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From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 10 June 2021 7:05 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission from: draft LTP 2021 - 2031

New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Thursday, June 10, 2021 - 19:04 Submitted values are:

Full name: Julie Wilkinson

Organisation & Position

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Postal address: 118 Bealey Streer

Hokitika

Phone number: [REDACTED]

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select: **Option 3:** I support leaving the charge at 21.7%

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select: **Option 2:** I do not support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 1:** I support completing Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

I suggest the intersection of Hampden and Sewell Streets has a stop sign on each side with concrete raised areas in the middle. It is a confusing intersection with many near misses. It has too much going on/too many signs and the wide streets make it appear like it goes straight through...especially for tourists.

I also think the one way section of Revell Street experiment should be abandoned...it is hopeless. It is congested, ugly, just plain stupid....who wants to sit and eat on the street? It is only a matter of time before there is a crash with people pulling out of the angle parks into cars pulling out of the other side of the road.
Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No

Emma Rae

From: Bobbie Jayne <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 10 June 2021 7:42 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission for Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2031

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Re: Westland District Council Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2031

I am a regular user of the Hokitika Racecourse and see the area lending itself to multiple uses and users.

I emailed a request to Council for the list of Hokitika Racecourse key stakeholders and had a reply stating under the Information Act I can be waiting up to 20 days. So, I hope the Hokitika Racecourse key stakeholders mentioned in the Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2031, include the daily users, the walkers, dog walkers, runners, equestrians – recreational and professionals, the primary school, A&P Show Organisers, West Coast Riding for the Disabled – coaches, volunteers, riders, riders parents and caregivers.

For Council to achieve a strong, resilient community by building social and cultural activities that support members of the community, they need to work in with the activities and programmes that are already in place at the Hokitika Racecourse. Just expand on what is already being used and done.

Currently the Hokitika Racecourse is used for active and passive recreation, horse grazing and equestrian activities, school cross country and a weekly dog park. There are three tracks around the Racecourse which allow an easy flat walk for the general public and a safe secure horse riding facility.

West Coast Riding for the Disabled (RDA) uses the Hokitika Racecourse on a daily basis. They have 80 registered riders who come from Runanga, Cobden, Greymouth, Ross, Kaniere, local schools and Idea Services. RDA contributes to the health and well-being of residents and promotes community engagement. West Coast RDA is the only facility on the West Coast that provides this (at the time of writing Westport RDA is not operational). Currently the Hokitika Racecourse is used for grazing the horses that belong to RDA – it is close to their riding facility and it is a safe environment for them to move between. With the increase in heavy vehicle activity around the Town Belt Road and the speed of those using Hau Hau Road, the Racecourse provides a safe riding area for the riders, horses and their volunteers.

To retain and preserve the Equestrian heritage of Westland, then the Category 1 Totalisator Building needs to remain insitu. The building currently has structural damage to its support poles – I hope this is going to be remedied soon as it is putting the entire roof and building at risk.

It is agreed there needs to be larger event areas in Hokitika, but it has to be multi purpose. The Westland A&P Show has been crammed between deteriorating stables, multiple fences, equipment vehicles and horse floats. The horse show jumping rings are too big for the one paddock. There needs to be better access, more space for amusement park rides, food stalls, the dog show/parade ring, wood chopping and the horse show jumping rings. Parking for the organisers and public need addressing too.

There is a new sports facility just down the road from the Hokitika Racecourse - the covered courts at Westland High School. Sadly the structure only benefit a small number of sports - not nearly the number that was

originally promised before the build. It is not suitable for multiple activities. The students can not use it to shelter from the weather while eating their lunch nor can it be used for school events like the July Matariki festival, as the surface is not durable enough for general use.

In the Westland District Council 2018-2028 Long term plan there is mention of \$10,200 under the Reserves for the Hokitika dog park. And in the current draft plan it says this project has been carried over. Well, currently the Hokitika Racecourse birdcage is used as a dog park. Car parking space is good for owners, dogs are able to be off the lead and in a controlled and fully fenced area. This presently allows dogs and their owners a safe environment.

Please consider using Park Street end to develop any residential properties, the Dalton and Hampden Street intersection will be terrible with more traffic exiting.

And if the Council really “want to ensure that we can successfully share Westland’s stories and heritage”, then don’t let the Hokitika Racecourse loose it’s identity like the Blue Spur Racecourse did.

Thank you.

Bobbie Kincaid
Resident
Local Business Owner
Community Volunteer.

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From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 10 June 2021 7:52 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission from: draft LTP 2021 - 2031

New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Thursday, June 10, 2021 - 19:52 Submitted values are:

Full name: Sue

Organisation & Position West Coast Riding for the Disabled - Coach and Admin

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: 260 Humphrey's Gully Rd, Hokitika

Phone number: [REDACTED]

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select: **Option 1:** I support lowering the charge to 17.5%

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select: **Option 1:** I support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 1:** I support completing Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

My comments are regarding the use of the race course. The space at the race course is used by West Coast Riding for the Disabled for grazing and as a safe place to take riders. This area and service are one of the very few opportunities for recreational activities for people with disabilities on the coast. I would like to see the race course remain a space where the RDA can graze their horses, which is integral to providing this service, and for it to remain a safe place for the local disabled community to ride. Plus it is a safe place for all members of the local equine community to exercise their horses.

As a frequent user of this space I notice a large number of people use this space to exercise and walk their dogs. Many of those I have spoke to say they enjoy using the space and feel it is a safe environment.

It is my understanding that this land was historically gifted to the community for equine use.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No

Emma Rae

From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 10 June 2021 8:30 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission from: draft LTP 2021 - 2031

New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Thursday, June 10, 2021 - 20:30 Submitted values are:

Full name: Mark Duncan Smith

Organisation & Position

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Hokitika 7883

Phone number: [REDACTED]

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select: **Option 3:** I support leaving the charge at 21.7%

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select: **Option 2:** I do not support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 1:** I support completing Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

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What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

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I support rate increases so the Council has sufficient funds to invest in infrastructure renewal and community assets. Westland has a vast number of basic assets in desperate need maintenance and renewal. The 3 waters infrastructure, roads, bridges and community assets need to be properly maintained and will require significant investment by both the community and central Government. If we don't invest in maintaining and upgrading our assets we will quickly start to go backwards, experience lower levels of service and potentially lose valuable assets and services.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

I support the Westland Mountain Bike Club's proposals for additional bike facilities, in particular the proposed "flow park". I believe this would have multiple benefits for the community ranging from health and fitness, youth activity, tourism and skills development for young riders. The Westland Mountain Bike Club has a long history in the area. It has a dedicated support base that has put thousand of hours into developing tracks at Blur Spur which have become a fantastic and well used asset by both locals and visitors. Development of additional bike facilities should at least be considered and investigated in the long term plan even if it is too early to invest in specific facilities. Significant assets require proper investigation, planning and funding.

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No

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From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 10 June 2021 8:34 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission from: draft LTP 2021 - 2031

New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Thursday, June 10, 2021 - 20:34 Submitted values are:

Full name: Amanda Burdett

Organisation & Position

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address:

Phone number:

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select:

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select:

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 1:** I support completing Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

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I would like to see the racecourse be retained for RDA grazing. As a parent of a child who attends RDA twice weekly I would hate to see the paddocks become no longer available and potentially affect the RDA service. This is such an important service for our community and should be supported so they can keep providing it for many years to come.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No

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From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 10 June 2021 8:39 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission from: draft LTP 2021 - 2031

New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Thursday, June 10, 2021 - 20:39 Submitted values are:

Full name: Julie Martin

Organisation & Position

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: 129 Lake Kaniere Road

Phone number: [REDACTED]

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select:

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select:

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

I would like to see the hokitika racecourse remain as a green space for all of the community to enjoy, for boys brigade, horse riders, walkers, runners. It could be enhanced with a community garden. I am absolutely opposed to it turning into a residential development site.

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No

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From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 10 June 2021 8:45 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission from: draft LTP 2021 - 2031

New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Thursday, June 10, 2021 - 20:45 Submitted values are:

Full name: Jo Kearns

Organisation & Position

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Postal address: 15 Takutai Road,

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Hokitika 7883

Phone number: [REDACTED]

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select: **Option 1:** I support lowering the charge to 17.5%

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select:

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 1:** I support completing Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

Acknowledge that major user group of the Hokitika Racecourse is the equestrian community, horse riders.

I wish to see the Hokitika Racecourse retained as a space for use by horse riders. The horse riding community that uses the Racecourse is a broad cross section of the community, from young children on small ponies, to friends out for a safe ride, to older riders enjoying the space, to teenagers and adults training their horse either in skills or fitness.

The Racecourse presents a safe space for riding unlike anywhere else in Hokitika,
The Racecourse to a rider means no traffic, no tide, no motorbikes, even terrain, good track underfoot.

More than just retaining the Racecourse, I wish to see some development of the space. The tracks (be it the

sand and the grass tracks) are used extensively and constantly by numerous riders for many different reasons.

As well as this as a community we need a permanent dressage arena in Hokitika for the purposes of training. This would require a good solid flat piece of ground 50m x 40m with a surface that withstands the rigours of our climate, and horse use. Westland riders often front up to events in Canterbury and around the South Island to compete in dressage without the basic capacity to have practiced their dressage test in an actual dressage arena before having to perform in front of two judges. This is a ridiculous situation and puts our riders at a major disadvantage.

Westland High School now enters a team in the Secondary Schools Eventing competition each year who go over to compete in Christchurch on horses who have not had the basic training in a dressage arena. The Racecourse is the perfect place to put this, alongside the track area which gives a good fitness training option in almost all weather.

State that no decisions will be made about Racecourse future until the local equestrian community has been invited into the conversation and their responses have been considered.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

I support the proposal by the Westland Mountain Bike Club and want to see this included in the LTP so that it can be investigated.

I support rating to be at a level that allows for community facilities to be supported, based on good community facilities making our lives richer, and our town more attractive as a place to live and visit.

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: Yes

If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?: No

Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?: No

Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link?: No

Emma Rae

From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 10 June 2021 9:22 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission from: draft LTP 2021 - 2031

New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Thursday, June 10, 2021 - 21:22 Submitted values are:

Full name: Jo Parsons
Organisation & Position Hokitika Primary School, Chair
Email: [REDACTED]
Postal address:
Phone number:

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select:

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select:

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

We support the inclusion of the Westland Mountainbike Club's proposals into the LTP. Any provision of quality active recreation activities for our tamariki and their whanau is to be applauded. In particular we see the Heritage Loop and Sunset Point Flow park as being beneficial for our tamariki as options that don't require a car to access. Easy, safe access to challenging, fun, active recreation facilities keeps kids busy, healthy, and

motivated. When kids have access to these facilities they are better able to engage with education, develop resilience and increase their confidence in skill acquisition. In particular these options would leverage the assets we have already developed as a school (junior pump track and trails that link to the school).

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No

Emma Rae

From: Logan Skinner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 10 June 2021 10:57 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: LTP submission

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WDC unfairly targets certain properties with many unjustifiable abnormalities. There needs to be a level playing field in rates and consistency, such as WCRC uses.

Pan tax - overly simplistic, not based on waste water output. Most of the cost relates to the sewage ponds and not the pipes to them yet rural properties don't pay a half rate. Sleep outs / en-suites etc - often Airbnb's - often don't pay the pan tax. Pre Covid examples of 15 plus people in properties that only pay for one pan. Commercial kitchens produce waste water and are not charged. Charge based on water used - it must go somewhere.

Commercial differential versus rural differential - at the time of the move from LV to CV rating we were told the general rate was not a payment for services but a contribution to a vibrant community based on an ability to pay. At that time farming was hurting but the significant difference in general rate applied per dollar of value between commercial and rural/ residential and rural residential has never been addressed and aligned as was promised by the then mayor.

Tourism promotion rate- currently South Westland pays towards the losses of the Hokitika iSite. Historically we have had an iSite in Franz which has operated at no cost to the ratepayers. Personally I believe the Hoki iSite is of no real benefit to the glacier region and so any losses should be covered by Hokitika or it closed.

Currently the CDO funding is largely based on targeted commercial rates. Rural properties (often with several households) pay less than residential properties- with Franz Alpine it means properties closer to the hall pay less than those in Franz Alpine residential properties- all paying significantly less than commercial properties. Often rural properties have several households yet they pay the lowest rate. The main benefit of the rate is households (residential and rural properties) yet the burden falls on commercial properties.

Currently WDC rates vary significantly depending on how WDC have classified the use of a property, not the zoning. This classification is only roughly based on actual use with WDC being unable to keep up with properties whose use changes such as residential houses used for commercial tourist accommodation (e.g. Airbnb). Many properties have multiple uses - such as farms with commercial accommodation. A far fairer way would be a level general rate regardless of use.

Regards/ Nga mihi

Logan Skinner
[REDACTED]

Emma Rae

From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 10 June 2021 11:07 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission from: draft LTP 2021 - 2031

New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Thursday, June 10, 2021 - 23:06 Submitted values are:

Full name: Rebecca dryland

Organisation & Position

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: 3 Big Paddock Road

Blue Spur

Hokitika

Phone number: [REDACTED]

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select: **Option 2:** I support lowering the charge to 12.5%

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select: **Option 2:** I do not support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 1:** I support completing Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

I strongly support the inclusion of the Westland Mountain Bike clubs proposal into the Long Term Plan

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No

11 June 2021

TO: Westland District Council

Submission to the 2021-31 Westland District Long Term Plan

Don Neale, 217 Sewell St, Hokitika, [REDACTED]

I do not wish to speak to Council about my submission.

UAGC – I support the preferred option of 17.5%.

Hokitika Coastal hazards – I support the recent initiatives of the Hokitika Coastal Protection Alliance to support a wider range of options for coastal protection to be considered and implemented over the next ten years and beyond, including planning measures to reduce the capital development of coastal land that is vulnerable to coastal hazards. Council should support the objectives of the HCPA.

