

# Chatham Islands Council

## Long-Term Plan 2024-34

### Submission form



Thank you for taking the time to make a submission on the Chatham Island Council's draft Long-Term Plan 2024-34. Submissions close Monday 3 June 2024.

We encourage you to read our consultation document 'Navigating a Way Forward', prior to completing this form. After you've done this, we estimate the form will take between 5-10 minutes to complete.

After submissions close, submissions will be publicly available as required by the Local Government Act 2002.

Your information is held and administered by the Chatham Islands Council and Environment Canterbury in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020. For your submission to be valid, you must provide your name, which will be published on our website. However, you can ask for it to be kept private.

Fields marked \* are mandatory.

You are welcome to keep a copy of your submission for your records.

### Your details

First name\* (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

Last name\* (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

Email\* (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you a Chatham Islands resident?

- Yes, I live on the Chatham Islands full time
- Yes, I live on the Chatham Islands part time
- No

Which age category are you in? (Circle one option)

0-14                  15-24                  25-39                  40-64                  65+                  Prefer not to say

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation, association or community group?\*

(Choose one option) (Required)

- Yes, I'm submitting on behalf of an organisation, association or community group  
Name of organisation, association or community group: (Required if you ticked Yes)

- No, it's my personal submission

Please tick the box if you prefer your name not to be visible on our website. Your contact details will remain private. Note: all those who wish to speak to their submission are unable to tick this.

- I prefer my name not to be visible on the website

## Supporting your submission

Anyone can make a submission. All submissions will be considered by Council before Councillors make a decision.

You can attach supporting documents or extra pages if you need them. Please make sure each page includes your name. You can also come to speak in person to Council about your submission at public sessions that are known as 'hearings'.

Do you want to speak to Council about your submission at the Long-Term Plan hearings?\*

(Tick one option) (Required)

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide your phone number below so we can contact you to schedule a hearing time. Hearings will be held on Wednesday 12 June.

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## The options

### How we manage our reliance on external funding

The Chatham Islands are small and unable to fund Council's activities without support from Central Government. *Read more about this on Page 6 of the consultation document.*

The options for Council are to (tick one option):

- Option 1:** (Council's preferred option) Advocate for additional funds from Central Government.
- Option 2:** Advocate to reduce the work we need to do as part of the Chatham Islands Council Act 1995.

Tell us more about the option you chose:

### How we meet future legislative requirements regarding water

**Local water done well** – *Read more about this on Page 8 of the consultation document.*

The options for Council are to (tick one option):

- Option 1:** (Council's preferred option) Not complete this work, and therefore not comply with current and future regulations.
- Option 2:** Advocate to reduce the work we need to do as part of the Chatham Islands Council Act 1995.

Tell us more about the option you chose:

**Freshwater** – *Read more about this on Page 8 of the consultation document.*

The options for Council are to (tick one option):

- Option 1:** (Council's preferred option) Identify areas of the freshwater policy we believe we are unable to comply with and seek approval from the Government to limit the application of the freshwater policy.
- Option 2:** Not comply with the freshwater policy.

Tell us more about the option you chose:

## **A potential rates rise**

### **Addressing an average cash loss of \$500,000 each year**

*Read more about this on Page 12 of the consultation document.*

The options for Council are to (tick one option):

- Option 1:** Decrease our level of expenditure on uncommitted projects or identify areas of potential cost savings. We may not comply with important legislation and regulations.
- Option 2:** Increase our rates with no decrease in our level of expenditure. A 5% increase in rates will increase the Council's total rate revenue by \$40,000.
- Option 3:** (Council's preferred option) Both decrease expenditure on uncommitted projects, and increase rates over time. This will go some way to making an increase more affordable for our community.

Tell us more about the option you chose:

## **Balancing affordability with action**

*Read more about this on Page 12 of the consultation document.*

The options for Council are to (tick one option):

- Option 1:** Lift the rate in one go to cover the funding shortfall, increasing rates by 25.15% in Year 1 or \$732.51 extra on average to an inflationary increase, but making no further changes for Years 2 and 3.
- Option 2:** (Council's preferred option) Lift the rate slowly using a higher percentage increase to be more in line with what other councils are charging over time, increasing rates by 6.65% in Year 1, 6.35% in Year 2 and 6.35% in Year 3. The average additional increase in Year 1 equates to \$116.53 (excluding inflationary adjustments).
- Option 3:** Do not increase rates above levels of inflation. Inflationary movements are estimated as a 3.15% increase in Year 1, 2.85% in Year 2 and 2.85% in Year 3.

Tell us more about the option you chose:

**Water metering**

*Read more about this on Page 13 of the consultation document.*

The options for Council are to (tick one option):

- Option 1:** (Council’s preferred option) For Waitangi, move from a fixed charge based on number of connections to a fixed charge and metered charge model, so the charge is more equitably allocated to the users of these services. For Kaingaroa, move to the same model when water meters are installed.
- Option 2:** No change to current approach.

Tell us more about the option you chose:

Finally, can you tell us how you saw and/or heard about our Long-Term Plan campaign? (Choose all that apply)

- Email
  - CIC website
  - CCFT newsletter
  - Social media post
  - Letterbox flyer
  - Other
- Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your submission.