

Submission subjects		Sub #	Submission Comments	Staff Comments
1	Council Headquarters			
Option 1:	Strengthen and refurbish Pakiwaitara Building for use as Council offices	62, 72, 78, 97, 110, 164	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the least amount of cost to ratepayers. • Might as well just make the Pakiwaitara building fit for Council going forward and sell current building. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council engaged Elliot Sinclair for Geotech earthquake strengthening design. • Council is undertaking activities to improve weathertightness on the Building. • The library could not be housed in the building. • Future of the Pakiwaitara building if not used as Council HQ is yet to be determined. If Council intends to dispose of the building it will require further consultation, as part of an LTP process.
Option 2:	Strengthen and refurbish the current location	3, 4, 5, 9, 12, 17, 18, 20, 26, 27, 32, 43, 44, 50, 51, 54, 56, 80, 81, 88, 98, 113, 114, 119, 121, 122, 124, 129, 132, 147, 150, 155, 165, 168, 174, 175	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay accessible to the community and ratepayers. • Utilize the new building for expansion and other council run facilities / businesses rather than moving headquarters. • I'm going with the status quo but only if your current building will cost less than the other two options to make safe. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By incorporating the library into the council building will see savings on library lease cost and some library building maintenance costs. • Remaining within the Hokitika CBD promotes a workforce presence within the township. • Investing in a building at the entrance to the CBD will ensure there is no vacant building or become an eyesore if left to deteriorate. • Council engaged Elliot Sinclair for Geotech earthquake strengthening design. • Will extend the life of the building based on the upgrade.
Option 3:	New build at the airport	13, 16, 46, 84, 85, 135, 149	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future proofing the Council Building by building up at the airport, on higher ground, makes sense. • Build cost effective, purpose built council headquarters at airport, move library into existing council building. • Subject to an office in the town for the people who cannot manage to get to the airport location. The library would make the most sense. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If Council were to move to the airport it would have a negative effect on the CBD. • Build costs for a new build would be disproportionately more expensive than refurbishing existing accommodation on a square metre basis

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Comment		6, 7, 14, 19, 22, 28, 30, 74, 82, 109, 134, 157, 161, 162, 163, 178	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None of the above • Sell the Pakiwaitara building and put the money towards improving the present Council offices. • Revisit the concept of renting Seddon House once upgraded. • Keep HQ in the CBD. • No mention of what debt repayments mean to ratepayers. • Defer to give a more reasonable rate increase to ratepayers. • Cheapest option. • Provide a 15 - 25 year building upgrade plan. Expect to see more detailed analysis in the LTP. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council has considered Government House in detail, hence it is not being considered as one of the options.
2	Land transport Level of Service			
Option 1:	Status quo	6, 7, 9, 12, 16, 17, 20, 27, 98, 119, 121, 132, 155, 161	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure our town verges and footpaths are kept tidy and usable. We need anyone driving into town to see a tidy town not an overgrown mess with uneven and broken footpaths. • Council responsibility to service our assets that's what we pay our rates for not these pie in the sky ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council has a policy on Berms: https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/media/co1ндуza/urban-berm-maintenance-policy-june-2021.pdf • Footpaths are maintained within the available budgets.
Option 2:	Inflation adjustment	74		
Option 3:	Do the minimum (Level of service review)	14, 43, 109, 115, 164		
Option 4:	Preserving our assets (balanced)	3, 13, 18, 19, 26, 44, 46, 56, 72, 78, 79, 110, 114, 124, 129, 135, 168, 174, 178	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure adequate maintenance and work is carried out, and future work well planned for to ensure that no further damage or deterioration occurs. • Crucial to maintain footpaths. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Combined West Coast Transportation Activity Management Plan and Programme Business Case is the overarching document used for planning future maintenance and renewals works.