A fuller range of options for managing coastal hazards should be applied by Council, rather than the current approach that tends to look only at a rock seawall. An easy starting point would be to rename the 'Hokitika Seawall Committee' to the 'Hokitika Coastal Hazards Committee'. Many past reports (starting with Gibb 1986) have recommended additional options such as hazard zoning and building controls, and few if any have recommended a seawall. Drastic measures do not need to be applied now, but we need to ready ourselves for the future.

Footpaths (& walking & cycling) – Council should promote and enable easy walking and cycling around the District's towns. Some simple and free measures (either regulatory or educational, and especially on streets with narrow footpaths like Sewell & Revell) could include requiring wheelie bins to be placed in the gutter and not on the footpath, and preventing the common but illegal & needless local practice of parking vehicles up on the footpath.

Waste management – the contract when renewed should put strong requirements for recycling & waste reduction, and to strongly favour it to become a community employment initiative such as has been seen in places like Wanaka and Raglan. Council should do more to actively promote and require good waste management practices among ratepayers.

Pakiwaitara – I have concerns that this will be a drain on ratepayers and will needlessly compete with the objectives of other programmes like the Pounamu Pathways.

Elderly housing – If DWL is to gain ownership of the pensioner flats, the Council must impose clear & measurable objectives on DWL to ensure community objectives are achieved, and to ensure greater transparency and control over operations and expenditure. My experience is that DWL has lacked these in the past.

Community halls – In my opinion, Hokitika has too many community meeting rooms, and Council should take measures to limit these so that we have a limited number of diverse but efficiently used

facilities. This does not necessarily mean creating new community 'hub' facilities, but is just as likely to mean making better use of what we already have.

Hokitika's Regent Theatre – proposed long term funding for Hokitika's Regent Theatre is supported, and I support the submission of the Westland Community Centre Inc.

Sports ground hire charges – I do agree with WDC giving support to active recreation, but I question why is it that three NZ sporting codes with huge commercial sponsorship backing – rugby, netball and cricket – have their venues heavily subsidised by ratepayers? WDC's support to active recreation should be spread more fairly among the sporting codes.

The very low charges for the use of Cass Square (e.g. \$900/yr for rugby & cricket, and \$165/yr for touch an football), in effect, unduly subsidise the sports that use this facility, at the expense of the many other codes that need to provide their own venues (eg hockey, cycling, squash, bowls, etc). For example, the Hokitika Hockey Club pays about \$3000 for annual use of the Westurf Stadium in Greymouth (and the full annual rental of the turf by West Coast Hockey is about \$15,000).

It is also not clear why Council appears to receive zero income from users of the Council-owned Westland Sports Hub venue.

Thank you for the opportunity.

Regards,

Don Neale.

Emma Rae

From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 11 June 2021 7:14 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission from: draft LTP 2021 - 2031

New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Friday, June 11, 2021 - 07:13 Submitted values are:

Full name: Kira Birchfield

Organisation & Position

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: 33 Adairs Road

Phone number: [REDACTED]

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select: **Option 3:** I support leaving the charge at 21.7%

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select: **Option 2:** I do not support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 1:** I support completing Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select **Option 1:** I support adopting the Rates Remission – Adverse Possession Policy

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

My following comments are to do with the Hokitika Racecourse proposal:

The westland equestrian community use this area extensively and as a rider with a daughter that also rides i feel it is important to include the equestrian community and their needs when setting out this proposal. I have been involved with many various horse related activities at this site since i was a child. In fact i spent very much time as a child here dealing with horses.

There are numerous sites around Hokitika catering for different sporting needs around the westland district, but VERY little that cater for horse riding. Especially that are safe to ride.

In other areas you would have designated areas/bridle trails etc. And when i was a child it was alot more user friendly to ride the roads etc but so much has changed and it is not very safe to do so anymore.

I feel that the racecourse is a long standing equine venue for various activities i.e the annual Westland A&P

show and the annual Westland Spring show and there is a need to see this reflected in the consultation process for the racecourse.

The Hokita RDA offers a range of riders and the wider community many opportunities and a site that could be utilised in conjunction with the RDA would widely benefit the horse community.

There is definite need to sort drainage up at the racecourse and the idea of a multi-purpose events area to include equine usage is what i would like to see considered and a equine group or representative be included in the proposal process.

Thank you

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: Yes

If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?: No

Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?: No

Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link?: No

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From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 11 June 2021 7:22 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission from: draft LTP 2021 - 2031

New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Friday, June 11, 2021 - 07:21 Submitted values are:

Full name: Fiona Anderson

Organisation & Position West Coast RDA member, Greymouth Pony Club member

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: 233 Revell St, Hokitika

Phone number: [REDACTED]

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select: **Option 3:** I support leaving the charge at 21.7%

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select: **Option 1:** I support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 2:** I do not support Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

I disagree with the plan to spend \$2,317,000 dollars on drainage and demolition at the Hokitika Racecourse in years 1-3 and spending \$2,076,000 on creating an Event Zone and preparation of Medium Density Housing in years 3-6. Council has said they will create a concept plan for the space in full consultation with community and stakeholders to determine future uses of the land and this needs to occur before committing to spending millions of dollars the above projects. This land was gifted to the people of Hokitika in the 1880s as a reserve for the community and therefore I oppose selling parts of it off to fund a housing development.

Parks and reserves make a significant contribution to the community's health and physical and social wellbeing, through offering space for physical exercise and recreation as part of a healthy lifestyle and chances to socialise and participate in sport collectively. The racecourse as it currently exists is used by many people as a safe area to meet and exercise dogs and to walk. The attraction of this area is that it provides a pleasant 1.2km all weather loop track with good footing that is free from vehicle traffic. Many older people use the area for walking. The racecourse is also widely used by members of the equestrian community and the West Coast RDA for both grazing, riding on the all-weather track and for equestrian events. Mostly the participants in these

equestrian pursuits, including the teenagers that volunteer at the RDA and the riding lesson children and the grazers and the casual users of the racecourse are women and girls. Sport NZ has identified clear inequalities for women and girls in participation, involvement and visibility within sport and active recreation. Horse riding has a high female participation rate at all ages and is the third ranked sport for girls 5- 17 years old. I note that most of the council managed recreational sporting areas are rugby fields which largely cater to males. It is also essential that the Hokitika Racecourse retains grazing and riding areas for the 8 -10 ponies that work at West Coast RDA, catering for the 80 disabled and disadvantaged children and adults who attend from all over the West Coast. Horse riding is great physical therapy; the swinging, repetitive motion improves balance, coordination, strength and muscle tone while gently mobilizing the joints. It allows many to enjoy the outdoor environment in a way that would otherwise be denied them. It would be great if the council could include the horse-riding community in any decisions it makes on the future of the Hokitika Racecourse.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

It would also be great to have some bridle trails in the area as riding on the road is becoming too dangerous

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: Yes

If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?: No

Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?: No

Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link?: No

Feedback Form

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I would like to speak to Council about my submission Y N

If yes, please provide a contact phone number _____

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

I support lowering the charge to 17.5% Yes No

I support lowering the charge to 12.5% Yes No

I support leaving the charge at 21.7% Yes No

Ownership of Elderly Housing

I support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited Yes No

I do not support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited Yes No

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

I support completing Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade Yes No

I do not support Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade Yes No

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

I support adopting the Rates Remission – Adverse Possession Policy Yes No

I do not support adopting the Rates Remission – Adverse Possession Policy Yes No

Swimming Pool

I do not support the proposed second swimming pool at a cost of \$2,400,000 as we already have a swimming pool that can be used for all ages. The refurbishment of the existing pool should suffice.

Retirees do not need to be putting more and more of their limited income into what appears to be a vanity project for the person(s) who have proposed it. If it goes ahead, how much extra in wages will be required to supervise and teach swimming?

Waste Water Treatment Plant.

The proposed cost of any relocation and development of a new plant is a concern to me. What is being said now as to what it will cost and what it will end up costing are likely to be poles apart.

Westland has four sewerage schemes that all involve oxidation treatment of sewage. Much of the country also has similar systems except in the larger urban areas. Greymouth and Westport have upgraded from having nothing other than discharging raw sewage into their respective rivers – they had to do something. Even now Greymouth still has problems with its new plant recently discharging raw sewage into waterways.

Oxidation ponds do work and have low overheads once established. Modern plants require ongoing and high overhead costs. Everything that goes into a modern WWTP has to still come out and be disposed of somewhere. They do treat the waste to a higher level, but an oxidation plant can be added onto with additional treatment prior to discharge.

Franz Josef recently upgraded its oxidation ponds.

Mayor Bruce Smith and the WDC Council rejected a modern WWTP plant and stated that a new WWTP plant would be too costly for the Franz Josef community.

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/315760/mayor-unconvinced-over-franz-josef-s-waste-water-plant-plans>

The new improved oxidation pond is where we should be going to in Hokitika.

Haast, Fox Glacier and Franz Josef (prior to the washout) all discharged treated liquid waste into the respective rivers that they are located close to and it would end up in the Tasman Sea. Hokitika discharges into the Tasman Sea directly after treatment.

Local iwi are against discharging into large bodies of water which I understand. My feeling is that the level of discharge is so low in the big scheme of things that it would be best for Council to continue to talk to iwi leaders to find a more cost-effective solution. Westland Milk Products have left the door open to piggy back off their ocean outfall pipe. The town only discharges 1/3 of the consented volume it is permitted.

We already have egress/ingress for stock trucks and camper vans at the existing site that are well established and appear to be utilised frequently. They will need to be accommodated at any new plant.

I am also concerned about the costs that would be involved in decommissioning the oxidation ponds. They would have to be removed if they are no longer being used. How much will that cost?

Westland's population is predicted to remain static or shrink longer term and the rating base will become more elderly as a demographic. While a new WWTP would be nice to have and would appease some in our community it is a prohibitive cost to put onto a small town.

West Coast Wilderness Trail

I am concerned at the ever increasing spend on the cycle trail. Loans have to be re-paid by someone and that will be the ratepayer.

Key Capital Projects

Asset	\$000	Timeframe	Funded by
Hokitika – Wainihinihi wet weather route bridge	160	2021/2022 (Year 1)	75% Subsidy 25% Loan
Kaniere – Water race bridges	300	2021/2022 (Year 1)	75% Subsidy 25% Loan
Hokitika – Mahinapua boardwalk and bridges	1,396	2022/2023 – 2023/2024 (Years 2 – 3)	65% Subsidy 35% Loan
Hokitika – Totara Bridge Stage 1	209	2023/2024 (Year 3)	75% Subsidy 25% Loan
Hokitika – Totara Bridge Stages 2 & 3	535	2024/2025 (Year 4)	75% Subsidy 25% Loan
Lake Kaniere Stage 2	1,606	2025/2026 – 2026/2027 (Years 5 – 6)	75% Subsidy 25% Loan
Hokitika – Mahinapua Lake loop Stage 3	4,473	2028/2029 – 2030/2031 (Years 8 – 10)	50% Subsidy 50% Loan

Commercial Rates Differential and Revell Street

I am concerned that the commercial general rates differential is planned to widen relative to residential general rates. It has always been set at close to double the residential general rate (which is in my opinion still too high). The proposed rate differential is increasing for next year above what has been the status quo. I am concerned that Council think owning and running businesses and commercial buildings in Hokitika is a 'walk in the park'. The amount of rates we pay is already excessive. If you look at the Revell Street experiment as an example of good money wasted and recent reports that more could be wasted. Stop flogging a dead horse!

Emma Rae

From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 11 June 2021 7:41 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission from: draft LTP 2021 - 2031

New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Friday, June 11, 2021 - 07:41 Submitted values are:

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Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select: **Option 3:** I support leaving the charge at 21.7%

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select: **Option 1:** I support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 1:** I support completing Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select **Option 1:** I support adopting the Rates Remission – Adverse Possession Policy

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

The Hokitika Racecourse redevelopment proposal asks for community feedback. I agree that it would be beneficial to allow some of the land to be sold for housing development to fund development of the balance into a useful community facility. I feel it is important to retain some equestrian facilities at the racecourse as there is no-where else in Hokitika for this. RDA is an important community group that needs to retain space for its therapy work and riding lessons and also facilities to keep its horses. Other equestrian users would also value keeping part of the track to provide a space to exercise horses and an all weather or well drained surface suitable for dressage and other riding practice would help support this sport in our area.

I do also think it would be beneficial to allow for walking/running and cycling activities at the racecourse to make exercise more enjoyable in pleasant and safe environment.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

The rise in rural rates seems very high in comparison to the services provided to those properties. I think this should be reconsidered, with the percentage increases only in line with the rate rises for residential properties.

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No



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10 June 2021

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SUBMISSION TO WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL'S DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2021-2031

The purpose of this submission is to ensure that there is an additional budget item included in the Council's Draft Long Term Plan for 2021-2031 of up to \$200,000 for emergency provision in the event of requiring funding for critical staffing.

If the additional funding allocated is not used, this would then become a carry-over and be offset against any rate increase.

The amount is to be funded from general rates.

Sincerely

Bruce Smith
Mayor

BS/DM

Emma Rae

From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
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Phone number:

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select: **Option 3:** I support leaving the charge at 21.7%

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select: **Option 1:** I support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 2:** I do not support Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select **Option 1:** I support adopting the Rates Remission – Adverse Possession Policy

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

I support the Westland MTB Club submission and wish for the proposals put forward to be reconsidered for the Long Term Plan.

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No

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re: Submission to the Westland District Council's Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

Active West Coast

Active West Coast (AWC) is a network of agencies and groups committed to improving the health and wellbeing of West Coasters through the promotion of healthy lifestyles and the creation of healthy social and physical environments. While member organisations were involved in preparing this submission, the recommendations in their entirety, do not necessarily reflect the views of each individual agency.

