

Submission subjects	Submission Comments	Sub #	Staff Comments	Council Decision	
1	Affordability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rate increase of 12.5% too high</li> <li>Excessive costs - All extra costs over and above the long term plan should be put on hold - unless Special Consultation.</li> <li>Year on year 10% increases cannot be sustained - the WDC must look critically at what is NEEDED versus what is WANTED and a process to rationalise activities and spending.</li> <li>Staff costs too high, including Councillor remuneration.</li> <li>High rates compared with other areas with more services.</li> <li>Stay within the 5% rate increase limit.</li> <li>Support Council seeking external funding to increase affordability</li> <li>Provide the basics not ambitious projects, focus on maintenance.</li> <li>Reduce staff</li> <li>Reduce travel costs</li> <li>Smaller rural areas do not get much benefit from their rates, e.g., water connections, rubbish collection.</li> <li>Revell Street spending</li> <li>Adequately fund services but consider projects carefully.</li> <li>Rates should not just be spent in Hokitika</li> <li>Exclude Neil's Beach residents from increases above 5%</li> </ul>	1, 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 123, 124	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With supply chain and CPI increases it has not been possible to keep costs as at the LTP level, the annual plan costs have been adjusted to reflect those costs to allow Council to continue to provide services at the same level.</li> <li>The average increase was communicated and adopted in the LTP, staff have smoothed the rates increases over the LTP increase for year 2 of the plan over years 4-5. There is therefore no change to the average rate increase between the two plans.</li> <li>Councillor remuneration is set by the Remuneration Authority.</li> <li>As per the adopted LTP future years from year 4 are set to be within the 5% limit.</li> <li>In the year before the LTP rates were kept at zero rate increase and as explained through the LTP process, this was not sustainable and there now needs to be increases to fund the costs over the uncollected revenues. In previous years rates were artificially kept low which is not sustainable.</li> </ul>	
2	No changes to the LTP		1 Noted		
3	No increase to targeted rates		1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targeted rates are set where the service is used, if the cost to those activities have increased the rates must be increased also.</li> </ul>	
4	Shared services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce triplicated policy/bylaws and unify with other Councils now!</li> </ul>	1 Noted		
5	Cass Square Playground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No need to spend \$500k when Lazar park available.</li> </ul>	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council is making lottery funding bids for the play area to maximise the benefit for the community and minimize cost.</li> </ul>	
6	Cass Square Skatepark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fund with community fundraising.</li> <li>Include a half basketball court at the northern end of the Skatepark. \$5k contribution for equipment from Westland Basketball association and \$15k contribution from Council for groundworks.</li> <li>Leave Skatepark as it is.</li> </ul>	2, 9, 63, 107	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This can be taken into consideration in the final design however any contribution from Council would require rates funding and increase rates for the Hokitika.</li> <li>Council is making lottery funding bids for both the play area and for the skate park to maximise the benefit for the community and minimize cost. Community rating group.</li> </ul>	
7	Footpaths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prioritise upgrading footpaths in Hokitika over Cass Square projects.</li> <li>Use Pakiwaitara funds to fix Sewell Street</li> </ul>	2, 52	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The footpath capital programme is underway, following a comprehensive review that was undertaken in 2021. It is a 3 year programme and the programme of works has been based on condition assessments</li> </ul>	
8	Pakiwaitara Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sell the building</li> <li>Do not invest in the building</li> <li>Business case?</li> <li>Community consulted on purchase</li> </ul>	2, 19, 27, 40, 52, 55, 57, 58, 61, 63, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 72, 74, 82, 83, 84, 86, 97, 98, 100, 105, 106, 107, 112, 114, 115	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council consulted on the purchase in August 2020.</li> </ul>	
9	Tourism signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tourism signage should be in Otira</li> <li>Disagrees with \$45k spend, wasteful and excessive</li> </ul>	5, 12, 55, 57, 64, 67, 68, 72, 80, 83, 84, 86, 97, 100, 105, 106, 112, 114, 115	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotional signage has been an aspirational request from Destination Hokitika for the last three years. We have included this within the budget to promote the added benefits the district has to offer prior to arrival.</li> </ul>	
10	Benefits for rate increases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Otira township maintenance, emergency management, tourism promotion and public conveniences from funds raised through targeted community rates payments.</li> <li>As the gateway to Westland on SH73, Otira has a pressing need for public/visitor access to public toilets.</li> </ul>	5, 12, 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Otira does not contribute to a community rate. A community rate could be set for Otira which would increase rates.</li> <li>Previously responsible camping was supported by Tourism Infrastructure Fund - this was not made available for the last summer and council resolved to remove any unfunded operational form the budget.</li> </ul>	
11	Power and gas for Ross Shower Block	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Costs for running the utilities should be returned to Council.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ross community rate would increase by the cost of these utilities however we understand that the community manage the reserve on behalf of council which could offset any increase.</li> </ul>	