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Option 5:	Improving level of service (enhanced asset preservation)	4, 5, 54, 62, 64, 82, 84, 85, 97, 174, 175	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain what we have. Deferred maintenance or reduced maintenance will come back to bite us (ratepayers) in the future. • Alternatives to bitumen? • Extend slower speed zones to reduce wear and tear and encourage cycling and walking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 4 addresses maintaining what we have but moderates the potential increases required to do so. • The only alternative to bitumen would be concrete but that comes at a significantly higher construction cost. • Blanket speed limit reductions have been ruled out by the present government.
3	Ross Swimming Pool upgrade			
Option 1:	Repair the pool structure	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20, 26, 27, 46, 50, 54, 56, 79, 84, 85, 88, 98, 110, 114, 115, 120, 121, 122, 124, 129, 132, 135, 145, 146, 157, 164, 165, 168, 174, 175, 178	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a well-used and highly valued community asset. Again, deferring maintenance will result in a higher cost to ratepayers in the future. • Use the funding planned for the Hokitika Pool for the Ross pool. Pool should be checked yearly by Council's engineers. • Ensure work is well planned and costed so no "surprises". • Repair the structure funded from the Reserves Fund. I'm more than happy to pay additional rates of \$34.96 for depreciation 26/27. • There must be local companies who would be prepared to help out free of charge which is good for the community and good for their own reputations, and will not impact on rates. • Sub 145 is a joint submission from 29 local residents in support of repairing the pool structure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The repairs to the pool are funded through the depreciation reserves fund and is not an extra levy on Ross ratepayers. • Based on submissions, there is general consensus to proceed with the repairs.
Option 2:	Do not budget to repair the pool structure	9, 12, 17, 62, 119, 155, 161	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisit in a few years, it's a short drive to Hoki to use our fancy new pool. • At this time there is no money to do this. How many months of the year does it get used? and it appears that people are still using it, what are the repairs that are needed? • Stop spending money we do not have. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on submissions, there is general consensus to proceed with the repairs.