The World Health Organisation, as part of its Healthy Communities initiative, has stated that:

People in a healthy community enjoy a clean, safe physical environment, including:

- adequate housing
- a responsible use of resources sustainable for the long term
- strong, mutually supportive networks
- high levels of participation and control over decisions affecting health and wellbeing
- adequate access to food, water, shelter, income, safety, and recreation
- programmes for promoting health, preventing disease, and limiting the ill effects of disability
- a chance for a wide variety of contact, interaction and communication, including educational experiences
- a diverse, vital and innovative local economy
- a strong local cultural and spiritual heritage, and
- access to quality health services.

We acknowledge the importance of Council's huge role in creating a healthy environment in which its residents can live, grow, learn, thrive, play and work.

Physical Activity Opportunities

Human beings are designed to be physically active across the life span to remain healthy, independent and productive. Lack of physical activity is fast becoming a primary cause of disease and death across the globe. Accessible facilities and environments designed to encourage people to be active is an investment in individual and community wellbeing.

We encourage Council to utilise the West Coast Sport and Active Recreation Spaces and Places Strategy in decision-making to ensure investment meets the identified needs of the community.

Westland Wilderness Trail

We commend Council for its continued investment in maintenance and enhancements on the West Coast Wilderness Trail. This unique facility encourages residents to be active and will continue to be a draw-card for visitors to the area.

Walking and Cycling

We commend Council for its intention to provide linked, pleasant and safe-to-use footpaths and cycleways as this will support people to be healthy. Accessible and well-maintained footpaths and cycle areas provide opportunities for people of all ages to be active and connect with their community. There are also positive benefits to the environment when people choose to walk or cycle over using a car.

As identified in the Plan, the aging population of the Westland District is likely to increase demand for new and improved footpaths. Older people are also likely to cycle (including e-bikes and tricycles) or use mobility scooters as a transport means if they think they can do so safely and the infrastructure to support this connects them to where they want to go.

We acknowledge the steps Council has taken recently to create more pedestrian friendly and vibrant spaces; for example, the reduced speed limits within the district, and the trial outdoor dining areas in Hokitika. These interventions are in line with the Walk 21 International Charter for Walking and, when done well, have been shown to have a range of community benefits from increased road safety to better health and economic outcomes.

We encourage Council to become a signatory to this Charter to show its commitment to walking as a key indicator of healthy, efficient, socially inclusive and sustainable communities. For more information and an outline of how each of the principles can be enacted please see www.walk21.com.

Swimming Pools

Swimming pools support well-being through provision of physical activity opportunities and through the 'Learn to swim' programmes.

We support the proposal to expand the Hokitika Centennial Swimming Pool to cater for toddlers and learners and the improvements to the Ross Pool.

Community Halls

Community halls are a place where locals can gather, run events and are often used in times of emergency.

We support Council's intention to undertake condition assessments to determine required maintenance and create Asset Management Plans for the buildings. We understand some buildings are almost beyond repair and we endorse Council's intention to discuss the viability of running these halls with each community.

Cass Square and the Racecourse

As described in the draft Plan, both the Racecourse and Cass Square are assets that contribute to the wellbeing of the Westland District. We are pleased to see Council is asking for community input into the future developments at these sites.

We support the upgrade of Cass Square including the development of the new pavilion and investment to upgrade the skate park. We also support the siting of public toilets closer to the playground area and the introduction of low-impact outdoor equipment within the square. We would like to see some of the low-impact equipment included within, or very close to the children's playground, to encourage older people visiting with young children to 'have a go' at using the equipment. This may then entice them to use the rest of the equipment sited in the proposed area.

Parks and Reserves

The provision of well-maintained parks and reserves promotes wellbeing as it increases opportunities to be physically active, develop skills and commune with nature.

We are pleased to see Council is considering installing a low-impact equipment area within Cass Square (see comments above). We would like to see Council extending this idea to other playgrounds within the district as part of future upgrades. The inclusion of such equipment has been shown to encourage older people, and people who may not visit gyms, to add a bit of activity into their daily lives.

We are also aware that playgrounds within Westland provide little sunshade especially under the play areas. *We encourage Council to consider how it can*

improve sunshade within these areas to protect users. There may be an opportunity to work with other stakeholders and local communities on a specific project to make sunshade improvements.

We commend Council for its partnership with the Hokitika Lions to develop the accessible playground at Lazar Park. The playground is likely to become a magnet playground due to its focus on accessibility. *Our members would like to see the park more substantially enclosed to create a safe place for parents and caregivers of children and/or others who do not understand the hazard of the street or those who may wander off.*

Alcohol

The misuse of alcohol continues to harm individuals, whānau and the wider Westland District community.

We encourage Council to work with Buller and Grey Councils, and other stakeholders, to create a formal mechanism (joint LAP) to ensure a consistent Coast-wide approach to both alcohol licensing and regulation with the goal of reducing alcohol-related harm within our communities.

We acknowledge Council is displaying public notices of liquor licence applications on their website, however to ensure equitable access for people wishing to view alcohol licence applications and, where appropriate, make objections, we suggest Council also includes an electronic copy of the full application (with appropriate redactions) as other Councils around New Zealand have done. We commend Council for posting the public notices on its social media page (Facebook) which further enhances equitable access.

We strongly recommend that Council considers developing a Joint LAP with the two other West Coast District Councils. We also recommend that Council make full licence applications available on its website (with appropriate redactions).

Smokefree Environments

While non-smokers now make up a large majority of our population, tobacco use remains a major contributor to disease and mortality on the West Coast. Therefore, creating environments that support Smokefree lifestyles is an investment in the wellbeing of our communities.

Policy is a good intervention to improve the health and wellbeing of communities and the wider population. To further protect people from the harms of smoking, we

encourage Council to review and extend its Smokefree Environments-Council Buildings and Public Spaces Policy to:

- *include Vaping/Vapefree in all instances in line with its inclusion in the new Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990.*
- *state that events owned or sanctioned by Council will be promoted as smoke free and vape free events, and that advertising material promoting such events will clearly indicate that it will be smoke free and vape free. This is in line with other Council's policies and its inclusion will provide positive role modelling behaviour for our tamariki and rangatahi, and also reduce harm from second-hand smoke.*

Creating smokefree environments reduces visibility of tobacco products and smoking which prevents uptake by non-smokers and supports smokers who are trying to quit. Other steps for implementing the policy could include:

- identifying areas that would benefit from having more visible smokefree/vapefree signage,
- agreeing on the look of any proposed signage, stickers or stencils,
- installing smokefree/vapefree signage
- ensuring there is adequate signage outside Council owned buildings, particularly the building entrances and exits to inform individuals in your community of the policy,
- keeping the community informed about the smokefree/vape free spaces through a variety of channels including media articles, social media, and items in Council newsletters and website.

Gambling

We are aware Council's Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy is due for review later this year. In 2019, \$1.7million was lost to Class 4 Gaming Machines within the Westland District. Our member organisations would be happy to assist Council in a review of this policy.

Road Safety and Accessible Transport

We endorse Council's role in the promotion of road safety and accessible transport through its continued membership of the West Coast Road Safety Committee, and its ongoing support for both the Total Mobility programme and the Hokitika Taxi service.

Westland Safe Community Coalition

AWC congratulates Council for its leadership in the Westland Safe Community Coalition. This is a useful mechanism for stakeholders and the community to work

together to identify issues and develop projects to enhance safety within the district.

Waste Management

We acknowledge Council is under constant pressure with respect to its solid waste activities. We are aware many Councils across New Zealand partner with community groups to run programmes that promote a circular economy. This often includes recycling/reuse outlets where people can donate goods they no longer need and/or find goods they do need. An example of this is the Eco Store on Blenheim Road in Christchurch. A model such as this could work well within the district or region.

We commend Council for its continued investment in the Enviroschools programme as this will assist the community to make positive changes with respect to the physical environment and waste minimisation practices.

We also commend Council for its ongoing support of the Green Team in Hokitika. This group brings many organisations and individuals together to support a more sustainable approach to the environment and promote better waste decisions and practice within Westland.

Pensioner Housing

We continue to support the provision of pensioner housing, especially as demand is outstripping supply and is predicted to continue to do so for the near future. We appreciate there are limits to how Council can operate its pensioner housing and that this is done on a cost-recovery basis, as no ratepayer funding provided for this activity. We are therefore encouraged to see Council is looking at ways to ensure this type of housing remains available to older people, including kaumātua, within its district. However, we are hesitant about how this can be done and how effective it will be in providing for the most vulnerable of the older population if, as Council suggests, rents will need to be charged at a market rate in the future. This seems to be counter productive to the ethos behind providing housing of this type.

Libraries and Museums

Provision of libraries and museums promotes life-long learning and offers residents the opportunity to extend their knowledge about 'their place' which assists with community connectedness.

We support Council's decision to develop a new fit-for-purpose library and museum display and research site at the Pakiwaitara building. We appreciate the need to continue to use the Carnegie Building within its museum activity, and we support the intention to upgrade and seismically strengthen the building.

We also recommend that Council has a strong focus on accessibility, including provision of a dementia-friendly environments, when developing plans for both the Pakiwaitara and Carnegie buildings.

Food Security

Members of Active West Coast are part of the West Coast Food Security network and have been involved in developing the start of a response plan to improve food security on the West Coast. Food security means having access to a variety of nutritious food that is safe, meets cultural needs and supports active healthy lifestyles. Being well nourished leads to improved health and wellbeing. However, one in five New Zealand children are not currently food secure and local qualitative research indicates a similar situation for the West Coast. Food insecurity is also exacerbated in times of emergency. People who struggle with food security on a daily basis are unable to prepare emergency kits while potential closure of the lifelines network will increase food insecurity for all people across the West Coast.

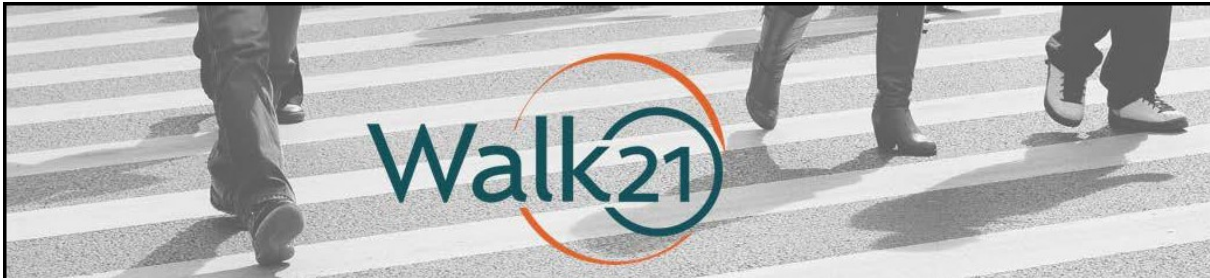
The West Coast Food Security Network has been working across a number of areas including: a local research projects (report with recommendations due out in 2021); connecting existing sustainable initiatives across the West Coast such as community edible gardens and other food supply initiatives; and strengthening support for people who require more food on a daily or weekly basis.

We are aware of the community garden at Lazar Park and propose that this is a model that could be replicated across towns within the Westland district. Provision of kai in public spaces is becoming more common both globally and within New Zealand. These types of community development initiatives assist people to connect with their community and learn gardening and other skills that they can then share with others and their whānau.

We invite you to connect with the Food Security Network to support future food security initiatives for the Westland District.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the draft Long Term Plan. We do not wish to speak to this submission, however we may be contacted by phone on [REDACTED] or by emailing [REDACTED] if required.

Rosie McGrath
Coordinator
Active West Coast



International Charter for Walking

Creating healthy, efficient and sustainable communities where people choose to walk

I/We, the undersigned recognise the benefits of walking as a key indicator of healthy, efficient, socially inclusive and sustainable communities and acknowledge the universal rights of people to be able to walk safely and to enjoy high quality public spaces anywhere and at anytime. We are committed to reducing the physical, social and institutional barriers that limit walking activity. We will work with others to help create a culture where people choose to walk through our commitment to this charter and its strategic principles:

- 1. Increased inclusive mobility***
- 2. Well designed and managed spaces and places for people***
- 3. Improved integration of networks***
- 4. Supportive land-use and spatial planning***
- 5. Reduced road danger***
- 6. Less crime and fear of crime***
- 7. More supportive authorities***
- 8. A culture of walking***

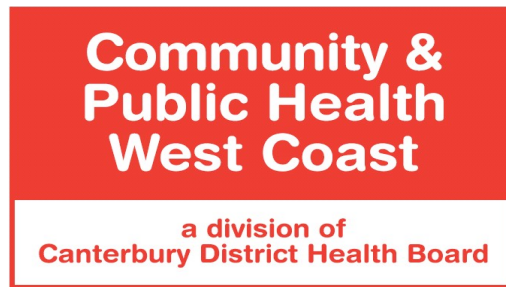
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Date.....

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**Submission from
Community and Public Health, West Coast**

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**Westland District Council
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Please note we do not wish to speak to this submission.

Introduction

Community and Public Health West Coast is a regional office of the Community and Public Health Division of the Canterbury District Health Board and provides a regional public health service to the West Coast. We welcome the opportunity to comment on the Westland District Council’s Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

The goal of our organisation is that of improving and protecting the health and well-being of the people of the West Coast. However, while health care services are an important determinant of health, health is also influenced by a wide range of factors beyond the health sector.

The Dahlgren and Whitehead 1991 model below illustrates how individuals are influenced by factors that generally lie outside their control. These factors; often referred to as the social determinants of health and well-being, can be described as the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age; they are affected by environmental, social and behavioural factors.

As depicted in the diagram, the sphere of influence is very wide and, in many instances, beyond the health sector. Furthermore, changes in any of these factors can affect health and wellbeing dramatically (both positively and negatively). In order to maximise people’s wellbeing, these factors need to be taken into account by policy and decision makers, including Councils. The Long Term Plan provides Westland District Council with an opportunity to influence the determinants of health for the people of the Westland District through prioritising funds for activities that support health and wellbeing.



Another way to incorporate wellbeing into Council's decision making and planning is to use the 5 Ways to Wellbeing developed by the New Economics Foundation in 2008. The five ways are a set of evidence-based public health messages aimed at improving the mental health and general wellbeing of the whole population.