12	Funding for the Fox Glacier CDO role	Funding proposal - please see the submission		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council can increase the amount of the fund however this will increase the community rate for both Franz Josef and Fox Glacier community rate.</li> <li>• The tourism promotions rate is for the i-SITE service, they provide the same services for all commercial operators in the Westland District.</li> <li>• The Glacier fund cannot be rated under the tourism promotions rate, as this is a rate on the whole district, it would be unfair to ratepayers around the district to pay for a service that is purely targeted to Franz Josef and Fox Glacier.</li> <li>• The rate struck for the community rate which includes the glacier community development fund was struck based on the numbers of rating units in Franz Josef and Fox Glacier and were correct.</li> </ul>
13	Fees and Charges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfer station fees excessive</li> <li>• Stop charging for dumping green waste</li> <li>• Disagrees with the increase in Resource Management fees.</li> <li>• What is the \$150 administration cost based on?</li> <li>• Targeted fee for mining activity</li> <li>• Increase fee for vegetation clearance</li> <li>• Cemetery fees too high</li> <li>• Charge full restitution fee to Wildfoods for using Cass square</li> <li>• Charge commercial concessions for using Wilderness Trail.</li> <li>• Increase charges for sports users of Cass Square</li> <li>• Split Resource Management fees and charges by staff seniority</li> </ul>	11, 55, 57, 64, 67, 68, 69, 72, 83, 84, 86, 97, 100, 105, 106, 107, 108, 114, 115, 121, 124	<p>The costs of operational services provided by Council are ultimately funded by the residents of Westland. This is either through the rates or through fees and charges on a user pays basis. Fees and charges within District Assets have, in the main, been increased in line with inflation.</p>
14	Stafford Cemetery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake maintenance to the cemetery and reopen it for new burials. See submission for details.</li> </ul>	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any maintenance costs would be rateable</li> <li>• A report to council will need to be forthcoming on the future of the Stafford Cemetery</li> </ul>
15	Parks and reserves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider including equipment that older people can use with their grandchildren in playground design.</li> <li>• Disagrees with the \$40,949 increase for the activity</li> </ul>	15, 55, 57, 67, 68, 72, 83, 84, 86, 97, 100, 105, 106, 114, 115	Noted
16	Overall support for Annual Plan		15	Noted
17	Smokefree environments policy	Include Vaping	15	This is already in place.
18	Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy	Utilise a Social Impact Assessment when reviewing the policy	15	This is already in place.
19	Rubbish and Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Larger bins</li> <li>• Keep bins as are and continue to support waste reduction efforts.</li> <li>• Assist with home composting and glass recycling.</li> </ul>	29, 35, 70, 108	Noted
20	Resource Management Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance of indigenous biodiversity</li> <li>• Map Significant Natural Areas</li> </ul>	43	Council resolved to map SNAs within 5 years at the meeting of 11 May 2022
21	Capital Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excessive cost - find sponsors from the people who benefit from them.</li> <li>• Disagrees with the increase in cost</li> </ul>	46, 55, 57, 67, 68, 72, 83, 84, 86, 97, 100, 105, 106, 114, 115	Council needs to continue to invest in capital works to protect the Council's assets and continue to provide services to the community. Constructions costs are rising at a fast rate and Council has been successful in obtaining external funding which reduces the impact on local rate payers
22	Township Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disagrees with the \$86,612 increase in cost</li> <li>• Plant native vegetation in unused areas of grass.</li> </ul>	55, 57, 67, 68, 69, 72, 83, 84, 86, 97, 100, 105, 106, 114, 115	
23	Swimming Pool	Reduce disruption during repairs and keep pool open longer	70	Council has been working to reduce the disruption to users of the pool whilst works have been ongoing and will endeavour to deliver the necessary later staged improvements whilst minimising the impact for the local swimming community.

24	Racecourse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No social housing</li> <li>What is the benefit for ratepayers for developing the racecourse?</li> </ul>	70, 107	<p>There will be no social housing on the racecourse. There have been very early discussions about how the racecourse can be improved which potentially could include some residential development. Council has also engaged with community stakeholders about how best to provide a recreational offer for the community at the racecourse</p>
25	Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send print copies to all households and don't rely on Facebook for advertising.</li> <li>Include community in discussions about community facilities and spaces at an earlier stage, not just formal consultation stage.</li> </ul>	97, 108	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is cost prohibitive to print and send a copy of the plan to every household in the Westland District, this would increase rates.</li> <li>Hardcopies were available at Council reception and the library.</li> <li>Anyone can subscribe to our Facebook page to or Westland Matters be notified. Information about the plan was included in Westland Matters, and in media releases.</li> <li>Notices were also placed into the Hokitika Guardian on 2 occasions as well as on our website, in the Hokitika Library and South Westland community halls.</li> <li>The Hokitika Guardian published a number of articles about the plan and how to give feedback over the feedback period.</li> </ul>
26	Bring Destination Westland in-house		100	
27	Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>disagree with the planned fit-out</li> <li>Support the establishment of a museum trust board.</li> <li>Transfer to a voluntary organisation and provide with a grant.</li> </ul>	107, 108, 123	<p>The museum fit out is still only at concept stage and with the formation of a Museum Trust Board will help mould the strategic direction of the museum and associated artefacts.</p>
28	Vegetation clearance	Align with Buller's rules - 5000sqm per property	107	Noted
29	Marks Road Haast	Streetlights required.	109	Council staff will complete an assessment of the requirement in due course.
30	West Coast Wilderness Trail	Safety issues	122	A budget has been set aside to address WCWT safety concerns.