation Plan
No

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this plan?

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First name: Adriana

Last name: Sacklyn

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Feedback

1.1 Local Community
Taupō

1.2 Next 10 Years
Do less

What do you think we should do more/less of? (be specific)

stop wasting money on unessentials eg. bike lanes we have enough

roundabouts that dont have a lot of traffic, - wairakei drive was not needed

fortified fences around town that take away our our best asst - the view of the lake

winter give away car packs

Smaller buses to cater for those that use them, they are usually empty

projects need to be managed better - eg water gets done the cones go down and a month later you are working on sewer why cant this be done together

1.5 Taupō North Wastewater
Agree

1.6 Bag it or Bin it
Agree

1.6.4 Agree

dont agree with yr pricing as we only use a bag every 3 weeks, so costs will be higher

yr rubbish collections will probably fall in the wrong weeks when we arent here

1.7 Housing
Agree

1.7.3 Agree

as long as these area dont become slum areas,

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First name: Frank

Last name: Webb

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Feedback

1.6 Bag it or Bin it
Strongly Disagree

1.6.2 Strongly Disagree
Strongly Agree

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this issue?

I prefer to keep to the same prepaid bag system that we have presently, because the alternative is both impracticable and unworkable.

I live at 52/500 Kinloch Road. A private subdivision of 52 houses. Our rubbish and postal services are carried at the gateway entrance to the subdivision. So, in effect, it is no different to a rural service. Everything has to go down to the subdivision entrance. My house is some 1.6 km from the entrance. So a very long way to take a 240 litre bin along with food waste crate and bottle crate. The fact of the matter is, with our entrance way is, it can cope with having the rural style postal service. But, there is just no room left to take fifty odd 240lt wheelie bins and associated crates. There are problems enough even now with the prepaid bags setup, with associated bins.

1.11 Any other feedback?

We need to get control of road-side blackberries, broom and various non indigenous shrubs and trees (eg wild pines). I know this is a very difficult thing for the council to have to look at. But if you don't form an Occupational Safety & Health plan to this very soon, you are going to find we will all have a massive problem getting or keeping this under control. Maybe we should use O.S.H. planning rules - what are the hazards, mitigation of hazards, and/or elimination of hazards. Obviously elimination is best. Look at it this way. Look forward another ten years, and assuming little or nothing is done, all the above plant life (future hazards) will be a 50% to 100% greater problem. The broom is already on the verge entering many public land areas (eg the Central Plateau). In ten years that area will be out of control. This plant is one of the fastest growing weed shrubs around, and grow to 3 to 4 metres tall. It flowers and seeds prolifically. DOC, in a test, in one square metre, counted over 1,000 seeds. From starting to grow from a seed, broom is ready to start flowering within 3 to 4 years. A big job. But if we do nothing, then these weeds will choke out everything else. Look at our road side

edges even now on say Whangamata Road. In seven years parts of this road has completely changed.

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First name: Jackie

Last name: Moffat

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Feedback

1.1 Local Community
Taupō

1.2 Next 10 Years
Do more

What do you think we should do more/less of? (be specific)

Prioritise funding to address the performance and odour issues with the Ricket Street effluent treatment plant

1.4 Tūrangi Wastewater
Agree

1.5 Taupō North Wastewater
Disagree

1.6 Bag it or Bin it
Agree

1.8 Development Contributions
Yes

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this strategy?

1.10 Waste management and Minimisation Plan
Yes

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this plan?

1.11 Any other feedback?

It is obvious that the pace of development and the additional housing has far outstripped the capacity of the effluent treatment works; this is exacerbated by large events such as Iron man and V8 races.

There is a need to be more proactive and have warning systems in place to identify potential problems before they arise rather than waiting for complaints from the public.

In the 9 years we have lived opposite the effluent treatment works, we have seldom had cause to complain about the odour until the past summer period when it became a regular event and it has continued right through until the present time. Clearly something has changed to cause that and until myself and neighbours started to phone in complaints, it would appear that it hadn't been noted or dealt with.