Auckland University of Technology researchers recently published the results of the Sovereign Wellbeing Index project. The report found that the five **Ways to Wellbeing** were all strongly associated with higher wellbeing. People experienced higher levels of wellbeing when they:

- were connected socially with others (**Me whakawhanaunga-Connect**)
- gave time and resources to others (**Tukua-Give**)
- were able to appreciate and take notice of things around them (**Me aro tonu-Take notice**)
- were learning new things in their lives (**Me ako tonu-Keep learning**)
- were physically active (**Me kori tonu-Be Active**)

These five ways are being used by councils in the UK to build stronger communities:

'It is conscious planning in a way that will actually promote wellbeing. If we have wellbeing in mind at the point of planning, we have a better chance of building resilience in communities to enable them to survive in difficult times.' (Ashton, Leigh and Wigan PCT in the Five ways to wellbeing, New application, new ways of thinking 2011) p.30

Investing in wellbeing benefits more than just the individual. For example, people who report higher levels of wellbeing tend to be more involved in social and civic life, are more likely to behave in environmentally responsible ways, have better family and social relationships at home and are more productive at work. (*Five ways to wellbeing, New application, new ways of thinking 2011*) p.6
http://dnwssx4l7gl7s.cloudfront.net/nefoundation/default/page/-/files/Five_Ways_to_Wellbeing.pdf

CPH encourages Council to consider the 5 Ways to Wellbeing in its decision-making processes to support the district and its residents to flourish. CPH is happy to work with and support Council to do this.

Specific topics referred to in the Draft Plan	Discussion/Comment	CPH's suggested amendments to the Plan /suggested action points
Climate Change	<p>We endorse Council's acknowledgement of the district's vulnerability to the effects of climate change and the potential risks to its communities. We support Council's commitment to manage its assets to address risk and support the resilience of its communities through activities such as increasing the capacity of its 3 Waters and roading infrastructure, seismic strengthening of Council buildings, and its work with respect to the Franz Josef Township Masterplan.</p>	
Infrastructure	<p>We support Council's focus of maintaining its assets at existing levels, funding renewals so they are safe and meet legal requirements to ensure its critical assets are resilient. We acknowledge Council is addressing under-resourcing by external contracting where required, and through increasing staff within its assets team. This will assist in a more timely delivery of renewals and upgrades.</p> <p>We commend Council's decision to make sure every bit of spending provides value and agree that spending now will decrease the likelihood that extra spending will be needed in the future.</p> <p>While we support the need for Council to continually improve its assets, we appreciate that the increasing cost to ratepayers can be onerous, especially for those on low incomes. We are pleased to see Council has a rates assistance programme for people in financial hardship. We anticipate there may be an increased number of applications for this assistance due to the ongoing disruptions caused by the COVID pandemic.</p> <p>We are pleased to see that Council intends to seek external funding</p>	

	and partnerships to support co-sharing costs as this will reduce the burden on the ratepayer.	
Vision and Community Outcomes	<p>We support Council’s vision to “<i>work with the people of Westland to grow and protect our communities, our economy and our unique natural environment</i>”. This shows a commitment from Council to include residents as partners in its activities.</p> <p>CPH congratulates Council on its recent community consultation to develop the Community Outcomes and related actions to achieve the vision.</p> <p>We commend Council for identifying its values of Integrity, Accountability, Active Collaboration, Commitment to innovation and improvement, and Westland wellbeing as its framework for operating.</p> <p>We endorse Council’s commitment to seeking Māori contributions to decision-making and, in particular, to working with mana whenua of the Westland District. We congratulate Council on adopting the Manatu Whakaaetanga Partnership Agreement with Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae and Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio to formally grow the relationship with mana whenua of the district and to ensure their voice is heard within Council decision making and activities. To further embed Councils commitment to mana whenua we encourage Council to invest in ongoing staff training to build its cultural capacity.</p>	
Council Activities		
Leadership	<p><u>Democracy</u></p> <p>We endorse Council’s commitment to its relationship with Poutini Ngāi Tahu, participation by communities and working with other organisations to achieve mutually agreeable outcomes for the district.</p>	

We support Council's decision to hold Council meetings in locations across the district to encourage local participation, and its continuing to live stream meetings. These actions support communities to stay connected with Council activities.

We commend Council for its intention to have good representation and participation from its community, including young people, continuing across election cycles. The voice of youth is essential to ensure Council plans and delivers services that keep them engaged and connected to their place.

Corporate Services

We support Council's ongoing goal to create a customer-focused philosophy throughout the organisation and the intention to streamline customer experience to ensure most queries are managed at first contact. This will create financial efficiencies and improve customer satisfaction.

Destination Westland (CCO)

Elderly Housing

We understand the need to be strategic with the delivery of housing options for older people to ensure that pensioners on low incomes are housed in reasonable accommodation locally. We agree that demand for this type of housing will continue to grow as the population ages, and it is reassuring to see Council has identified a need for housing allocation specifically for kaumātua.

We acknowledge that Council's rationale for delivering some of its services through CCOs is to run these services with a more commercial focus. We also acknowledge Destination Westland's role in managing

	<p>the units and recent investment made to improve the units. We also understand that many units require major upgrades.</p> <p>We agree that elderly residents are a critical sector of our community and that elderly housing should be warm and easily accessible. However, we are unsure if provision of elderly housing for low income people has capacity to be self-funding, especially as many current or future occupants will not be able to afford a market rental (as identified on page 56 under key issues).</p> <p>We are aware that housing, particularly housing for older people, is a focus of the West Coast Cross Sector Forum. Opportunities may arise from this forum to work collaboratively to secure funding for construction, maintenance and rental support. Currently the Forum is undertaking a survey of people over 55 in the region to assist in determining the types of housing that will be required across the West Coast into the future. We are aware that Council has representation on the Forum via Destination Westland Ltd.</p> <p><u>Hokitika Wildfoods, Events, and Visitor Information Services</u></p> <p>Festivals and events are mechanisms for community get-togethers, fundraising and opportunities to show-case the district to visitors. The ongoing disruption caused by the COVID19 pandemic, and the potential effect of natural hazard events has capacity to undermine the benefits to the community of tourism and national and local events. However, ensuring visitors to the area are both welcomed and that they have a great time, (whether they are attending events or just visiting), will support the economic viability of the Westland District.</p>	
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Planning and Regulatory

Council, through its Planning and Regulatory activities, has a role in creating environments that support the health and wellbeing of its residents. We recognise that securing specialist staff in these activities is an ongoing issue for Council.

Resource Management
 We agree that delivery of sound policy and regulation to protect the environment is necessary for Council to achieve its vision and community outcomes. We appreciate that the recent and proposed changes to the RMA may further affect Council’s capacity to deliver its activities. However, the development of the Te Tai o Poutini Plan should assist with activities into the future. Given the community have identified a sustainably managed environment as one of the three community outcomes, we are not surprised that there has been increasing public demand to better monitor compliance of the resource consents issued by Council. Ensuring compliance is one way that Council shows its commitment to the aspirations of the wider community.

Local Alcohol Policy
 As we have stated in previous submissions alcohol is a psychoactive substance that continues to cause significant harm in our community. For example, the West Coast has higher rates of alcohol involved road traffic crashes compared to the national average with alcohol was a factor in 34% of death and serious injury crashes on West Coast roads between 2016 and 2020.

Local alcohol policies are a tool which can help to address alcohol-related harm in our communities. We understand that Council has been unwilling to proceed further on the development of a Local Alcohol Policy (LAP), at least in part because of the very real prospect

of legal challenge from the alcohol industry. We encourage Council to consider the development of a joint LAP with the two other West Coast District Councils as a way of sharing this risk. Many other Councils have successfully adopted LAPs in recent years and attitudes, behaviours and awareness of alcohol harm in our communities have also changed. A joint LAP would also have benefits for the local hospitality and tourism industries by bringing consistency to licensing requirements across the Coast and a “level playing field” for new entrants to these industries, regardless of where they set up on the Coast. A joint LAP would be supported by NZ Police and the Medical Officer of Health as reporting agencies.

We note that Council has indicated it *‘could do a LAP if ‘required’*. We are unsure if this remark refers to future legal obligations, however, we encourage Council to engage further with its communities to assess what the community would like to see with respect to alcohol control within the district.

We acknowledge Council is displaying liquor licence public notices on their website and are no longer publishing applications in print media. However, to ensure equitable access for people wishing to view alcohol licence applications and, where appropriate, make objections, we suggest Council also includes an electronic copy of the full application with appropriate redactions. We commend Council for posting the public notices on its social media page (Facebook) which further enhances equitable access. We are aware that other councils within New Zealand utilise social media and web-sites to fully inform residents of liquor licensing applications.

Smokefree Environments Policy

CPH commends Council for its commitment to ‘being proactive in

Recommend: Council works with the two other West Coast District Councils to develop a joint Local Alcohol Policy and makes full licence applications available on Council’s website with appropriate redactions.

promoting a healthier community' (WDC Smokefree Environments – Council Buildings and Public Spaces Policy). We commend Council for extending its policy in 2016 to include dining areas on Council land as this inclusion helps protect the health and wellbeing of Westland District residents and visitors from second-hand smoke, supports people who are thinking about, or in the process of, quitting as well as enhancing the enjoyment of dining outdoors. It is also an indication of support for the Government-endorsed goal of a Smokefree Aotearoa by 2025. We are working actively with Council and businesses to implement this and to provide signage which has had good uptake so far.

While the number of people who smoke is decreasing we are still not on track to achieve Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 where less than 5% of the population smoke. The 2018 Census indicated that 13.2% New Zealanders aged 15+ years are regular smokers. However, here on the West Coast the rate is significantly higher at 18.1% with the rate for WDC at 18%. Consequently, our population continues to suffer more from smoking-related harm. Reducing the visibility of tobacco products and smoking and supporting smokers to quit are important elements of the Smokefree 2025 goal.

Policy is a good intervention to improve the health and wellbeing of communities and the wider population. To further protect people from the harms of smoking we encourage Council to review and extend its Smokefree Environments-Council Buildings and Public Spaces Policy, to include the following:

- Vaping/Vapefree in all instances in line with its inclusion in the amended Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 and similar Council policies across New Zealand.

	<p>Vaping is a quitting tool and is not for non or ex-smokers therefore its inclusion will help to prevent the uptake of vaping by young people and non-smokers and decrease normalisation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion of events owned or sanctioned by Council to be promoted as smoke free and vape free events with advertising material promoting such events clearly indicating that it will be smoke free and vape free. This is in line with other Councils policies and its inclusion will provide positive role modelling behaviour for our tamariki and rangatahi and reduce harm from second-hand smoke. <p>Creating smokefree environments reduces visibility of tobacco products and smoking which prevents uptake by non-smokers while supporting smokers who are trying to quit. Other steps for implementing the policy could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifying areas that would benefit from having more visible smokefree/vapefree signage, • agreeing on the look of any proposed signage, stickers or stencils, • installing smokefree/vapefree signage • Ensuring there is adequate signage outside Council owned buildings, particularly the building entrances and exits to inform individuals in your community of the policy • Keeping the community informed about the smokefree/vapefree spaces through a variety of channels including media articles, social media platforms and within the Council's newsletters. 	<p>Recommend: Council includes vapefree/vaping, events and endorse Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 goal in Councils Smokefree Environments- Council Buildings and Public Spaces Policy. We are able to provide Smokefree/Vapefree signage to assist with implementation.</p>
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Community and Public Health is happy to work with the Council to assist with implementing the policy changes and to provide advice and assistance on smokefree matters, including support with signage.

Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy

Council's Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy is due for review in November 2021. We are aware that more than \$4000 a day was lost in the 'pokie' machines within Westland in 2019 (up \$57 617 from the previous year). The recent BERL: Assessment of the effects of Class 4 gambling on Wellbeing in New Zealand Final report May 2020 concluded that '*Class 4 gambling has a tendency to magnify community disadvantage. The evidence strongly suggests that it transfers wealth from more deprived communities to less deprived communities.*' **The Westland District has a high number of venue and machines compared with the rest of New Zealand.** The BERL finding suggests that our most vulnerable communities are further disadvantaged by Class 4 Gaming. This is alarming given that five of the six Class 4 venues in the district are situated in medium-high deprivation areas. We have assisted Council with previous reviews of the Class 4 Gaming Policy through applying a social impact assessment lens. We again offer Council our assistance with review of this policy.

Animal Control

We support Council's goal of protecting the public from harm, nuisance and damage from dogs and other animals, especially as complaints regarding wandering dogs has increased. We endorse Council's decision to provide a permanent Dog Pound in Hokitika.

We support the development of a by-law to allow enforcement with respect to effluent on roads at stock crossings and to provide

Recommend: Council utilise a Social Impact Assessment process when reviewing its Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy. We offer our assistance with this process.