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Comments	45, 60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project should be fully funded by Council with no targeted rate set. Repair the pool. Do not levy Ross residents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no targeted rate for this project. Each community pays a community rate for assets in their community. The Ross community are not being levied for the repairs, the cost of the repairs is from the depreciation reserves fund.
4	Franz Josef/Waiiau & Fox Glacier - Glacier Country Community Development Funding		
Option 1:	Council ceases to rate for Glacier Country Tourism and Community Development roles	6, 7, 9, 13, 17, 26, 81, 110, 11, 121, 124, 129, 157, 164 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The glaciers are becoming a non-entity and the area needs to market itself in other ways. I don't really understand what the Country Tourism and Community development roles do. Unless the rate is taken specifically for the upkeep of public toilets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on submissions, the general consensus is to reinstate the rate back into the budget.
Option 2:	Council continues to rate for Glacier Country Tourism and Community Development roles	3, 20, 27, 32, 51, 54, 61, 62, 64, 71, 72, 76, 77, 78, 79, 83, 84, 85, 87, 97, 98, 109, 111, 112, 114, 115, 117, 127, 135, 144, 148, 149, 156, 158, 168, 170, 171, 172, 178 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tourist operators should be charged a fee for tourist recreational activities, and maintenance as they are making a business from it we the rate payers shouldn't be subsidizing these commercial activities. Increase funding to \$35k p/a for each Fox & Franz Josef CDO roles for 3 year period. Rate struck at flat rate for each rating unit. Rename the targeted rate to Franz CDO / Fox CDO and show as separate line on rates invoice. Glacier Country Tourism Officer Position rate strike be shared evenly across all Franz and Fox Rate payers using the existing tiered formula where Commercial properties pay more than Rural and Residential. Do not want a reduction to the Glacier Country Tourism and Community Development Rate. Keep CDO roles subject to everyone paying the same rate across the board. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is not possible to have both a flat rate and a fixed funding, as the rating information database changes regularly. Generally if a fixed amount of funding is required, the optimal way to do this to ensure there is enough funding, is for the rate to be set based on the amount that is required, which is how the rate is currently set. If a flat rate is required, this means that the funding amount required will not be met. For the targeted Glacier rate, a separate rate type can be set up which will not be too onerous to maintain, which is separate from the Community rates where the fund is currently rated. It is not possible to show any amount funded from the Tourism Promotions Rate separately from that rate type. Any increase in funding will have a direct impact on the targeted rate.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glacier Country Tourism Group should not be rated through the Council and should only be collected by membership to the GCTG. • Support for the current amount of \$65,000 • 15 people have initialled in support of the FJCC submission (171), however the page presented does not meet the requirements for a petition. 	
Comments	41, 42, 50, 56, 74, 80, 86, 88, 107, 108, 159	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to continues to rate Fox Glacier community for a Fox Glacier Community Development Officer only. Proposed rate of \$35,500 excluding GST is the proposed rate being applied for. Full details in submission 41. • Conserve the role of Fox Community Development CDO as the facilitator of community services in an isolated village, such as the post office, gym and digital hub. • Rate requested by Fox Glacier communities. • Submission 107 Petition from Fox Glacier community signed by 49 people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on submissions, the general consensus is to reinstate the rate back into the budget.
5	Hokitika - Hokitika Area Promotions Rate		
Option 1:	Council ceases the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate	3, 7, 9, 12, 13, 17, 20, 26, 43, 110, 119, 129, 157, 164, 176, 178 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think these promotions should be done by the Hokitika I-site. Many businesses pay thousands of dollars to the I-site every year to promote the town and their businesses. This would also cut back on some of the staffing costs for council. • Focussed solely on Hokitika township but receives funding from businesses in Hokitika surrounds. Double dipping through targeted rate and membership subscriptions. DH should be funded by subscriptions only. If other Hokitika businesses support continuing funding DH through rates then remove Rural areas from this rate as, by their own constitution, they are focussed solely on Hokitika town. 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let business pay for their own promotions. • There seem to be multiple organisations tasked with promoting Hokitika and the surrounding area. Amalgamate them. • Would like to see this revisited in LTP drafting to assess if there has been a negative effect on business revenue in the Hokitika area. 	
Option 2:	Council continues to collect the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate	6, 14, 22, 28, 30, 39, 46, 54, 71, 73, 78, 82, 84, 85, 98, 113, 114, 124, 134, 135, 150, 162, 163, 166, 168, 176	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hokitika area, Households and businesses benefit via employment during the promotion of events and the area. In fact many cafes, bars and accommodation are not paying their fair share in regard to cycle trail maintenance for the benefits that they receive. • When this rate was brought in, businesses were surveyed and the vast majority supported this. • 5% Admin fee should cease. Debtors can be included in an invoice adjustment. • List of fully rated properties should be given to Destination Hokitika. • Index the rate to inflation or rates increases. • Submission 176 is a petition with over 1200 signatures. Further comment on this petition is noted in the cover report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This rate does not fund the West Coast Wilderness Trail. It solely funds the Destination Hokitika township promotions association. • 5% administration fee will continue and was provided for under the original agreement. It covers the cost of administration of the rate and also payment of the funds to Destination Hokitika and also any debt collection fees for unpaid monies. • Council do not provide this service to any other organisation. • Under the Privacy Act we hold the information for rating purposes only, therefore we would be breaching the Privacy Act if we provided the list of fully rated properties to Destination Hokitika.
6	Heritage West Coast funding - \$25k p/a	1	Request for \$25,000 p/a for the next 3 years towards a shared Heritage Development Manager for the West Coast. Similar requests to Buller and Grey DC, and funding applications to Lotteries, gaming and community trusts.	