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 05/07/2024

First name: Angela

Last name: Littlewood

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

Yes

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

1.1 Local Community

Eastern bays (Hātepe, Motutere, Motuoapa, Tauranga-Taupō)

1.2 Next 10 Years

Do less

What do you think we should do more/less of? (be specific)

STOP prioritising superficial, cosmetic projects that are NOT ESSENTIAL. Wairakei roundabout was NOT essential, the lakefront was NOT essential, purely cosmetic. Now we have a concrete jungle that cuts Taupo in half, ALL part of LGNZ, WEF 15min cities, Tuwharetoa extravaganza, 'consultations' that make them rich & ratepayers get rate hikes to pay for it. STOP THIS WASTEFUL SPENDING IMMEDIATELY. We are not going to continue to pay rates to this corporation's wasteful spending, mortgaging our properties against your loans. I have not heard ONE local resident support what you've done on the lakefront. It was all about David Trewavas 'stroke my ego' project, get a Govt loan/grant to pay for it & we will make sure you win the most beautiful town award. All bullshit.

Only spend on roads, [but get rid of the CONES [another rates-depleting con'], safe drinking water -GET RID OF THE FLUORIDE. How much does it cost in our rates to buy this poison then buy, manage & supply the equipment to put it in our water? Keep reserves maintained & mown so residents have nice recreational spaces WITHOUT GLYPHOSATE exposure. STOP spraying all these play areas. You are bombarding us with poisons & were stupid enough to pay you to do it, NO MORE! STOP all these expensive consultants [David's boys club]. Duncan Campbell is a fully qualified engineer, competent to advise on many projects. He can mitigate alot of over-spending. I know you cant use him as a consultant, but use his expertise to oversee, to choose the least wasteful spending & most competent processes etc.

Listen to those who voted you in, I wont be paying rates along with many others, then where will you be?

1.4 Tūrangi Wastewater

Strongly Disagree

1.4.2 Strongly Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this issue?

Stop spraying paraquat to kill & poison the wetlands so they do the job naturally, another wasteful, unnecessary project. And another poisoning project.

1.5 Taupō North Wastewater

Strongly Disagree

1.5.2 Strongly Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this issue?

How much do all these consultations with hapu & iwi cost? The rich get richer & nothing filters down to the real people who pay the rates. More, more wasteful spending. David Trewavas, you voted for the Maoris owning the lakebed, water etc. Water is an inalienable right to life, nobody owns nature.

1.6 Bag it or Bin it

Strongly Disagree

1.6.2 Strongly Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this issue?

Keep the bins & bags as it is. I live alone, compost, recycle all I can, use 4-5 bags a year. I will NOT pay for all those bins I don't want & won't use, then I have to store them outside my house. Emphatic NO. Do this, I will not pay.

1.7 Housing

Strongly Disagree

1.7.2 Strongly Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this issue?

You are creating a financial situation where none of us will be able to afford to live in our own houses. I cannot support you spending my \$ on housing others. We'll all be on the street, but thats what you want, so you can take over all our properties. I support some alternative temporary housing, I dont want anybody to be homeless. Get out of peoples lives, stop charging/taxing everything, thats why people have no \$, all your permits & profiteering.

1.8 Development Contributions

No

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this strategy?

1.9.1 Community Q2

No

Please explain why you support or do not support the proposed eligibility and assessment framework.

1.10 Waste management and Minimisation Plan

No

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this plan?

Get fluoride out of our water, its a neurotoxin, cut our rates costs, stop buying it. Stop it going into the lake. You say a top priority is to preserve the quality of the lake, start with this. Do you want to be held personally liable for the damage to childrens IQ & brains?

1.11 Any other feedback?

FLUORIDE, GET IT OUT OF OUR WATER. I WILL NOT PAY FOR YOU TO DO THIS ANYMORE. ILL SEND YOU THE BILL FOR MY WATER FILTERS.