	<p>regulation around the keeping of other animals such as roosters, poultry, bees and livestock in residential areas.</p> <p><u>Civil Defence Emergency Management</u></p> <p>We support Council’s continued investment in ensuring its staff and communities are prepared for and can respond to emergency situations. The increased frequency of storm events and the recent report upgrading the potential for an alpine fault rupture highlights the need for communities to be prepared. We support the distribution of Civil Defence Emergency containers to vulnerable isolated communities and for this activity to be extended if other areas are identified.</p> <p>We support Council’s plans to identify a long-term Hokitika-based coordination centre and a suitable location to build a Hokitika-based EOC.</p> <p>We are aware that a growing number of people in our community are living week-to-week and, despite any desire to do so, are not able to adequately prepare for such an event. We encourage Council to include actions to address this in its emergency preparedness plans. Actions could include support for food production on public land and support for food rescue/redistribution projects to help build food resilience within the Westland District. The community gardens at Lazar Park are an example of how growing produce can be incorporated in public spaces.</p> <p>We congratulate Council for its support of the recent Resilience study conducted by a PHD student at the Otago University. This has already brought members of the community together to discuss how Hokitika and its surrounds can prepare for and respond to emergency</p>	<p>Recommend: Council explores ways in which it can engage with and support vulnerable members of the community to be better prepared for emergencies.</p>
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	<p>situations. The discussion included the benefits of developing a Resilience Strategy for communities within the district and wider West Coast.</p> <p>(Please also see comment under Food Security below)</p> <p>We also support the investment to upgrade the Hannah’s Clearing Fire Station.</p>	<p>Recommend: Council engage with communities and other stakeholders to develop a Resilience Strategic Plan that could help prepare communities better prepare for emergency situations</p>
<p>Community Services</p>	<p><u>Community Development and Assistance</u></p> <p>We support Council’s activities under this section as this assists communities to be involved in decision making and projects that enhance wellbeing.</p> <p>We acknowledge Council’s role in the Safe Westland Community Coalition. CPH is an active member of this coalition. The administration of the network provided by Council facilitates agencies, organisations and community groups to work in a more coordinated way to improve safety within Westland.</p> <p>We support Councils operation of the Taxi Chit Scheme to provide a transport option for older people who are no longer able to drive. This helps them remain independent and connected to their town.</p> <p>We support Council’s provision of grants and funds to enable community cultural and sporting activities and events to take place.</p> <p><u>Community Halls</u></p> <p>We support Council’s continued provision of safe and useful community halls as these facilities assist with creating connected and socially active communities. Communities halls are also utilised in</p>	

	<p>periods of civil emergency. We support Council’s intention to undertake condition assessments to determine required maintenance and create Asset Management Plans for the buildings. We understand some buildings are almost beyond repair and we endorse Council’s intention to discuss the viability of running these halls with each community concerned.</p> <p><u>Townships</u> We commend Council for supporting and funding township development projects in communities across Westland as this will support communities to upgrade and develop their local areas. We support Council working with communities to create integrated planning documents to determine how funding will be allocated.</p>	
<p>Leisure Services and Facilities</p>	<p><u>Cemeteries</u> We support Council’s intention to offer cemetery plots to meet the needs of other religions/cultures, as this is a way of valuing and supporting diversity in the community.</p> <p><u>Hokitika Museum</u> Access to cultural amenities such as museums connects people to their past, promotes lifelong learning and assists with developing a community identity. As described in the draft Plan there is also potential to generate funds from research facilities. We support the upgrade of both the Carnegie and Pakiwaitara buildings to improve public access, provide a dedicated research space and improved display space.</p> <p><u>Westland District Library</u> We support the provision of the Westland Library and the community</p>	

outreach libraries, as this activity supports education, promotes lifelong learning and provides areas for people to connect with others.

We applaud Council for working with communities and agencies to provide a wide range of programs and services. We particularly support the development of a network of Digital Champions to provide digital assistance to their communities. These programmes and services will assist people to learn a new skill and further participate in society.

The development of the new Hokitika Library within the Pakiwaitara building will provide Westland with an up-to-date and fit for purpose Library facility that will be attractive to residents and visitors.

Land and Buildings

We congratulate Council for including community need and demand within its asset management plans for this activity.

We support the capital projects included in this activity particularly the earthquake strengthening of the Council Headquarters, the restoration of Jackson Bay Wharf and the new pavilion at Cass Square.

We are pleased Council intends to facilitate discussion with stakeholders and the community to determine a suitable long-term use of the land at the Hokitika Racecourse. We would like to be involved in these discussions.

Parks and Reserves

We support Council's proposed activities under this section as provision of parks and reserves promote physical activity, learning and connectedness. We are aware there is a growing trend across the world to include equipment in parks designed for use by older people.

	<p>They are often the ones taking their grandchildren to the park, also and older people will make up a growing proportion of residents, and visitors to the district, in the future. We support the idea to install low-impact outdoor equipment within the Square and encourage Council to consider installing some of the equipment, (along with seating and handrails), within the playground space at the Square, as well as in other playgrounds across the district.</p> <p>We would like to congratulate Council for working with the Lions group to upgrade Lazar Park. We appreciate the effort that has gone into this and the focus on accessibility as this will provide a safe and attractive recreational option for people with physical and other disabilities and their caregivers. To further increase accessibility, and to safely 'house' users (children or older adults) who may be inclined to 'run', we suggest Council investigates installing fencing along the boundaries of the Park. We are aware the raised gardens help to facilitate this on one side at the front, so there may be options to provide a barrier that serves more than one purpose.</p> <p><u>Public Toilets</u></p> <p>We support Council's commitment to ensure public toilets are clean, accessible, functional and suitably maintained as this activity protects the health of residents, visitors and the environment. We acknowledge Councils increased funding will go towards increased cleaning throughout the district, often in provided in partnership with community volunteers.</p> <p>We endorse the proposal to invest in new toilets on Gibson Quay and the upgrade of toilets on the Hokitika Beachfront.</p>	<p>Encourage: Council to consider installing equipment suitable for older people when upgrading playground equipment.</p>
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	<p><u>Swimming Pools</u></p> <p>We support Council’s continued provision of swimming pool services as these provide an opportunity for people to be active, learn new skills and connect with others.</p> <p>We commend Council’s desire to maintain and operate swimming pools that are affordable and available to people of all ages and abilities.</p> <p>We therefore support the intention by Council to use central Government funding to improve and upgrade the Hokitika Pool and to implement Stage 2 as funding becomes available. We also support the upgrades to the Ross Pool.</p> <p>We note Council did not include the swimming pool in the bi-annual resident survey and is considering a more regular way of measuring satisfaction for this activity. To get a full appreciation of community expectations around pool provision and barriers to access we encourage Council to also survey non-users of the pool.</p> <p><u>West Coast Wilderness Trail</u></p> <p>We agree with Council’s goal for the trail to be a nationally recognised cycleway that is safe and well used by both tourists and locals. We believe the Trail has already achieved national recognition. For example, both the Grey and Westland Districts have benefited from the rise in domestic tourism as a result of COVID related restrictions on international travel, as many local tourists have chosen to come and ride the Trail.</p> <p>We understand the constraints on budgeting for maintenance and appreciate Council’s commitment to secure ways to ensure the trail is</p>	<p>Support: the enhancement of the Westland Wilderness Trail as funds</p>
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	<p>maintained to a safe level while also looking at ways to enhance the Trail experience.</p>	<p>become available.</p>
<p>Infrastructure</p>	<p><u>Land Transport</u> We support Council’s function to provide a transport network that is accessible for all people as a safe and reliable land transport network is essential to economic and community wellbeing.</p> <p>We commend Council for its continued involvement in the Total Mobility Scheme to assist the transport disadvantaged. We agree with the performance measure to have a reduction in the number of fatalities and serious injury crashes. We are also pleased to see Council is working with other local councils to take a more integrated approach to road management on the West Coast. Council’s involvement in the West Coast Road Safety Committee will assist with achieving this goal.</p> <p>We also applaud Council’s goal of having linked, pleasant and safe to use footpaths and cycle ways, and the intention to maintain footpaths in good condition. This will encourage people to be active and connect with, and feel part of, their local community as well as promoting less reliance on motorised vehicle travel, especially in the district’s urban areas. We commend Council for its decision to reduce speed limits on roads within the district. This helps to create a safer environment for people to walk and cycle.</p> <p>The existence of a safe and well-maintained footpath network is essential to the safety and wellbeing of the district’s residents, particularly for older people, people with disabilities and children.</p>	<p>Support: Council’s involvement in the Total Mobility Scheme.</p> <p>Commend: Council for its membership and support of the West Coast Road Safety Committee.</p> <p>Support: Commitment to providing linked, pleasant and safe to use footpaths and cycleways.</p>

	<p>Council's endeavours to promote more walking friendly environments through the lowering of speed limits within the district and</p> <p>There are also sound environmental and economic reasons to support walking and cycling infrastructure. We encourage Council to become a signatory to the Walk 21 movement and commit to making the Westland District more walking friendly. See https://www.walk21.com/about for further information.</p> <p><u>Drinking Water</u> We commend Council for its continued investment in the district's water supplies as clean and safe drinking water is critical to the health and wellbeing of communities.</p> <p>We support Council's goal to ensure all water supplies are treated and meet the Ministry of Health's drinking water standards as well as meeting the demands of both the local and tourist populations. However, analysis shows there are still issues with bacterial and protozoal compliance across the nine supplies. We therefore support investment to upgrade assets and improve the level of service within the district's drinking water supplies.</p> <p>We support upgrade works at Fox Glacier water supply and improvements at Harihari. We congratulate Council on the new plant at Arahura and the potential for the marae to connect to the scheme.</p> <p>We are pleased to see that Council has identified the need to protect mahinga kai sites as this shows respect for cultural practice.</p> <p>We are pleased to see Council is mitigating for the effect of natural</p>	<p>Encourage: Council to become a signatory to the Walk 21 movement.</p>
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hazards and climate change by siting new treatment plants away from coastline and rivers, and by installing back up generators at all plants.

However, it appears Council is expecting a decrease in customer satisfaction with drinking water as the performance target for complaints is increasing from the current level of 16 complaints per 1000 connections to 25 complaints per 1000 connections. This seems at odds with Council's desire to have supplies that meet the demand of both locals and tourists within the district.

Stormwater

The provision of stormwater systems assists with protecting property, the health and wellbeing of residents, and benefits environmental sustainability both on a day-to-day basis and in times of emergency. We therefore support Council's activities in this area. We are pleased to see Council is looking at ways to support this service in other areas outside of Hokitika and is preparing catchment designs to determine key stormwater vulnerabilities.

Wastewater

Collection, treatment and disposal of wastewater is essential to protecting the physical environment and the health of the community. Effective wastewater management has positive impacts on quality of life and supports economic development.

We therefore support Council's aim to deliver wastewater treatment plants that consistently meet resource consent standards and ensure minimal infiltration of stormwater into the systems.

We are pleased to see that the Franz Josef plant is now compliant and that the treatment systems in Fox Glacier and Haast will continue to

	<p>be improved.</p> <p>We appreciate the need to focus on the replacement of the Hokitika Wastewater Treatment Plant and we support Council's proposed investment within the first half of the period covered by the LTP.</p> <p><u>Solid Waste</u></p> <p>The management of solid waste is necessary for the health and quality of life of the community, the local economy and the environment.</p> <p>We applaud Council's desire to raise community awareness of the need to minimise waste. We also endorse Council's support of the Enviroschools programme as this will help spread the waste minimisation message to schools and communities.</p> <p>We are aware there may be changes to legislation regarding the types of plastics allowed in packaging. If this goes ahead it will assist in minimising waste within the District.</p> <p>Many communities across New Zealand have Council supported reuse and recycling areas where unwanted items are donated, sorted and chosen by others to take away for use. This circular economy model is a way to reduce, recycle and reuse, and can hugely reduce the amount of waste going to landfills. This has positive outcomes for ratepayers and the environment. We are aware Council provides a similar service at Butler's landfill. We encourage Council to consider taking a lead in creating a more circular economy through the introduction of a model similar to one of the following:</p> <p>Nelson Environment Centre https://www.nec.org.nz/reuse</p> <p>EcoCentral https://ecocentral.co.nz/about</p> <p>Waiuku Zero Waste https://www.waiukuzerowaste.co.nz/</p>	<p>Support: Council's investment in the Enviroschools programme.</p>
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<p>Food security</p>	<p>When people are food secure they have access to a variety of nutritious food that is safe, meets their cultural needs and supports them to live active healthy lives. People are better able to participate in society when they are healthy and well.</p> <p>However, one in five New Zealand children are living in moderate to severe food insecurity within their households and local qualitative research indicates a similar situation on the West Coast. While this issue coincides on a national level with insufficient access to resources such as disposable income, transport options, fuel and warm housing, on the West Coast many people are further bound by geographical isolation from the largest food stores, less options of where they can buy local food produce, and a likely overall higher cost of food than in the rest of New Zealand.</p> <p>The West Coast Food Security Network is looking at short and long-term solutions for West Coast whanau and communities. This has so far included local research with communities (report due out later in 2021), connecting existing sustainable initiatives across the West Coast such as community edible gardens and other food supply initiatives, and how support may be strengthened for people who require more food on a daily or weekly basis. Some of these initiatives may also feed into the West Coast Emergency Management Team Coordination over time.</p> <p>New strategies to improve food security will need to be mana-enhancing (i.e. they support the aspirations of local whānau and communities), while support will be required from national and local governments and local community. Coordination with local Councils, various agencies, community members and local iwi will need to take</p>	<p>We invite Council to connect with the Food Security Network by attending our</p>

	<p>place to ensure initiatives are driven by and meet the needs of West Coast communities, particularly rural isolated communities who may be worst affected by food insecurity in emergencies.</p>	<p>next Food Security Network meeting on July 26th in Hokitika (venue TBC), 10:30am – 12pm</p>
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Emma Rae

From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 11 June 2021 9:06 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission from: draft LTP 2021 - 2031

New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Friday, June 11, 2021 - 09:06 Submitted values are:

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Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select: **Option 3:** I support leaving the charge at 21.7%

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select:

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 1:** I support completing Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

I support the inclusion of the Westland Mountain bike Club's proposals into the LTP.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

I support rate rises for provision of high quality services in town. I see swimming pool upgrades and Westland Mountain bike Club's proposal as excellent ways to help our cool little town to move forward and make it an even better place to live.

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No



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10 June 2021

Mayor and Councillors
Westland District Council

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

RE: Lions Club of Hokitika - LTP 2021-2031 Submission

The Lions Club of Hokitika appreciates the opportunity to submit to Council for their consideration of funding for parking and fencing at Lazar Park.

Lions Club of Hokitika has developed, with the support of Council and the community, a playground at Lazar Park valued at over \$350,000.

In order to meet the consenting and District Plan requirements of the Council we are seeking grant funding from Council to fund a parking area and fence Lazar Park. The estimated costs of this are as below:

Fencing	\$15,000+GST
Car parking	\$20,000+GST

We request that Council allocate a grant of \$35,000+GST to underwrite the costs of these projects in Year 1 of the LTP. All endeavours will be made to continue to seek external funding for these aspects of the Lazar Park Project with the intent of Council acting as an underwriter, not a complete funder, should we be able to negotiate donations in kind or raise additional funds.