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7	<p>Regent Theatre funding For continued funding</p>	<p>2, 5, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 47, 49, 54, 55, 57, 58, 60, 63, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 73, 81, 89, 90, 91, 93, 94, 95, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 113, 116, 123, 124, 132, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 151, 152, 153, 154, 162, 163, 165, 166, 167, 176</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding of \$62,000 + CPI for the theatre should be in the Annual Plan. • Well used building. It should be more heavily funded to increase the use of performers and shows travelling down to the town to make it a lively theatre. If you fund sports you should fund theatre. • This is an important community facility which enriches our lives from a social and cultural perspective. • If the funding is not granted in 2024/25, our budget forecast shows that the theatre runs the risk of having to close. • Submission 176 is a petition with over 1200 signatures. Further comment on this petition is noted in the cover report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding is only being held until the Regent Theatre provide a business plan. • Based on submissions, the general consensus is to put the funding back into the budget. • Propose that the grant is linked to specific activities within the Regent Theatre running, ie, rates, insurance and maintenance, to the maximum of \$62,000 for one year on provision of invoices.
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8	General Community grant funding: For continued funding	4, 17, 20, 22, 28, 30, 44, 45, 46, 54, 60, 82, 91, 114, 121, 126, 134, 157, 164, 165, 166	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue funding at the same level for community volunteer groups that support or provide or maintain assets for community use. • Continue to fund Lions and Greypower to keep toilets open. • Community grants should be maintained. • I am strongly opposed to any funding cuts that impact Westland Community Centre, Lions Club of Hokitika, Grey Power Hokitika and Destination Hokitika. • Organisations receiving funding should be open and honest about how it is spent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We acknowledge all the good work that volunteers do in the community.
8a	General Community grant funding: Against continued funding	9, 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think it was a good idea to say no where you could to save money. Please do better to save money inside council. • Community grant funding should only be funded when and if funds become available. 	
9	Maintenance	4, 8, 10, 91, 106	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't defer maintenance on roads or community assets. • Stormwater drains and flooding issues, work not done. • Kokatahi Kowhitirangi ratepayers expectations of basic, routine roading network maintenance within the area, is noticeably deficient. • Request additional funding from NZTA for roads impacted by compaction due to increased load weights. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A service request was raised in response to the stormwater flooding issue in submission 10. And subsequently closed after referring to the WCRC • Additional road maintenance funding has been requested as part of the NLTP submission. • If insufficient budgets are approved then deferred maintenance is the only option.
10	Ross footpaths	6, 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loose seal washes into storm drains and potholes. • Nothing has happened with the Council plan for footpaths for over 8 months. Replace with concrete on Main Street as chip too slippery. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loose chip is inevitable on new seal and is cleaned from drains following resurfacing and when Council Officers are made aware if it. • Chipseal allows the budget to go further and for lower pedestrian volumes it can provide a more slip resistant surface for longer.

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11	Communities	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put funding into all communities, not just Hokitika. 	
12	Closed Council workshops	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Object to closed workshops to develop the plan. 	
13	Debt	8, 106	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debt should be used for core infrastructure not recreation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debt is used for intergenerational funding of any Council assets where there is growth or an increase in level of service.
14	Breach of LGA	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council have been advised several times about breaches of the local government act 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council has not breached the Act.
15	Rates	8, 26, 45, 52, 60, 96, 121, 124, 129, 160, 169, 178	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objects to the proposed rates increase. A far fairer option would be that rates for the WHOLE of the district be increased by, say, a flat 15%, for example. Council should cap the rating increases for the next 5 years at 5% plus inflation. Concerned with the increase in rates over the last 20 years. Small towns should receive more for increases, shouldn't just be spent in Hokitika. Object to remission of waste water charges for educational institutions. Rate increase on top of property revaluations is double-dipping. Object to an increase in rates above 6%. General support to rate increases but what benefit is there for rural ratepayers? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are different rates across the district that are particular to that area of the district. There are also services that are provided in some areas that are not provided in others. These are technically user pays rates. These are services such as Water Services, Sewage.