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Last name: Morris

Organisation:

On behalf of Ian & Karen Morris

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Feedback

1.1 Local Community

Mangakino, Whakamaru and Atiamuri

1.11 Any other feedback?

Having read the report on the lake front 10 year plan for Mangakino, we, as permanent residents, are happy with the report in general.

We would like to reiterate that the large grassed area in front of the lake should not be built on in any way, this includes not putting a playground or a stage.

We would also like to see Matekuri Island, tidied up and kept that way. The road tidied and the holes in the grassed areas filled so that it is suitable for camping.

Not part of the lake front, but would like to see speed humps installed along Rangatira Drive and Huamai Street to slow down the traffic.

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First name: Marion

Last name: Bright

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Feedback

1.1 Local Community
Taupō

1.9 Community Funding
No

Please explain why you agree or disagree with these changes.

I support Creative Taupo's submission in this regard. I would not support any changes to funding that would compromise the arts. It is vital that the arts receive appropriate and targeted funding, allocated by people who know the arts.

1.9.1 Community Q2
No

Please explain why you support or do not support the proposed eligibility and assessment framework.

I support Creative Taupo's submission in this regard. I would not support any changes to funding that would compromise the arts. It is vital that the arts receive appropriate and targeted funding, allocated by people who know the arts. Funding eligibility with our vision and community outcomes for the Taupo district in mind must include the arts as an important, vital of a vibrant community that fosters wellbeing across all ages groups and abilities - the arts is well evidenced to do this. Refer not only to Creative Taupo's references in their submission, but also to Creative NZ - <https://creativenz.govt.nz/development-and-resources/research-and-reports/new-zealanders-and-the-arts-2020-ko-aotearoa-me-ona-toi-2020> It is also important that funding for the arts encompasses the needs of the arts - whether individual practitioners, grassroots groups and organisations offering engagement with the community, as well as larger events.

1.11 Any other feedback?


As an arts practitioner, as well as being involved with various arts groups and Creative Taupo, I strongly encourage the Council to not lose sight of the gains the arts have made in defining an arts development strategy and action plan to be built in to the Long Term Plan. While I'm aware that in these economic times, priorities will be firmly focussed on infrastructure, core activities and minimising expense to taxpayers, it is tempting to relegate the arts and our concerns to the 'nice to have', therefore easily dismissed in favour of other interests. I would like to emphasise the importance of the arts in fostering a vibrant community, plus wellbeing in the community for all age groups and abilities. In this regard, it would be disappointing to see the arts development strategy not to be able to progress into the Longterm Plan after all the work by the community and Nicola Harvey bringing the

action plan and recommendations into being. An very important part of the arts strategy is being able to progress towards a community arts hub.

Funding is also even more vital to the arts, given the current economic times. Therefore it is vital that grants are still available for the arts, allocated by those who know the arts. The risk as with a previous proposal by the Council to change the grants allocation situation, is that the arts miss out due to allocation criteria and committees not understanding the arts and their needs. This will impact on the ability to bring events, activities and engagement to the community if funding is lessened or diverted to other community needs. Not only arts events, but grass roots organisations and individual artists that contribute to the vibrance of the community with their activities and initiatives need support.

I support the submission of Creative Taupo.