Yours sincerely,

Reilly Burden
Chair
Lazar Park Committee
Lions Club of Hokitika

Emma Rae

From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
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New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Friday, June 11, 2021 - 09:20 Submitted values are:

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Hokitika

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Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select: **Option 1:** I support lowering the charge to 17.5%

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select: **Option 1:** I support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 1:** I support completing Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

I support the upgrade of the skate park, kids need an outlet. Skateboarding represents health and fitness, competition, resilience, compassion and community spirit.

I support Westland Mountain Bike club, keep Hokitika on the leading edge of this growing pursuit.

Please continue to place environment high on the list of priorities. Please continue to do your research about technology and systems in this area. i am still devastated at the idea that we almost had a waste to energy plant and almost pumped our human waste 800m off shore. Let's lead New Zealand in this space.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments: Review safety standards at Sewell and Hampden....high crash zone.
Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No

W.D.C.

Administration 2021.

FRANZ JOSES

9-6-2021.

Back increase of 13% is out of order, for staff wages also not worth. There has been increase of staff, but not much in service to rate payers. So far we can see. Not much maintenance in FRANZ, in cleaning road path or leaking water pipes. On outside the village, except mowing grass, do we have other staff work?

Destination Westland is just a double up, because their road has still to be paid.

On FRANZ street one way street, what a waste now can do more stopping in Grey mouth. More pleasant, and less hassle.

And not to talk about, the wasted money, how is going to oil out side, that close to traffic and in the shade

Be in time, the council needs to live with in the means, and stop dreaming
No transport equal plots to Destination Westland.

Thank you.

~~A. Jones~~

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FRANZ JOSES

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New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Friday, June 11, 2021 - 09:24 Submitted values are:

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Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select: **Option 3:** I support leaving the charge at 21.7%

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select: **Option 1:** I support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 2:** I do not support Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select **Option 1:** I support adopting the Rates Remission – Adverse Possession Policy

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

The racecourse was gifting to the community for recreational use. This is the way it should be. The RDA and horse owners enjoy the benefits and also families out during daily activities with pets and bikes. The race course is not a top concern at the moment to worry about development.

Let all the community enjoy the facilities at the race course as there isn't much around anymore.

The council has got the land on the corner of pine tree road that they have not as yet developed this into housing. Please use the land that the council has already started to develop and not start another project injecting money we have not got as a community.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No

Emma Rae

From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 11 June 2021 9:34 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission from: draft LTP 2021 - 2031

New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Friday, June 11, 2021 - 09:33 Submitted values are:

Full name: Lesley Crichton

Organisation & Position

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Postal address:

Phone number:

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select:

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select:

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

I would like to see the barriers put back up in the pedestrian entrances to Cass square. Vehicles are using these entrances to access the fields (see photo attached) and creates a health and safety issue, both by using the entrance and on the square itself when there are people which includes small children and the elderly on the square.

I would like to see plantings around the sides of the square again, since the over clearing of the square, birdlife has reduced and there are no pleasant areas for those that want to sit. The whole square has become a bland piece of playing field and suits only one part of the community, whereas this should be a centre piece where all members of the community will want to go.

I would like Council to consider stopping allowing bike riding on the very few dedicated walkways around the township and wider area. Council has a dedicated cycle way which has cost a substantial amount of money. Cyclists do not follow the code for shared walk/cycle tracks and are abusive if walkers do not jump out of their way. The heritage Walkway, is too narrow for bikes and they should not be encouraged into this walkway. Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No



Emma Rae

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Fox Glacier
Phone number: [REDACTED]

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select: **Option 3:** I support leaving the charge at 21.7%

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select: **Option 2:** I do not support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 2:** I do not support Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select **Option 2:** I do not support adopting the Rates Remission – Adverse Possession Policy

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

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business in the Glacier region cannot afford any increase in rates

One thing that which is of concerns in this document is? some errors.
on page 290 community target rate, it states that there are 86 commercial unit in Fox Glacier paying \$408.91 into the community target rates, yet on our 2021/ 2022 rate is 940.50.
yet Franz Josef only has 43 commercial units paying 1163.72.
this appears to be incorrect.
the community target rate for Fox glacier should be for the Money that is administer by The Fox Glacier incorporated society.
the activities ie transport, parks and reservice, community development & Assistance (nothing in the Glossary terms as to what they are) and storm water should either be covered in our general rates or broken down into

how much is spent where under a council Fox community rate

also is the 50 plus Variance for rural Fox glacier on UAGC correct as this is way higher than any other region.

the big gripe is the Target Tourism Promotion Rate

page 291 total ex GST 435,967.

total of 519 unit = average of 748.72 per unit

this works out to the least amount of the tourism target rate come out of Glacier country.

if Fox and Franz have 129 and working on averages 748.72 = 96,584.00 ++ I suspect it is a lot more

As per WDC

The tourism and promotions rate fund's part or all following activities:(West Coast Wilderness Trail, found in the book of number on page 118 that 176,894 of target funds goes to the trail? what for and does all this go to marketing?

i-SITE) Cannot see anywhere in this document how much of this target fund gets allocated or any document as how much it spends on promotions on the Glacier) and community development (who and what it's this, cannot find it in the Glossary of Terms)

??? does any come back to Glacier country promotions group if not why? as a very large sum of money comes out of the glacier and would be well spent if say 50% was channeled back to the Glacier country promotion Group.

The West Coast Wilderness Trail needs to have its own targeted fund with the greater part of that fund coming from the areas that receive the greater benefit.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

This a human statement.

Having committed 31 years to owning a business and built a home in Fox glacier .

It is so disappointing to see how little the Westland district council understand and values the Glacier region.

How to explain how COVID has impacted the tourist operators,

wakeful nights full of anxiety, strange dream, jaws sore because they have been clenched so tightly in sleep.

Watching life saving disappear , taking on added debit, worrying about leaving you property just in case you miss someone. The property may have GV of 1,340,000. and 700,000. but this does not pay bill. At present there is not quality of life thankful their is an understanding of Stoicism and frugal has become my middle name, financially personal income has slipped to poverty line. It is exhausting, it like watching someone you love dying from a terminal illness.

Then the Council who wages we pay, now want to increase our stress levels, by make rate changes that will greatly increase the amount of our rates bill.

Shame on you

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No

Emma Rae

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Organisation & Position

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Phone number: [REDACTED]

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select: **Option 1:** I support lowering the charge to 17.5%

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select: **Option 1:** I support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 1:** I support completing Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

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If you are a Westland resident please put in a submission this morning before 11am on the Long term Plan and future of the Hokitika racecourse. I have copied mine below - feel free to use.

I disagree with the plan to spend \$2,317,000 dollars on drainage and demolition at the Hokitika Racecourse in years 1-3 and spending \$2,076,000 on creating an Event Zone and preparation of Medium Density Housing in years 3-6. Council has said they will create a concept plan for the space in full consultation with community and stakeholders to determine future uses of the land and this needs to occur before committing to spending millions of dollars the above projects. This land was gifted to the people of Hokitika in the 1880s as a reserve for the community and therefore I oppose selling parts of it off to fund a housing development.

Parks and reserves make a significant contribution to the community's health and physical and social wellbeing, through offering space for physical exercise and recreation as part of a healthy lifestyle and chances to socialise and participate in sport collectively. The racecourse as it currently exists is used by many people as a safe area to meet and exercise dogs and to walk. The attraction of this area is that it provides a pleasant 1.2km all weather loop track with good footing that is free from vehicle traffic. Many older people use the area for

walking. The racecourse is also widely used by members of the equestrian community and the West Coast RDA for both grazing, riding on the all-weather track and for equestrian events. Mostly the participants in these equestrian pursuits, including the teenagers that volunteer at the RDA and the riding lesson children and the grazers and the casual users of the racecourse are women and girls. Sport NZ has identified clear inequalities for women and girls in participation, involvement and visibility within sport and active recreation. Horse riding has a high female participation rate at all ages and is the third ranked sport for girls 5- 17 years old. I note that most of the council managed recreational sporting areas are rugby fields which largely cater to males.

It is also essential that the Hokitika Racecourse retains grazing and riding areas for the 8 -10 ponies that work at West Coast RDA, catering for the 80 disabled and disadvantaged children and adults who attend from all over the West Coast. Horse riding is great physical therapy; the swinging, repetitive motion improves balance, coordination, strength and muscle tone while gently mobilizing the joints. It allows many to enjoy the outdoor environment in a way that would otherwise be denied them.

It would be great if the council could include the horse-riding community in any decisions it makes on the future of the Hokitika Racecourse.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No

Emma Rae

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Hokitika

Phone number: [REDACTED]

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select: **Option 3:** I support leaving the charge at 21.7%

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select:

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 1:** I support completing Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

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Keep investing in making Hokitika a more desirable place to live.

Embrace the concept of Manaakitanga by showing visitors we care about the quality of their experience in Hokitika. In making our wildernesses more accessible and our culture more overt, we will attract visitors and encourage people to come back/ stay longer.

Our town, our community and our wild places are our biggest asset. In showcasing this, our economy will grow, our pride will grow and our reputation will grow.

Cycle trails, tracks, huts, pools, community spaces, skate parks, cultural areas, information panels, pounamu pavers. These all help create local pride and associated spin offs.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No

Emma Rae

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Auckland
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Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select: **Option 2:** I support lowering the charge to 12.5%

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select: **Option 2:** I do not support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 2:** I do not support Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select **Option 2:** I do not support adopting the Rates Remission – Adverse Possession Policy

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

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Typically at odds with the real world and the suffering that is occurring in South Westland. You people have no idea do you? Soon you will have nobody to rate and support your exorbitant salaries if all small businesses fail and people leave the district. Wake Up.

Support local communities, help them get back on their feet. Don't just tax, tax, tax and waste hard earned dollars. Come down and visit and see for yourselves how difficult things are. Can we all afford to pay more rates? And for what?

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

Time both Councils actually saw what is happening to the local communities of Franz Josef and Fox and did something to help for a change. Lobby government for open borders, faster rollout of vaccines, new two lane bridges, local construction work and upgraded access roads to the glaciers. Don't just sit on your backsides and increase our rates.

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: Yes

If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?: No

Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?: No

Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link?: No

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11 JUN 2021

BY: _____

4 PAGES.

Residents of Cement Lead rd
Blue Spur Hokitika
15/10/2020

Submission on Westland District Council Te Kahui o Poutini Long Term Plan

To His Worship the Mayor and Councillors.

I am writing a request on behalf of all other residents of Cement Lead road Blue Spur and myself, in regard to the on going tribulations suffered due to the general condition of our road.

Cement Lead rd is a No Exit road off Hau Hau rd. The first 265 meters of the road is sealed up to the council Pipe Line rd. the rest of the road including access ways is approximately 1260.3m which is unsealed. The point that the seal finishes and changes to metal is at the start of a sweeping bend. Often there are large potholes at this junction. Subsequently there have been two instances I know of in the past, where unwary motorists have slid off the road due to encountering loose metal and potholes. There is no signage warning of a change in surface. The speed limit is at present 80km per hour.

There are 20 properties on the road with several being subdivided. This equates to 160 movement per day. As compared to Reg Cox drive which has 7 properties and Brickfield around 38. Both Reg Cox Drive and Brickfield are sealed, leaving Cement Lead Rd as an anomaly. Recently, Reg Cox drive and part of the first part of CLR in front of Stations Inn, received a fresh top coat of seal much to the ire of some CLR residents. Our properties are rated as residential not rural residential and probably the only road in the Hokitika residential area not to be sealed. Some residents are dismayed that we are in the same rating scale as Brickfield and wondering why we don't have similar service.

Of late the road condition has been particularly bad with extreme potholing that even those with large 4 wheel drive vehicles have to carefully negotiate.



A common theme expressed by residents is the wear and tear on vehicles. Speaking of my own experience one of our vehicles recently needed 3 wheel alignments and one tyre replaced due to chopping out, also shock absorbers and air filters needed replacing, and punctures are not uncommon. There is a danger of being unaware of on coming traffic when trying to negotiate the pot holes. Such faults were a common theme expressed by all resident vehicle owners. I also spoke with Reily Burden our indomitable rural delivery man, who told me he now delivers the news papers to CLR as the road is far too hard on the Guardian delivery vehicle. He also expressed concern as to the ongoing problems with the road, and excessive wear and tear on his vehicle. We also get a plethora of weekend drivers which has an impact on the resilience of the surface.

Two of my neighbours Brian Wood and his wife Cathrine Brough who are both in their 80's asked that I relate that they can no longer take evening walks down the road for the fear of falling due to potholing.

Only 5 properties are on town water supply which is a, as I recall a 50mm pipe running down the eastern boundary of the road. That was primarily used to service the old Blue Spur Lodge, the rest are on tank water. During the dry summer months the dust can become so bad that it is impossible to follow behind another car as it is too dangerous should one encounter oncoming traffic. The wind direction is predominately south west and results in copious amounts of dust settling on roofs. This becomes a recognised health concern for those on tank supply and could in the future become a Council issue in order to comply with the possible Three Waters Standards.

At the time the Blue Spur Lodge was subdivided Council failed to require that the road be developed adequately by the subdivider to be fit for future use.

A fence which was erected close to the road has recently been moved back and Westroads widened the road for the entire length which has been great.

The consensus of residents is that we like that the general feel of the road as "lane like" with it's gradual curves which also helps to slow the traffic. There are quite a number of young children also living in the neighbourhood that use the road.



The Smith's were told by Council District assets, when doing their due diligence before they bought their property in I think 2005 that it was in the work program to seal the road. This informed their decision to go ahead with the purchase which they may not have proceeded with had they known that they would be living with the dust and inconvenience of a gravel road for 14 or so years. The Scadden's also were told by Council Districts Assets Department in 2015/16 while undertaking due diligence that CLR was in the work plan to be sealed. As such the decision was made to purchase the additional property

The proposed general direction of the Te Tai o Poutini Plan, seems to also suggest that areas such as Blue Spur could well in the future become residential as opposed to solely Lifestyle which could result in increased traffic.