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16	Staffing levels and costs	9, 12, 45, 60, 147	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at what roles can be culled - internal restructure. • Freeze staff wages or reduce staff. • Reduce staff levels by 25% through natural loss over 5 years. • Reduce staff wages for staff earning \$100,000 and above. • Increase opening hours for all staff to 1/2 day on Saturday at 1.25% hourly rate. • Implement a Community Day for all staff to work on a community project for 1 Saturday per year. • Do everything online. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council provides a range of statutory and non-statutory services within the district, which covers a range or dispersed communities across 11,800 square kilometres. • There is increased statutory regulation and significant infrastructure investment requirements. • Staffing levels reflect the scope, expertise and complexity required in a contemporary local government environment given the ever changing legislative and regulatory environment.
17	Spending	9, 17, 26, 27, 45, 60, 106, 113, 119, 125, 147, 155, 157	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop spending hundreds of dollars on catering during civil defence watch events etc. • Place a total pause on all spending other than essentials (Day To Day Requirements). All projects that are nice have stopped. Just because some funds have been made available from the Government It does not mean that it has to be spent especially where the rate payers have to fund the completion. • Stop funding unnecessary projects! We did not need a new playground at \$1.02m, we did not need new toilets at Cass Square at a cost of \$600k. • Apply fiscal prudence with immediate effect. • Get back to basics and cut expenses. • Invest the budget for Banners, lighting and Hokitika revitalisation in the Regent Theatre. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further spending on Hokitika Swimming Pool an abuse of public money. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not spend on the nice to haves. • Big ticket items, eg, racecourse, library, headquarters, Pakiwaitara, swimming pool, isite, museum, roading and coastal rockworks, could be dropped or reduced for savings in the rate take. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted. • The cost of the new playground was \$510, with matching grant funding from Lotteries to create an iconic playground for the district. • Toilets close to the playground were requested by the community. • Council has taken out any surplus projects identified in the budgeting process. • A very significant proportion of capital funding within Westland District has come from Government Sources. This includes Hokitika swimming Pool and the earthquake strengthening at the Carnegie Museum.

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18	Public toilets	11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 21, 26, 54, 60, 73, 75, 91, 106, 113, 123, 124, 134, 150, 155, 157, 162, 163, 164, 167, 176	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep open the Drummond Hall and Greypower toilets - hot water could be turned off or a donation box. • Encourage visitors into the town centre not the tiphead or Cass Square. • Public toilets should be given funding. • While some rationalisation of public toilets makes sense (closure of Tancred Street and Cass Square Pavilion makes sense), the small cost to assist with public access to other toilets seems petty. • We rely on our international visitors to help our economy grow, lets make it inviting and convenient for their stay. • Please reverse this decision and renovate the toilets by the old museum, keep them cleaned and keep up the cleaning of the one in the Grey Power building. • Crucial to keep the Drummond Hall toilets open. • Do not upgrade the Hokitika Beachfront toilets due to sea level rise. • Submission 176 is a petition with over 1200 signatures. Further comment on this petition is noted in the cover report. 	