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Link	File
	Taupo District Council Long Term Plan Submission - Community Funding Policy 2024.docx

Taupo District Council Long Term Plan Submission

Draft Community Funding Policy 2024

We have concerns regarding the draft community funding policy 2024 as follows:

- Creative Taupo have received no complaints on how funds have been distributed in the past, why change the model for the creative community?
- Funds will no longer be allocated specifically to the creative community; this creates concerns that the creative community will miss out on sufficient grant funding.
- Funding allocated to the creative community will be entirely at the whim of the 'committees of council' and will depend on the makeup of these committees and their drive to fulfill certain outcomes..
- What will the makeup of the 'committees of council' be? Will experts in each area be on the committees?
- If councillors are part of the 'committees of council' does this create a conflict of interest for them within the community and their portfolios?
- If council employees are part of the 'committees of council' will this create conflicts of interest for them? I.e., views may be skewed to particular outcomes, i.e., innovative, thriving community, over say vibrant places & connected communities, there seems to be no safeguards against this? It also could be skewed to more fiscal outcomes for the council where funding for event hosting goes back to the council for the hireage of venues such as the GLC, Niven Room at the Museum and the Events Centre.
- Why is the community grant fund committee different to the Accelerator and Strategic funds?
- How will the funding split between the 3 funds be determined?
- Will small projects lose out to big projects?
- Individual athletes can access sponsorship fairly easily but individual creatives can find it difficult to find sponsorship for say an exhibition or publishing a book, it is important to bear this in mind when allocating grants.
- While the focus on Tangata whenua is fantastic there is no mention of supporting other cultures in our diverse cultural community.
- While the community outcomes may seem to address this, there is no mention of the role of local authority per the Local Government Act 2002 section 10; b) to promote the **social**, economic, environmental, and **cultural** well-being of communities in the present and future.
- There is no mention of the Taupo District Council Arts & Culture Action Plan in the outcomes even though it has been accepted by council and not shared with the wider community.
- Arts, culture, Nga Toi and sporting activities have been grouped together in the community outcomes. We would like to see Arts, culture, and Nga Toi separated from sporting activities.

- Having only one round of funding per year will create difficulties for community groups organising events throughout the year as these are not always decided 12 months in advance and further opportunities for visiting education or collaboration pop up throughout the year.
- Recipients are limited to not-for-profit, charitable organisations and individuals (for the Community Grants Fund), this may limit the outcome of ‘vibrant places’ by excluding local and touring performers, artists etc.. from accessing funding to enable them to perform in our district at accessible prices.

If the policy is to be adopted, we suggest the following improvements:

- Ring fence minimum \$ to go towards each outcome, each fund and even distribution of funds between the creative community, sport, social etc..
- Include references to the Taupo District Council Arts & Culture Action Plan in the outcomes.
- Include trusted advisors in each area from the community on the committees with equal representation across the arts, social, sport, environment etc... perhaps with a fixed term (say 2 years)
- Two funding rounds per year so as not to rule out funding for beneficial opportunities that may occur before the 12 months is up.
- Set a maximum grant available per project for the community grant fund, to ensure a wide range of activities and a wide community base are supported, not just a select few projects.
- Prioritise Community Well Being as an overarching philosophy in the outcomes
- Ensure the funding meetings are open to the public and advertised.

Why Arts and Culture is Important in the Taupo District

The Taupo District is alive with Arts and Culture and fostering the creative community can only benefit the wellbeing of the community.

Creative funding from the council is invaluable to the community as can be seen with projects from past recipients which is evident through all the projects supported over the years by the Creative Taupo Fund listed on the Council Website

When looking into the effects of The Arts (Nga Toi) on communities and wellbeing it is said that ‘Over the next 30 years, Aotearoa New Zealand’s population of seniors will grow from around 850,000 (17 percent of the population) to around 1.5 million (24 percent of the population). And it is not only growing numerically, but also structurally.’ (*Ministry of Housing and Urban Development*).