Both myself and supporting signatories would like Council to consider our situation with a view to having Cement Lead Rd included in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Plan to be sealed. It would not only benefit present residents but also a possible equal number of other users that don't live here and future residents.

Sincerely yours,

Greg Maitland

89 Cement Lead rd

Tim Maitland

Mike Topp

90 Cement Lead Rd

88 Cement Lead Rd

11 JUN 2021

BY:

Peter Stet	124	CEMENT LEAD	<i>[Signature]</i>
Noelle Stet.	124	Cement Lead.	<i>[Signature]</i>
Lindyll Steyn	100A	Cement Lead Rd.	<i>[Signature]</i>
WILLIAM STEYN	100A	CEMENT LEAD RD.	<i>[Signature]</i>
Fiona Scadden	76	Cement Lead Rd	<i>[Signature]</i>
Tim Scadder	76	Cement Lead Rd	<i>[Signature]</i>
Amanda Taylor	138	Cement Lead Road	<i>[Signature]</i>
Quill Walker	68	Weld at Hki	<i>[Signature]</i>
Rachel + Jamie Smith	120	Cement Lead Rd	<i>[Signature]</i>
Andy Ruskin	100 ^c	Cement Lead Road.	<i>[Signature]</i>
ARTHUR FREEMAN	90A	CEMENT LEAD RD	<i>[Signature]</i>
Brian Wood	100B	Cement Lead Rd	<i>[Signature]</i>

Emma Rae

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Subject: Submission from: draft LTP 2021 - 2031

New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Friday, June 11, 2021 - 10:17 Submitted values are:

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Organisation & Position Chairpersons Fox Glacier Community Development Society Incorporated

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Fox Glacier 7859

Phone number: [REDACTED]

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select: **Option 3:** I support leaving the charge at 21.7%

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select: **Option 2:** I do not support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 2:** I do not support Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

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What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

To The Management Committee of the Fox Glacier Community Development Society Incorporated.

Re: Submission for Westland District Council long term plan regarding Fox Glacier Community Rate.

From Fox Glacier Community Development Society Incorporated.

To whom it may concern,

The Fox Glacier Community Development Society Incorporated has concerns about the Fox Glacier Community targeted rate.

The Fox Glacier community rate funds all or part of the following activities: Transportation, Stormwater, township development fund, parks and reserves and community development & assistance (Glacier Country promotions)

The Fox Glacier Community Development Society Incorporated receives the Township development portion of

ex GST 35,000.00

And 40% of the Glacier country promotions ex GST of \$65,000 = 26,000.00 salary Community Development Officer

The remainder is split 40% to the Franz Josef community group (26,000.) and 20% to Glacier Country tourist group 13,000.00 = 6,500 contributes from each village.

Our calculations show that the Fox Glacier targeted community rate come to approx. 105,173.00

This Community believes that the Fox Glacier community targeted rate should be split on the rate assessment to show which portion of this rate is administered by the Fox Glacier Community Development Society Incorporated and what Westland District council control for transportation, stormwater, parks and reserves and community development assistance. Why is the only item listed in the Glossary of terms is “stormwater”?

On the 2021/2022 rates assessments there is an increase from \$ 358.96 to \$498.33 so an increase of \$139.37. If you calculate that by 97 residents it is \$13,518.89 None of this is coming back to Fox. The rate on the Commercial Properties goes up by \$200. Equalling approx. \$9,500.00 Total increase is then approx. \$23,000.00

The other targeted rate that the commercial rate payers and to a lesser degree the residents, contribute to is the Tourism promotion fund, working on an average there are 519 commercial units divided into 388,585.00 = \$ 748.00 each x 129 unit in Glacier country at least = \$ 96,584 come out of Glacier country. Should the Glacier Country Promotion Officer funds not come out of this fund?

Then the extra 6,500.00 that is already been collected comes back to the Fox Glacier Community Development Society Incorporated Fund which would allow this Society a small amount of flexibility with the salary of the Community Development Officer.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No

Feedback Form

Submissions close 12 pm Friday, 11 June 2021 - Submissions Hearings: Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16 June 2021

Please scan and email this form to the Council. Email: consult@westlanddc.govt.nz

You can also call us with your submission and use the form to help you.

Phone: 03 756 901

Freephone: 0800 474 834

Name Wharerimu Traig (West REAP)

Organisation (if applicable) Westland Rural Education Activities Programme

Email [REDACTED]

Address 72 Tuder Street, Hokitika

I would like to speak to Council about my submission Y N

If yes, please provide a contact phone number [REDACTED]

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

- I support lowering the charge to 17.5% Yes No
- I support lowering the charge to 12.5% Yes No
- I support leaving the charge at 21.7% Yes No

Ownership of Elderly Housing

- I support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited Yes No
- I do not support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited Yes No

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

- I support completing Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade Yes No
- I do not support Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade Yes No

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

- I support adopting the Rates Remission – Adverse Possession Policy Yes No
- I do not support adopting the Rates Remission – Adverse Possession Policy Yes No

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please see attached submission

We propose the inclusion of the development of a Community Hub into the long-term Plan.

Any other comments?

Please see attached submission

More pages can be attached if necessary.

Your name and feedback will be made public as part of Council's decision making process. This information will be published on our website, but will only be used for the Long Term Plan process.

Remember, your feedback must reach the Council by **noon on Friday, 11 June 2021** to be considered.

Thank you for your feedback.

Development of a Westland Community Hub

Our community services are spread across Hokitika in aging facilities that are not fit for purpose and are owned by different entities.

There is a risk that some facilities are sold by the landlord leaving vital community services in jeopardy. Each community organisation has its own funding, overheads and administration which is costly. This ultimately means less money flows through to the recipients who need our services. With so many entities, filling important board roles is difficult.

Our submission is that costs of 25,000-30,000 are allocated to prepare a feasibility study to include a Community Hub in the Long-Term Plan as detailed below.

Pakiwaitara Building/ Cass Square and the Hokitika Racecourse

We refer to pages 9 to 12 of the Westland District Council Te Kahui o Poutini Long term Plan 2021-20312 Consultation Document the discussion on “What else are we planning?”. There is a discussion regarding the development and uses of the Pakiwaitara Building, Cass Square, and the Hokitika Racecourse. There is an opportunity to include in the development of these buildings the addition of space for a Community Hub. In our view there can only be benefit to the community to include a fit for purpose space for community services.

Partnering with key stakeholders

We intend to partner with community service organisations to assist the Westland District Council in preparing a plan for a Community Hub. We have identified partners who include the Lions Foundation, New Coasters, among others. Our view is that a separate feasibility study needs to be included in the development of the Long-Term Plan.

By grouping current community service providers, we can gain efficiencies and enable more of the funding to flow to the intended recipients, rather than on overheads. The proposed Community Hub can generate its own revenue from third party usage to pay for its overheads e.g. receptionist and administrative functions. This allows the frontline staff to perform more services for our community. Co-habitation provides an important single location for those seeking services. One option would be to locate it in Cass Square the newly acquired Racecourse, Cass Square or the town itself. If located in the town the services would be more accessible for those in need reducing isolation for our community and increasing the use of services through foot traffic and access to public transport.

Self-sustaining and grant free

The goal would be for the Hub to be ultimately self-sustaining. Creating a hub that is backed and controlled by the District reduces the risk of landlords selling the facilities that house these important community organisations. Aggregating the various support services in the District creates an opportunity to develop a purpose built and modern facility.

Values

We believe that the Hub should be underpin by values which support and promote the community. We propose the following:

Manaakitanga provides us with endless opportunities to engage with people, individually and collectively. We need to ensure that all of our activities are conducted in a way that is mana enhancing of all those involved and reflects values such as generosity, fairness, respect and

consideration. A favourable view formed by others suggests the presence of manaakitanga. Maanakitanga between the three entities also promotes kotahitanga/unity.

Whanaungatanga reminds us that our achievements are typically the result of collaborative effort. The full potential of our work is realised through working together as a whānau, which encourages us to celebrate our common interests, applaud our diversity and reinforce our connections with whānau, hapū and iwi.

A community hub will create a high standard wrap around service for those in need.

Getting Started

WestREAP intend to co-lead with other community entities to establish the hub. To fully understand the opportunities and requirements to create a Community Hub in Hokitika, we suggest that will embark on a six-step programme. This is based on the successful model of Central Otago that has seen its Alexandra purpose-built Community Hub, being achieved, and now housing 16 essential community services.

1. Create a value proposition and strategy that engages and collaborates with the various social service providers in Westland.
2. Create a brand and identity that focus our stakeholders on the opportunities that will result from coming together.
3. Developing a robust financial model, both capital and operating expenditure.
4. Engage other regions that have successfully created Community Hubs to learn from their journey and to share their experiences e.g. Wanaka, Alexandra and Nelson.
5. Employ an architect to create a concept design and visuals to reflect the vision of the Community Hub in Hokitika.
6. Employ a project manager that will see the project through from feasibility stage to procurement of the build plan.

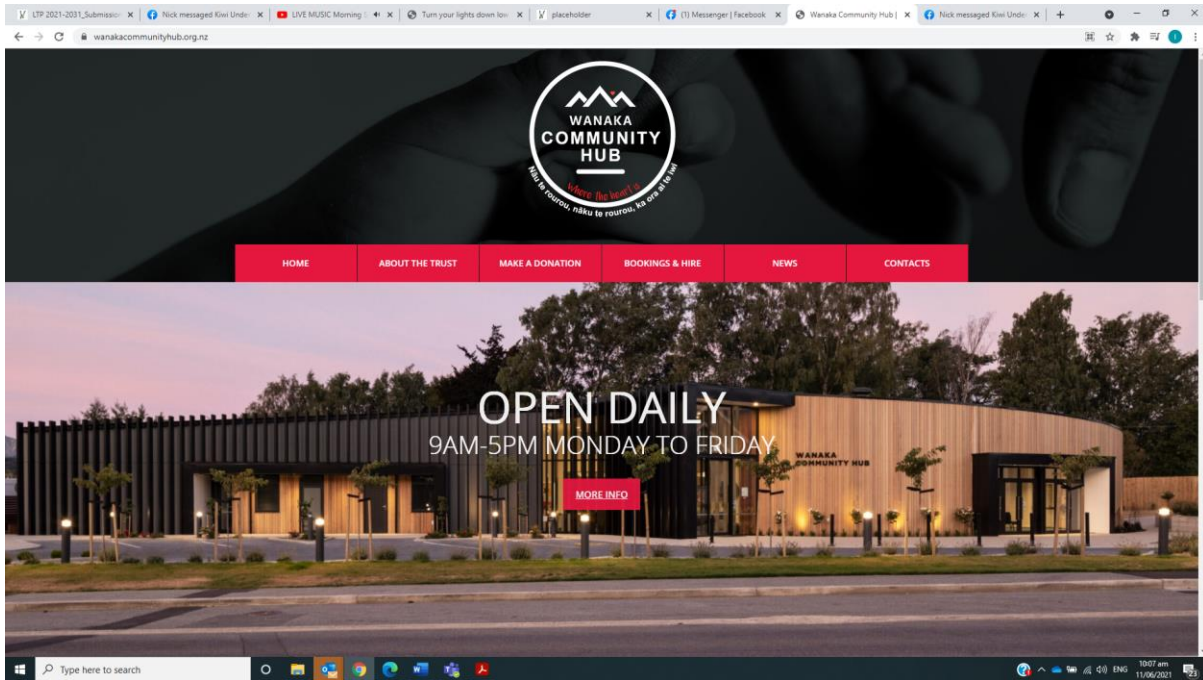
What we are seeking from Westland District Council

1. Initial support for the Project
2. Allocation of \$25,000 to \$30,000 is allocated to complete steps 1-4 above. The remaining steps 5 to 6 we would try to seek further funding and look to include these costs in the development of either the Pakiwaitara Building, Cass Square, or the Hokitika Racecourse.
3. Establishment of a Community Hub project team to oversee and give input into the project. The appointment of a Council Representative to the Community Hub project team is imperative along with input from community organisations.

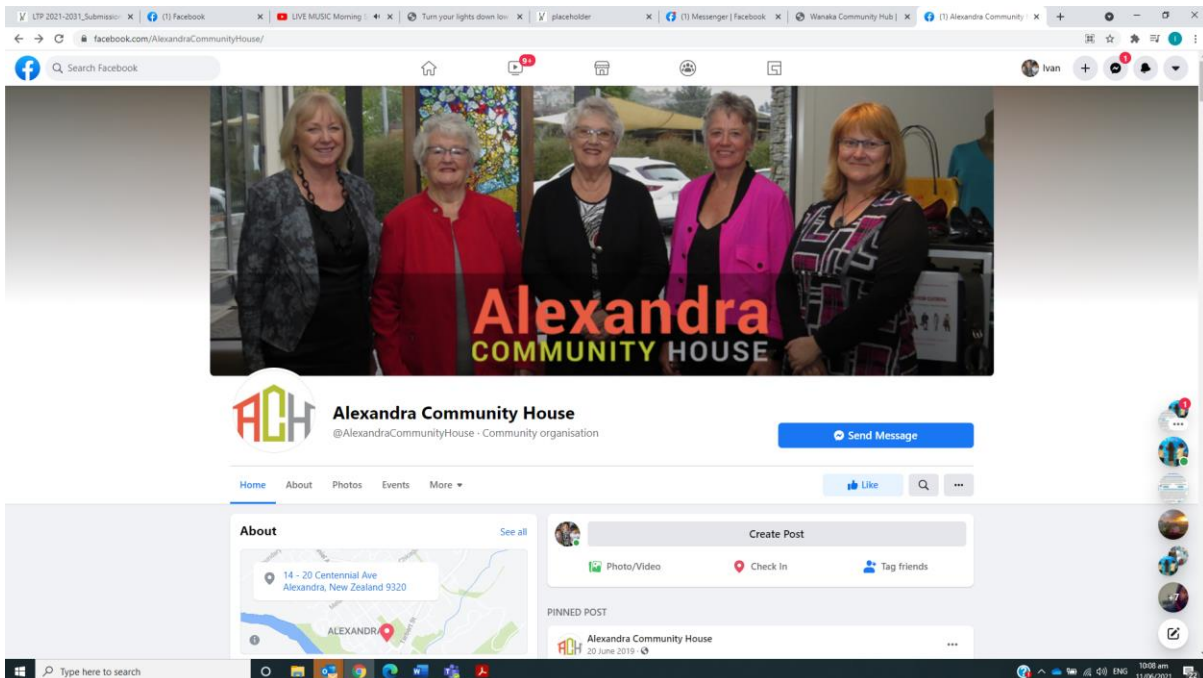
- 4. Support from Council to investigate the use of the Pakiwaitara Building, Cass Square, and the Hokitika Racecourse.