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19	Lion's club funding	12, 54, 82, 91, 124, 126	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports funding Lion's club to open Lazar Park toilets. • Request grant funding of \$18,140 + GST for grounds maintenance, maintenance of the Lazar Park community garden, and toilet cleaning costs at Lazar Park to the Lions Club for 3 years, inflation adjusted. • Funding of \$200,000 to complete the Lazar Park Hall strengthening, extension and resilience upgrade, from Reserve Development Contributions collected through the RMA/District Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reserves development fund is funded from developments across the district, the funding must be returned to that area for development of reserves. • Currently only \$86,000 is available for use in the Hokitika Community Rating zone. • Lions receive \$2,500 in funding for maintenance of grounds at Lazar Park. • Lions received \$150,000 from the Three Mile Reserve for the establishment of the playground at Lazar Park. • Lions were allocated \$103,628 funding from the Better off Funding for the upgrade of the kitchen at Lazar Park Hall, of which \$46,795 has been paid to date.
20	Racecourse development	12, 18, 20, 45, 48, 54, 59, 60, 81, 82, 106, 113, 123, 124, 125, 132, 133, 135, 136, 147, 155	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelve the racecourse development until there is funding for the project. • Leave as a green space. • I would request that the council wraps up this project with immediate effect and dismisses the consultants forthwith. • Project ongoing cost of \$80k per annum for maintenance. • Ensure RDA has full access to the racecourse for grazing in perpetuity. • Decisions made and actions that will reflect the community's needs, wishes and concerns with minimal further consultancy costs. • Racecourse working group to meet with RDA, Westland Boys Brigade for an MOU on WDC offer of land use. • Put the residential land out to tender for sale on WDC's behalf to save ratepayers the budgeted \$512,000. • Landbank the whole racecourse area. • Continue current uses for racecourse land. • Concerned with proposal to remove RDA Grazing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is progressing through the working group and will be updated to Council following due process.

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21	West Coast Wilderness Trail	12, 54, 81, 98, 106, 124, 128, 130, 131, 155, 178	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelve the new bridge for the cycleway until there is funding for the project. • Investment in the WCWT continues to draw visitors to the trail. • Delay proposed capital projects and only undertake them if most funding can be sourced from NZCT. • Review operational expenditure including whether the \$60K grant to the Wilderness Trail Trust provides value for money to ratepayers. • Defer Totara bridge until funding is secured. • Look at options to exit all WDC liabilities for this facility. • Do not spend money on the Mahinapua walkway and bridge. • Complete the planned Totara Railway bridge project. • Recipients of overall economic benefit should pay for ongoing extra cost of the Trail. • Campaign for additional funding from Regional Economic Development Minister, or a donations drive to visitors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any refurbishment of the Totara Bridge has not been confirmed and is still being assessed. • Work on the Totara Bridge is being investigated by WSP and will come back to Council for a decision. • Any funding from MBIE is a matched contribution by Council, except for safety upgrades which are 75/25 share.
22	Pakiwaitara building	13, 60, 98, 147, 178	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sell the Pakiwaitara building. • Value in this building as a multi-use space. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future of the Pakiwaitara building if not used as Council HQ is yet to be determined. If Council intends to dispose of the building it will require further consultation, as part of an LTP process.
23	Housing	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consenting should be easier. 	
24	Investment in public spaces	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing information from Urban Effects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission noted - marketing material more appropriate for information to the District Assets team.
25	Building and resource consent processes	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make building permit and resource consent processes easier for the user. • Support ratepayer challenge to bureaucracy of building consent process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission noted

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26	Hokitika Museum	18, 45, 54, 60, 106, 147, 167	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritise opening the museum without further ratepayer cost (no fancy new exhibits. • This project should be halted until full review is taken as to its continued viability. I would suggest the project brought to a swift conclusion that opens the building within the next six months. • Ratepayers should be granted free access and tourists charged a fair entry of \$10. • Put project on hold and downsize the museum until ratepayers can afford its completion. • Advise when Carnegie Building will be in use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council resolved to progress the fit-out of the Museum. • Fees and charges are to be determined.
27	Contractors and consultants	18, 27, 45, 60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I would like to see the council have less use of outside consultants in all departments, and where it is necessary to use them, ensure they obtain a reasonable fixed price to avoid blowouts in costs. • The use of consultants should be stopped as said staff should be able to do it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WDC only uses consultants where the skills required may not be needed over prolonged periods of time, or on an ad hoc basis. Employing staff with these skills is not cost-effective if they are not fully utilised.
28	Budgets	18, 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a local business owner I would like to see council stick to its budgets, and live within its means, as the rest of us have to. • Stick to the basics. 	
29	Consultation process	22, 28, 30, 134, 162, 163, 166	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believes the proposed changes rushed through. • Plan more like an LTP - should have consulted with individual community groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation process followed Local Government Act process and regulations.
30	Significant Natural Areas (SNAs)	37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete mapping of SNAs to give effect to s 31(1)(b)(iii) Resource Management Act 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Resource Management Bill 1 suspends the identification of new SNAs through the NPS-IB for a period of three years.
31	Haast water supply	37, 106	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange to meet the Haast community to explore the means to obtain Water Services Act (2021) sections 57 and 58 exemptions from the residual disinfection (chlorination). • Investigate whether other similar-sized rural NZ communities would seek a joint application for s57 and s58 exemptions to reduce associated costs. • Investigate and propose options to apply successfully for s57 and 58 exemptions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council examined the rules relating to chlorine exemption for water supplies. • The application process is expensive and the requirements to achieve exemption are prescriptive. • Indications from the regulator were that it was unlikely that WDC would be successful in an application for a chlorine exemption.