One way to ensure that our aging population does not become isolated is the arts, most people of all ages and abilities can participate in some way,

“Artistic, cultural and creative activities can be a powerful way to bring senior and isolated people together, and support wellbeing. Long-term loneliness has been proven to negatively affect physical and mental wellbeing outcomes” (*World Health Organisation*). Also “Worldwide, it is estimated that 25% of older people are isolated.” (*WHO*)

This was no more evident than during the Covid Lockdowns across the world where it was artistic endeavours that kept all generations entertained, from live theatre performances archived and sent to our screens, free to air performances of some of the greatest musicals of our time. Television, books, people purchasing art supplies and starting new art endeavours be it visual or fibre. The arts connected us, we discussed them through social media, created “watch parties” and people around the world played instruments from their balconies with other socially distanced musicians, or using online tools for musical collaboration. “The arts act as a catalyst for bridging, bonding and linking social capital—it provides opportunities for engagement that reduce social isolation, encourages community cohesion, mutual support, improved intergenerational relationships and connection to family and friends.” (Vic Health)

The evidence is overwhelming that the Arts are imperative to our social and mental wellbeing as well as building strong communities and should never be overlooked when discussing these outcomes for our communities.

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Submission Date: 05/07/2024

First name: Mairi

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Feedback

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Western bays (Omori, Kuratau, Pūkawa, Whareroa)

1.11 Any other feedback?

I would like to make a personal submission on potential wheelie bins for Pukawa Bay.

As a small location which is predominantly holiday homes, I do not think wheelie bins are an appropriate solution and I would like things to stay as they currently are, for the following reasons;

- We do not generate enough waste to justify the size and cost of wheelie bins
- If we're not there on a fortnight bin cycle, we cannot get rid of our waste as we may be there on the 'off' week
- People often leave the area on a Sunday, any bins left out would then be left scattered around the neighbourhood after collection and there is no one available to retrieve them. It is not realistic or fair to expect a handful of permanent residents to return other peoples' wheelie bins back on to properties.

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1.2 Next 10 Years

Do more

What do you think we should do more/less of? (be specific)

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I believe that preventive maintenance is vital and we should not commit to any further major projects which impact on funding for on-going maintenance than we already have. An example is our green spaces, parks and reserve areas. We have many beautiful areas in Taupo but there seems to be an issue with maintenance of these ie there seems to be a struggle keeping these areas mowed regularly and kept looking smart. We somehow won an award for the most beautiful town and I wonder how that happened. The judges obviously had targeted areas to consider.

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Roading is a similar area of concern. There needs to be prompt action when roads need attention and when work is carried out by contractors, they need to be of a high standard and if not, like seems to be the case in lower Spa Road, the contractor needs to put it right or never given any further work.

I visited the swimming area in Spa Park some time ago and was disappointed to find this once lovely area, was looking rather sad. If money is spent on projects like this, there needs to be a budget for keeping them in top condition. If that is not going to be possible, don't do them.

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For what it is worth.

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Submission Date: 08/07/2024

First name: Frances

Last name: Casey

Organisation:

On behalf of Federated Farmers

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

Yes

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

1.2 Next 10 Years

Agree with the plan

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Rotorua/Taupo Federated Farmers (Federated Farmers) appreciates this opportunity to submit on Taupo District Council (Taupo) Long Term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP).
- 1.2 Federated Farmers acknowledge any submissions from individual members of our organisation.
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- 1.5 Federated Farmers is conscious that there may be significant 'consultation fatigue' out in the community given the challenging regulatory and economic environment we are currently in. We acknowledge that this may result in a low response rate to this consultation process.

- 1.6 Federated Farmers wishes to be heard in respect of its submission.
- 1.7 This submission is structured as follows:

- General Comments
- Comments on decisions in the consultation document
- Comments on policies and strategies

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Federated Farmers thanks Taupo District Council for considering this submission.

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

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

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



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Submission Date: 08/07/2024

First name: Diane

Last name: Munt

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This question cannot be answered without transparency about what is meant by “the essentials”.

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In summary, TCAG Believes Council should Do More to address climate change. This does not necessarily have to mean spending significantly more.

1.6 Bag it or Bin it Strongly Disagree

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Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this issue?

