



# ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

## Open Attachments (Under separate cover 1)

### Submitters Speaking

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Meeting Date: Monday 27 May 2024

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Time: 10.00am (LTP - Day 1)

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Venue: Small Exhibition Hall  
War Memorial Centre  
Marine Parade  
Napier

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# Summary of Submissions for Monday 27 May 2024

HEARINGS DAY ONE  
NAPIER CITY COUNCIL

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## Session one - 10.00am to 11.00am (60 mins)

Submission: 211	Hearing: Yes	Attachment: No
Full Name: Liz Church	Organisation:	
Should we continue to deliver our current council housing by increasing rates and borrowing, or should we shift Council's focus to retirement housing only and sell our social housing villages?		Shift Council's focus to delivering retirement housing only and sell some Council-owned housing (This is our preferred option).
I think that it is better to pro-actively do one thing well rather than have the current housing become unaffordable and unfit for purpose. It means better outcomes for the city's older citizens, which should remain the priority.		
Officer comments:		
If we shift to a focus on retirement housing, how can Council deliver this in an effective way?		Retirement focus with mixed delivery approach. (This is our preferred option).
I think the council should maintain control of the housing stock for the sake of their citizens - for quality and price control. I also think there need to be rebuilds so that housing for the older population is fit for purpose. It is expensive to retrofit, so new housing stock needs to be built to universal design standards. I am a wheelchair user, soon to be 65yo. People may think I need something 'extra' in a house - however I just need the same things that the older population in general need...single storey housing, flat or ramped entry to minimise trips and falls, wider halls and doorways to allow for things like walkers, wheelchairs and ambulance equipment, wet floor showers to minimise falls and allow for shower chairs and higher toilets to make it easy to get on/off the loo. Its cost effective to plan and build to UD standards. It's also better to keep homes safe - otherwise you'll have hospitalised tenants with empty houses that no one can use during their recovery. Please make the housing stock fit for purpose.		
Officer comments:		
Building up our community resilience		Continue with a rate to build resilience (Preferred).
No comments added		
Officer comments:		
A new approach to managing Council's investments		Create a Council Controlled Trading Organisation to establish a commercially focused investment portfolio (Preferred).
No comments added		
Officer comments:		
Reviewing our fees and charges		
I can see how you might need to increase costs. I pay rent, not rates, so I'm not too sure how this would affect me or ratepayers.		
Officer comments:		
A change to how we fund some tourist facilities		Loan-fund the deficits (losses) of the three facilities that will become commercial businesses (Preferred).
I am all for building these facilities/businesses. They are high quality sites and should be thriving.		
Officer comments:		

<b>Napier City Council office accommodation</b>	
Whatever works best for staff	
Officer comments:	
<b>Additional comments</b>	
I want to reiterate my thoughts on universal design planning and building for the older population. Housing needs to meet the needs of the people living there - these are people's homes. How much better to nurture wellness in old age than have people 'make do' and struggle to be safe and comfortable in their final years.	
<b>Additional officer comments</b>	

Submission: 327	Hearing: Yes	Attachment: No
Full Name: Mervyn Kite	Organisation:	
Should we continue to deliver our current council housing by increasing rates and borrowing, or should we shift Council's focus to retirement housing only and sell our social housing villages?		
No comments added		
Officer comments:		
If we shift to a focus on retirement housing, how can Council deliver this in an effective way?		
No comments added		
Officer comments:		
Building up our community resilience		
No comments added		
Officer comments:		
A new approach to managing Council's investments		
No comments added		
Officer comments:		
Reviewing our fees and charges		
No comments added		
Officer comments:		
A change to how we fund some tourist facilities		
No comments added		
Officer comments:		
Napier City Council office accommodation		
No comments added		
Officer comments:		
<b>Additional comments</b>		
<p>The NCC has developed a Rural Residential Zone which includes primarily Poraiti, Tironui Drive area, Kaimata Heights and Esk Hills area and northern Hill Road. In the Kaimata Heights and Esk Hills a stormwater rate has been applied. However this has not been applied to Poraiti, northern Hill Road, Eskdale Lane and Esk View Road, despite many of these properties being smaller than your "threshold". Could please advise why this occurs. At the time of the development of Esk Hills, NCC required that five detention dams be constructed to control stormwater runoff. These dams each have piped outlets of 300mm in diameter which restrict downstream flows and they all have substantial storage capacity. The HBRC consents that were issued, require that these be checked and maintained at the Esk Hills Residents cost and are subject to inspection by HBRC. In the next two weeks we will be undertaking maintenance work on one dam at a cost of approximately \$5,000. The detention dams work well in controlling flows of high volumes of water. Over Gabrielle there was no high flow volumes downstream of the dams, nor was there any erosion or significant flooding well downstream until those streams eventually merge with larger areas of flooding. The discharge from three of the dams, flowed independently down to SH2, and water volumes were such that the three SH2 culverts were able to handle the flows without flooding onto the road. It is difficult to comprehend, that whilst we are forced to maintain and control water flows from the wide area at our cost, we are also going to be charged a</p>		

stormwater rate that is not being applied elsewhere. As we at Esk Hills, maintain our own stormwater flows we should be exempt from the Stormwater Rate and if this is not acceptable NCC should take over the maintenance of these five detention dams. Your comments would be appreciated.