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32	Library	39, 60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinstate fee to hire library books. Move the library due to the expensive rental cost. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted, removing fees for borrowing is part of international best practice and improves access to the collection for everybody. Moving the library will be considered as part of Option 2 for the Council Headquarters.
33	DOC funding	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 84% of land is DOC land and they should contribute to the rating pool to support projects such as a community centre, aka Hokitika's Regent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission noted.
34	Targeted Tourism Promotions Rate	41, 50, 51, 56, 61, 64, 71, 72, 73, 74, 77, 78, 80, 83, 87, 88, 97, 106, 112, 156, 158, 170	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glacier Country promotions needs a percentage of the Tourism Targeted rate, which is district wide, but 0% comes back to the Glacier Country area. Fund the Glacier Country Tourism Group administrator role from the Tourism Promotions Levy for 2024/2025. There should be consultation on this rate. Should not fund wilderness trail repairs and maintenance from targeted tourism rate. Objects to paying this rate, it is an exercise for private enterprise. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Glacier Country promotions rate is included in the consultation document
35	Councillors	45, 60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council should implement a reduction of councillors by one in the Northern and Hokitika Wards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitter advises that the submission is to reinforce their comments to the Representation Review submission process.
36	Recycling	45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council should also give a fiscal allowance to local charities in relation to the use of the local recycling facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This would increase rates for other ratepayers
37	Community rating zones	46, 91, 92, 118	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Align community rating zones in Kumara with school zones. Annual Plan should provide indicative rating information for targeted Kokatahi - Kowhitirangi Community rate. Investigate inclusion of Kokatahi-Kowhitirangi in the Hokitika Rating Zone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kokatahi-Kowhitirangi are part of the Hokitika Community Rating Zone. Ratepayers in these areas use the facilities in Hokitika such as roads to the medical centre, supermarkets etc. The Kokatahi/Kowhitirangi special rate is for specific projects and Township Development Funding solely used in this area.

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38	3 Waters	53, 106	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not support implementing 3 waters • Suggest Council publicly challenge the requirements of Taumata Arowai to prove health / benefit costs, in that the increased costs impact on the social, health and wellbeing of lower income ratepayers. • Provide evidence for the necessity to install security fencing and cameras at water treatment plants. • Change the design of the stormwater outlet pipes into the Hokitika River. • Build the new Hokitika Wastewater Treatment Plant alongside the Hokitika Water treatment plant. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission noted - Council is following government policy for 3 waters.
39	LGNZ membership	54	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports Council retaining membership. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council considered membership to LGNZ at the April Council meeting and resolved to cancel their membership.
40	i-site	74, 106, 147, 177	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do we need an i site as it appears some councils are doing away with them? • Downsize or scrap the i-site. Technology and local knowledge should suffice. • Provides civil defence support. • Advantages of being part of i-site network. • Trained and skilled staff who provide unbiased information and booking services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCO review has been undertaken.
41	Parking	91	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need suitable parking with signage for motorhomes in Hokitika. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking strategy to be consulted in Q1 of the financial year 2024/2025.