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Yes

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Taupō Climate Action Group
Submission to Taupō District Council
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About Taupō Climate Action Group

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- we recognise the climate is changing and we need to be responsible, as individuals, households and a community, for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to the impacts of a changing climate
- we want to protect the natural beauty of our landscapes in the face of a changing climate
- we see renewable energy as the future for Taupō district

As an example of our community impact, we were invited by REAP to host a community event ‘Join the Climate Conversation’ earlier this year, which was well attended and will lead to follow-up sessions.

This submission uses some of the questions from the Council’s online submission that most directly relate to our group’s focus.

What we are planning in the next 10 years.

**In the first years of this plan, we’re proposing to focus on the essentials.
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Agree with the plan

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Bag it or bin it

Proposed: Bin it: switch from user-pays rubbish bags to rates-funded wheelie bins for residential, Taupō and Tūrangi town centres and neighbourhood shops (our preferred option)

What is proposed

From 1 July 2025, we would replace the current rubbish bag and recycling crate collection with a set of wheelie bins. This service would alternate weekly between rubbish and recycling with food scraps collected weekly. That means, that one week, your rubbish and food scraps would be collected. The next week, your recycling and food scraps would be collected.

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For rural:

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Housing**Proposed: Partnering to provide quality first home options to working families****What is proposed**

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Alternative option: Sell residential land on the open market without requiring quality first home buyer options

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We encourage council to continue (and accelerate) your trajectory in these areas.

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

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Regional Tourism New Zealand

1 July 2024

Long Term Plan (LTP) Submission
 Taupō District Council
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Regional Tourism New Zealand (RTNZ) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 for Taupō District Council (TDC).

RTNZ is the peak body for the Regional Tourism Organisations (RTOs) across New Zealand of which Destination Great Lake Taupō is a member. RTOs are each the representative of their Local Governments' (LG) investment in tourism in respect to their community. 90% of funding to RTOs comes from LG with \$40 million invested across 30 RTOs that make up the network.

Tourism is a significant contributor to economic and social wellbeing.

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THE POWER OF TOURISM



Source: Tourism Industry Aotearoa

Tourism is of significant value to the district, and local government has been a critical partner in New Zealand's tourism success.

3. Tourism is a significant to the district, it contributes 19% of GDP, \$752m of visitor expenditure and employs 32% of the workforce.
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Destination promotion is a public good for the benefit and wellbeing of all.

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If you built a place where people want to visit, then you have built a place where people want to live.

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And if you built a place where business and residents will invest, then you have built a place where people will want to visit



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On behalf of the Turangi Co-Governance
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Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

Yes

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

1.1 Local Community
Tūrangi

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	Turangi Co-Governance Committee - LTP24-34 submission

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Long-term Plan 2024-34
By Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee**

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Private Bag 2005
Taupō 3352
info@taupo.govt.nz

1.0 PARTICULAR QUESTIONS WE ARE WE SEEKING FEEDBACK ON

1.1 What we are planning in the next 10 years

We are proposing to focus on the essentials do you agree with this? Or should we spend less and do less, or spend more and do more?

The Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee attaches the Mana Whakahono Community Partnership Plan.

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Do you support the proposed option for Tūrangi Wastewater?

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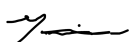
4.0 CONCLUSION

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Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

DATED 04/072024

SIGNED



Co-Chair, Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee

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TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The objective of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee is to govern the implementation and fulfill the purpose and functions as prescribed in the Mana Whakahono ā Rohe Agreement between the Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust, the Ngāti Tūrangitukua Māori Committee and Taupō District Council.



From left: Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee members Deputy Mayor Kevin Taylor, Councillor Sandra Greenslade, Amanda Martin, Co-chair Te Takinga New, Co-chair Mayor David Trewavas, Lauren Fletcher, Christian Asher and Amy Walker.

This community aspirations document presents the committee's vision and plans for Tūrangi, offering a local perspective to guide the development of Council's key policies, plans, strategies, and bylaws that will impact the Mana Whakahono boundary area.