**Additional officer comments**

Prior to the last significant review of the Revenue & Financing Policy, stormwater was bundled into the General Rate and applied to all properties in the region. Stormwater was separated out in anticipation of the 3 Waters Reform. The primary beneficiary of stormwater assets are those properties that have a hard surface. There is a strong relationship between capital value and the hard surface area of a property. This rate recovers the cost of stormwater activity. The stormwater rate is based on the capital value of Residential, Rural Residential, and Commercial & Industrial properties within the recognised serviced area as per our Stormwater Coverage map (i.e. non-rural property as defined under the District Plan). Rural properties are exempted. A review by the Infrastructure team has resulted in updates to the original map to include new areas. This would explain the addition of stormwater rates to some properties. Areas such as Poraiti have been excluded as natural drainage carries much of the rainfall directly into the estuary. Please note that stormwater is not a "front of gate" service. For example, although Esk Hills has a private stormwater network, the area is serviced by a network running through the lowlands that protects pedestrian and vehicle access out of the region, and carries away water from the private stormwater network.



Submission: 322	Hearing: Yes	Attachment: No
Full Name: Jo Huata	Organisation:	
Should we continue to deliver our current council housing by increasing rates and borrowing, or should we shift Council's focus to retirement housing only and sell our social housing villages?		
Leave rates alone in this current climate we don't need another library the one we have is fine we do t need to redo Emerson st...Napier city council don't need a new building move in with HBRC stop wasting money on things we don't need...ocean spa is too expensive why should only the tourists be able to benefit from it		
Officer comments:		
If we shift to a focus on retirement housing, how can Council deliver this in an effective way?		Retirement focus with mixed delivery approach. (This is our preferred option).
No comments added		
Officer comments:		
Building up our community resilience		Don't continue with a rate to build resilience.
No comments added		
Officer comments:		
A new approach to managing Council's investments		
Stop wasting money stop overcharging your citizens		
Officer comments:		
Reviewing our fees and charges		
Use the \$160 million dollars and don't increase anything		
Officer comments:		
A change to how we fund some tourist facilities		Loan-fund the deficits (losses) of the three facilities that will become commercial businesses (Preferred).
Either way we the increase is still going to impact us the ratepayers horrible idea why don't you try lowering the cost of these places and see how many people flock there		
Officer comments:		
Napier City Council office accommodation		
Move them in to HBRC building that's most effective...they're not royalty and if they lack communication skills then give them some training it's not hard		
Officer comments:		
Additional comments		
It's a waste of money Napier Cory is already pretty if tourists want to come they'll come stop trying to beautify it when it's history is enough		
Additional officer comments		

Submission: 451	Hearing: Yes	Attachment: No
Full Name: John Lyon	Organisation: Faraday Museum	
Should we continue to deliver our current council housing by increasing rates and borrowing, or should we shift Council's focus to retirement housing only and sell our social housing villages?	Shift Council's focus to delivering retirement housing only and sell some Council-owned housing (This is our preferred option).	
No comments added		
Officer comments:		
If we shift to a focus on retirement housing, how can Council deliver this in an effective way?	Retirement focus using the current approach to delivery.	
No comments added		
Officer comments:		
Building up our community resilience	Don't continue with a rate to build resilience.	
My money in this fund may grow long term without being used. Do I get interest? If I move do I get it back?		
Officer comments:	The Resilience Rate will be ring fenced in a reserve, with the opening balance, income, expenditure, and closing balance reported in our Annual Report every year. There are no plans to provide interest to rate payers or refund ratepayers if they were to move.	
A new approach to managing Council's investments	Create a Council Controlled Trading Organisation to establish a commercially focused investment portfolio (Preferred).	
The trading organization should take minimal management fees		
Officer comments:		
Reviewing our fees and charges	Increase some fees and charges beyond the CPI increase of 5.6% (Preferred).	
Users should pay their fair share		
Officer comments:		
A change to how we fund some tourist facilities	Loan-fund the deficits (losses) of the three facilities that will become commercial businesses (Preferred).	
The 3 stated businesses should at least break even, or preferably make a profit. It's good to support tourism but these businesses should be profitable. If I'm supporting these businesses to run at a loss through my rates, then I should have a special resident's rate when I go there. MY RATES HAVE INCREASED OVER \$2,000 ANNUALLY OVER THE PAST 2 YEARS!		
Officer comments:		
Napier City Council office accommodation	Council strengthens and redevelops the Library Tower for its staff (Preferred).	
No comments added		
Officer comments:		
Additional comments		













































































































































































































































































































































































































































































































































































































































































































































