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42	Westland Industrial Heritage Park	99	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council examines the current administration of the Airport reserve land lease occupied by the park that was transferred from Council to Destination Westland. • The desired outcome would be for the Heritage Park to be managed as a non-commercial asset of Council managed either by lease or "controlled and managed" on behalf of the administering body as part of the existing MOU. • The Heritage Park would welcome the opportunity to explore the options available with Council staff during the coming year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCO review has been undertaken.
43	Poutini Muay Thai	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support not-for-profit Poutini Muay Thai to operate out of the Pakiwaitara building, making use of it as a community space. Submission 100 has attached 13 testimonials and messages of support, and a petition signed by 50 people. • Potential for other complimentary activities to be run from the facility increasing the utilisation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future use will be a Council decision.
44	Solid waste	106	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect recycling at the transfer station with an outlet for sorting and a store at the Industrial Park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is already a reuse centre at the Hokitika transfer station. (Magpies Nest) for electrical & repurposing household items. • All recyclable collected items (plastic / Cardboard / metals) are already delivered from site to sorting facilities in Canterbury. • There is currently a study underway, funded by central Govt. to review a regional Demolition & Construction waste repurposing service. This could involve setting up stacking & storage at the Hokitika transfer site. Results are expected in the next 12 months. • Carting material & developing a site are the Heritage industrial park is cost prohibitive.

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45	Responsible camping	106	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expenditure of \$507,000 - is this taxpayer or ratepayer funded? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitter 106 also put in a LGOIMA request for this information and has received a response. https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/media/p2qmtz5c/23-24-120_private-individual.pdf This is dependent on future external funding.
46	Volunteers	113	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the volunteer community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We acknowledge all the good work that volunteers do in the community.
47	Fees and charges	113	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the sport rental fees for Cass Square. Increase is now above current CPI - increase of CPI at time of drafting. Dog control fees - high cost for farmers. Concerned about Resource management fees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog control fees were not increased in this draft plan.
48	Coastal Hazard planning	113	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The solution to coastal hazards needs to be taken as a broad approach that includes planning & consenting measures, managed relocation, and education 	
49	Glacier Country Tourism Group	159	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historically GCTG has received \$13,000 annually from the Fox Glacier and Franz Josef Community rates. GCTG requests that Westland District Council (WDC) direct \$125,000 per annum from the Tourism Promotion Rate for the next three years to be provided to GCTG to continue enhancing growth and economic tourism benefits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current \$13,000 of funding comes from the Franz Josef and Fox Glacier targeted Community Rate for township development and promotions. CDO roles are funded through the Community Rate, not the Tourism Promotions rate, there is no current proposal in the draft 2024/2025 Annual Plan to change the distribution of the Tourism Promotions Rate. To assist with COVID recovery an extra \$13,000 was funded from this account for a two year period, this has now ended. The Tourism Promotions Rate funds the West Coast Wilderness Trail and i-SITE, and any funding towards the expenses of these activities cannot be re-directed. If \$125,000 was funded to GCTG this would be at an extra rates cost on all ratepayers including the Glacier Country townships.

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50	Improve transport accessibility	173	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest in public transport. Target investment by consulting with disabled people and conducting street accessibility audits, mobility parking reviews etc. Fund non-shared walking and cycling paths. 	
51	CCO review	178	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support proposed changes identified in the AP. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCO review has been undertaken.
52	Aligned services	178	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the work of the four Councils to align services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council has a number of aligned services such as Transportation, Civil Defence, Solid Waste and the TTPP.
53	Rates remission policy	178	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend a specific remission policy for land managed under conservation values, including SNA, active pest management and natural wetlands. 	