MANA WHAKAHONO A ROHE EXCERPT

10.20. The Council will also delegate the following functions to the Committee to the extent they are within the Mana Whakahono boundary (these were formerly exercised by the Tūrangi-Tongariro Community Board):

a. recommendations to the Council, through the long-term plan and annual plan processes, on the priorities for future infrastructure investment related to the three waters, solid waste and transportation;

b. recommendations to the Council, through the long-term plan and annual plan processes, on the priorities for future community facilities;

c. advocate to the Council with regard to the needs and priorities for the community to enable them to meet their social, cultural, environmental and economic wellbeing including submissions for expenditure through long-term and annual planning processes;

d. provide a local perspective during the development and review of the Council's key policies, plans, strategies and bylaws;

e. maintain an overview of the delivery of the Council services including financial and nonfinancial reporting via receiving updates from Council officers on a six-monthly basis and provide recommendations back to the Council where improvements could be made;

f. recommend to Council on any matter or proposal that is relevant to the area within the Mana Whakahono boundary and of interest to the community that arises outside of the long-term plan or annual plan; and

g. communicating with communities, community organisations and special interest groups within the Mana Whakahono boundary.

OUR VALUES

PIHANGA

We **embody nurturing care and protection**, inspired by the sustaining spirit of a mother, and emphasise **decisive, determined actions rooted in aroha and manaaki** to ensure the well-being of our community.

Pihanga Maunga is considered the matriarch of Ngāti Tūwharetoa with her own mana and mauri. It is Pihanga who cleared the land around her, Te Papamarearea is her ātea and forms the bed of Taupō Moana. It is here that she called to Ngā maunga koutuutu together to talk one after the other (Tū atu tū mai is the tikanga we follow when there are whaikōrero). This was done to set aside their arguments and feuds so that the land might settle into peaceful harmony. This is where the origin of the karanga began, through Pihanga maunga.

Pihanga is the wife of Tongariro however, her mana is distinct from Tongariro, it is she who holds Mana Whenua, all authority, over the land and its resources. Toitū te whenua, whatungarongaro te tangata means that humans are fleeting while the whenua is sustainable and enduring, and can heavily contribute to the direction, growth and prosperity of our community.



TŪ HIKITIA

We gather, **support, and uplift** our heritage, culture, and collective aspirations.

When referencing “Tū hikitia rā, tū hāpainga rā”, the phrase is related to the history, culture, and aspirations of Tūrangitukua, tying hapū (sub-tribes) and whānau (families) within the region, often with deep ancestral connections to the land and its stories. It is a call to action for the people of Tūrangi and the descendants of Tūrangitukua to gather, support, and uplift our heritage, culture, and collective aspirations.

RANGATIRATANGA

We **weave together diverse contributions of our community** with integrity, diligence, and a deep **respect for self-determination**.

Rangatira - Embodying leadership and guardianship within our community holds a profound significance. It transcends mere authority, delving into the realm of moral and spiritual leadership. To dissect the term provides insight into its deeper meaning: Ranga - to weave, to bind together Tira - a group, a company, or a congregation.



**TIROTIROWHETU KI TE RANGI,
WHAKAMAU RĀ TE TITIRO KI MUA**

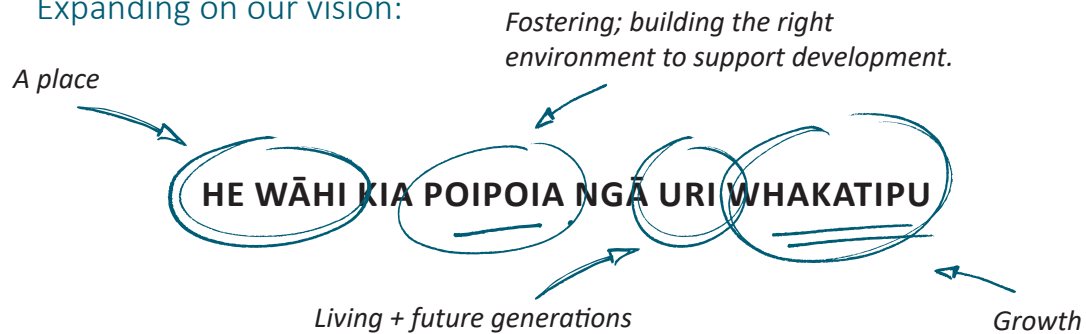
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COMMUNITY ASPIRATIONS

Our committee is committed to fostering a future where our values are not just words, but active principles guiding every endeavor.

Pihanga teaches us to care deeply and act decisively for our community's well-being, and **Tū Hāpainga** empowers us to thrive together. **Tū Hikitia** is at the heart of our efforts to preserve and celebrate our cultural heritage, informing programs that connect us with our roots and shared aspirations. **Taiao** commits us to environmental stewardship, leading to sustainable practices that protect and restore our natural surroundings. Finally, **Rangatiratanga** emphasizes collaboration and respect for self-determination, pivotal in our approach to governance and community engagement. These values steer our community aspirations, mapping a path toward a united, prosperous, and resilient future for Tūrangi.

Expanding on our vision:



We are dedicated to prioritizing and dedicating the necessary resources and time to achieve and progress towards our community aspirations. We are steadfast in our determination to foster a thriving, resilient, and united community, ensuring that our actions and initiatives align with our core values and collective goals.



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Community Beautification

To enhance the town centre, gardens, and entrances, making Tūrangi more appealing and inviting, to foster a sense of pride among residents and encourage visitors to stop and spend time in our community.



Pest Management



Pihanga Day

A day to celebrate women & our maunga by sharing the story of Pihanga.



Rubbish Management



Signage and Storyboards

Signage around town that share stories about the taiao, featuring QR codes that link to additional information. Prioritizing the iwi/hapū narrative as determined appropriate by mana whenua, this initiative will be assessed in the short term and expanded in conjunction with the pathways project long-term.



Waterway Management



Continued Advocation

We will continue to advocate and support the following community projects currently underway:

Wastewater Treatment

Tūrangi Recreation & Activity Centre (TRAC)

Housing Projects



Cycle and Pedestrian Pathways



Museum & Cultural Centre

Our history and our story to be included in the Tūrangi Recreation Activity Centre concept.



Playground Upgrades



Public Facilities



Reserves and Forgotten Spaces Management



Road Safety



Communications - In and outbound

Community education around current communication channels and creation of new channels to fill identified gaps.



Community Events



Economic Prosperity



Emergency Preparedness



Rangatahi Pathways



Te Reo Māori

Promote the use of Te Reo Māori across all community engagements, facilities, signage, and communications. This includes adopting bilingual signage and enhancing Taupo District staff capability in Māori engagement and Te Reo Māori.

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Last name: Anderson

Organisation:

On behalf of River Road Residents Collective

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

Yes

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

1.1 Local Community

Broadlands, River Road and surrounding rural area

1.6 Bag it or Bin it

Disagree

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Agree

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this issue?

We decline the proposal for a bin service. Why?

- Extra cost for negligible advantage
- Rigid collection rules & days, not reliable in summer
- No incentive for rubbish reduction (while each yellow bag costs \$ 3+)
- Bins = more plastic, greater capacity encourages more rubbish
- Multiple trucks = greater carbon footprint, more traffic.

So Recyclables -> everyone passes the tip en-route to Taupo

Soft Plastic etc -> drop in to the tip in a yellow bag

Food Scraps -> home worm farm or buried to compost

Green Waste -> compost

Combustibles -> wood burner

1.7.3 Agree

6. Housing

- In general most people are supportive of the LTP option:
"Partnering to provide quality first home options to working families"
- The key will be that it has no impact on rates

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- Multiple trucks = greater carbon footprint, more traffic.



So... Recyclables -> everyone passes the tip en-route to Taupo
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