Don't think its possible? Just ask Central Otago.....

<https://wanakacommunityhub.org.nz/>



<https://www.facebook.com/AlexandraCommunityHouse/>



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New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Friday, June 11, 2021 - 10:19 Submitted values are:

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Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select:

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select:

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:
Hokitika Racecourse

I think it is extremely important that the racecourse is kept as an equestrian facility for all riders on the West

Coast and not just in the closer Hokitika area.

I use of track both the sand track and the grass track – I use this track approximately on a weekly basis during the summer to get my horse fit for endurance riding. I compete up to 40km at the moment but hope to be back up to the longer rides in the future.

As stated, I use the track to prepare my horse(s) for endurance riding. It is important that I be able to do not only distance work with my horses for fitness (walking and trotting long kilometers), but also faster work to increase their fitness. This track is invaluable for doing both, but especially the canter work as it is increasingly difficult to find areas to do long canters in as it is hard to find farmers that are willing to let horse riders use their farms and also there is the problem of frequent gates to open when farm riding is found (and the farmers don't really want their pasture depleted by creating our own racetrack around the edges understandably). In the distant past I used to do this canter work along the sides of the roads, but with increased traffic making it an unsafe environment, and roadside verges being graded and tarsealed for bike riders thereby increasing the concussion on horses legs), this is now not an option. Forestry roads are being locked up with gates, and also they are usually so hard that anything faster than a trot increases the concussion on horses legs also, and riding on the beach is reliant on the tides and how stoney the beach is at the time (not so bad if you don't work and are able to go to the beach at any given time, but a lot of people are working 8am-5pm so this cuts out of lot of availability with tides).

There is also the issue that this is the only racetrack that is really available to use in the area. I travel from Greymouth to use it as in the past I have approached Omoto Racecourse but they flatly refused to let anyone who wasn't a racehorse trainer use their track. Kumara have let me use their inside track, but they don't have a sand inside track, the only one is the ambulance track, which is very hard. Hokitika racecourse has an ideal inside sand track that isn't way to soft or extremely hard. There is also the beautiful grass track that has recently been made available to use which is absolutely perfect and should only be allowed to be used in spells of fine weather. All these racecourses are great safe areas for horse folk to ride in as they are full enclosed, away from traffic, and able to offer the ability for riders to do long distances and/or faster distances, but 95% of the time they are left unused until the one or two races held a year on them (but obviously not the Hokitika one at the moment).

I am also not the only horse rider in the area that uses the racetrack for the above purpose.

I would be more than happy to pay a yearly fee to whoever is overseeing the use of the Hokitika racecourse for part of the upkeep of it. Perhaps a once a year fee due on a certain date, and then a padlock pin pad could be changed yearly?

Maybe there is also an opportunity for the racetrack to hold one or two actual local races for non-thoroughbred type horses, something like the Rapahoe races was years ago. A race such as for under 16 year olds/ponies/horses with draft breeding/Standardbreds etc. Something along those lines. A fun day only open for West Coast riders? Entry fees could be charged which could go towards the upkeep of the track? It could attract local people as spectators? No betting, just a fun day out. Could something like that be held in conjunction with the Wild Foods Festival to attract tourists as well?

I also understand the grazing and track is used for the local RDA. It is extremely important that they have close grazing for their horses so that they can maintain the valuable service they provide for the West Coast people/children who use this service. How much more money will they have to come up with if they have to find grazing further afield and also transport horses back and forth each day they are operating?

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No



10 June 2021

Westland District Council

To whom it may concern,

Re: Westland Community Hub

We are aware that Westland Rural Education Activities Programme Incorporated ("**WestREAP**") is making a submission to the Westland District Council in formulating its Long-Term Plan.

We fully support the submission by WestREAP to prepare a feasibility study to develop a sustainable community hub which will benefit the Westland community. We are also supportive of the establishment of a community hub which is fit for purpose.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'B' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Birte Becker

Feedback Form

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Name Carrol & Mike Browne
 Organisation (if applicable) Partners Distinction Fox Glacier Fox Glacier Guiding, FitzCrawle Farms
 Email [REDACTED]
 Address 142 Cook Flat Road, Fox Glacier, 9859
 I would like to speak to Council about my submission Y N
 If yes, please provide a contact phone number [REDACTED]

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

- I support lowering the charge to 17.5% Yes No
 I support lowering the charge to 12.5% Yes No
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- I support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited Yes No
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- I support completing Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade Yes No
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Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

- I support adopting the Rates Remission – Adverse Possession Policy Yes No
 I do not support adopting the Rates Remission – Adverse Possession Policy Yes No

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Lack of transparency on the specifics of where money will go makes it difficult to comment on proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan.

Our main concerns are:

1. The Fox Glacier Community rate will increase by 39% on our residential properties and 31% for commercial properties we part owners of. There is no transparency about where this increase will go.

Some of the money in this rate is administered by council and some by the Fox Inc community council. These two need to be separated on the rates demand.

Where will this increase go? Fox Inc has been told there will be no increase in the amount of money available to pay the Community Development Officer. The amount available for this role has not changed since its inception in 2006. The increase should be going to this role which is essential for our community. The Mayor, CEO and our local councillors were made aware of the desperate need to increase funding for this role in 2019 and it appears that no heed was paid to this.

2. The Tourism Promotion Rate:

Almost half of the money generated by this rate comes from the Glaciers. Again lack of transparency in where this money is spent is a concern. The Glacier Country Tourism Group should be able to access some of this money to pay for its paid worker. This important role is significantly underfunded presently coming as it does from the Glacier Promotion Rate that has been unchanged since its inception in about 2006. Quite where the Glacier Promotion Rate is in the Draft Long Term Plan is impossible to tell.

Rates demands should show clearly the targets of this rates. Significant money from this rate should return to the Glacier Country Tourism Group to help finance the good work this group does for the district.

3. The increase in rates in general:

Given the money the Council has successfully gone after from sources other than rates it seems odd that none of that has filtered into profit for the council to use to off set a rate increase that would help alleviate some of the financial pressure businesses in the glaciers are facing.

The significant projects proposed for Hokitika are to be applauded but to expect money to come from a rate increase to finance them in the wake of Covid 19 seems cruel.

More pages can be attached if necessary.

Your name and feedback will be made public as part of Council's decision making process. This information will be published on our website, but will only be used for the Long Term Plan process.

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Thank you for your feedback.

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Name Marius & Lisa Bron

Organisation (if applicable) _____

Email _____

Address 27 Pekanga Drive, Fox Glacier

I would like to speak to Council about my submission Y N

If yes, please provide a contact phone number _____

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What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

We do not support a rates rise of any kind this year. Glacier County residents are still under considerable pressure to survive through the Covid 19 pandemic response. There does not look like any kind of return to normal for 2021 or 2022. These communities need support not pressure from the council. See attached evidence PDF.

Any other comments?

For Glacier Targeted Community rate must be separated out so community can see how much is rated and can clearly help manage this funding along with WDC.

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Thank you for your feedback.

Survey Data Summary

Development West Coast, with support from the Glacier Country Tourism Group, conducted a survey of Glacier Country businesses to gain a better understanding of the economic and social impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The survey was conducted online between 5 to 12 February 2021, with surveys sent via email to businesses in the Glacier Country.

103 survey responses

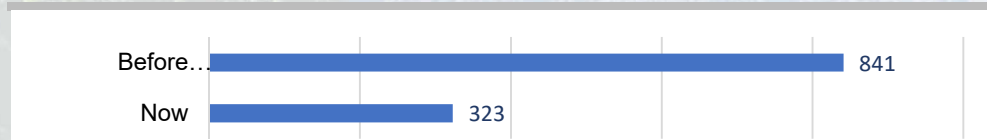
Total number of businesses in Glacier Country	Businesses to respond to the survey	Percent of businesses in the Glacier Country responded to the survey
174	103	59%

16 businesses reported they are no longer operating.

73% of businesses have reduced their staff because of COVID-19

Business Impact

Staff numbers 85 answered, 18 skipped



Staff	Before COVID-19	Now	Jobs reported lost so far
Full-time	616	223	393
Part-time	162	56	106
Casual	63	44	19
Total	841	323	519

Note: these numbers are only what was reported by 85 businesses, so the actual numbers will likely be higher.

At least **68 businesses** and an additional **195 jobs** will likely be lost in the next 6 months if there are no changes or additional support.

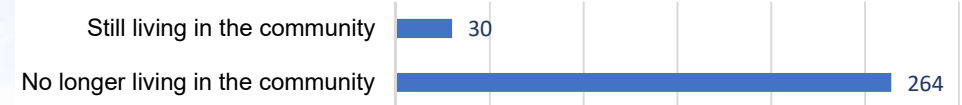
Capacity at which businesses are operating at compared to previous years?

Mean **28.5%** Median **20%**

Social impact

Staff who are no longer employed with you due to COVID-19

60 answered, 43 skipped



At least **264** staff no longer employed have already left the community.

Number of children in local schools

84 answered, 18 skipped

	Current staff	Staff no longer employed
Number of children in schools	50	19 students potentially lost from local schools (as caregivers no longer employed)

Number of community volunteers

46 answered, 57 skipped

Volunteer Groups	Current staff	Staff no longer employed
Fire and Emergency Volunteers	16	16
Search and Rescue	14	9
Civil Defence	24	8
St John	8	1
Community Boards	8	-
Project Early Bird (Trapping)	5	2
Local Churches	4	-
School Volunteers (Clubs, Sports, Etc)	4	-
Playgroups/ Kindergarten	3	1
Other Groups	3	1

If anything, what support do you need to stay in business and the community until 2022 and beyond? Most common responses:

- Reintroduction of the wage subsidy
- Financial support from Government (grants or interest free loans)
- Creation of special economic zone
- Tax relief
- Rates relief from Council
- Flexible work programmes (like Jobs for Nature)
- Infrastructure projects in the area
- Wellbeing support

Emma Rae

From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 11 June 2021 10:33 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission from: draft LTP 2021 - 2031

New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Friday, June 11, 2021 - 10:33 Submitted values are:

Full name: Phoebe Wilson
Organisation & Position Resident and Ratepayer
Email: [REDACTED]
Postal address: 339 Kaniere Road
Phone number:

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select:

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select:

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Westland District Council Long Term Plan 2021-31.

I take this opportunity to specifically identify issues that exist within the Kaniere Township with the intent that Council includes them in Year 1 (2021-22) of the Long Term Plan.

Flooding on St Albans Street

The flooding on St Albans Street, at the entrance to my home and Kaniere School pick-up area is becoming increasingly worse. After each rainfall St Albans Street floods and takes around 24 hours to subside. As a result of the flooding, a pond of water develops at Kaniere School which is approximately one metre deep which a hazard for unsupervised school students. In addition to that, our driveway becomes inaccessible during rainfall and cars driving through the surface flooding on the road create a wave of water that inundates our property. Whilst it was beneficial for our house to become inaccessible by car during my partner's health recovery, it is

now becoming a serious health and safety concern. We operate an Air-BnB and next year will pay \$3,889.69 in rates on a property valued at \$275,000. The flooding of our street obviously has a negative impact on our guests' experience! Can the stormwater network, drains and pumps in Kaniere please be upgraded, cleaned and serviced regularly in Year 1 of the LTP?

Lack of footpath and kerb maintenance

Over the time we have lived at our residence we have regularly cleaned and sprayed our footpaths. The footpaths around our property on Kaniere Road has little to no seal left and is mostly gravel. Can the footpaths and kerbs in Kaniere Township please be patched for potholes, resealed and moss and mold sprayed six-monthly in Year 1 of the LTP?

Kaniere Domain Rest Area

The recent work undertaken by volunteers and the RSA at Kaniere Domain is to be commended. This area is a popular rest spot for cyclist on the West Coast Wilderness Trail and visitors to the district, as well as locals. Can the Kaniere Domain Rest Area please be mowed regularly, with the drains cleared and the carpark area sealed in Year 1 of the LTP?

Kaniere Cycle Crossing

I understand Council has been working on a cycle crossing for Kaniere Road by the Pub for many years. Can the Kaniere Cycle Crossing please be completed in Year 1 of the LTP?

Hokitika Promotions Rate - Ratepayers Database

As a commercial ratepayer, we should benefit from the membership services provided by Destination Hokitika by virtue of paying the Hokitika Promotions Rate. Destination Hokitika is not provided with an accurate database of members each year, and as such can not pass the full benefits of membership onto all ratepayers. Can the Council please provide Destination Hokitika with a complete list of ratepayers names and addresses that pay the Hokitika Tourism Promotions Rate?

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

I am quite happy to pay more rates for upgraded and improved levels of service for my community and the Westland District in general.

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No

Emma Rae

From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
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New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Friday, June 11, 2021 - 10:36 Submitted values are:

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Organisation & Position

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Phone number: [REDACTED]

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select: **Option 1:** I support lowering the charge to 17.5%

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select: **Option 1:** I support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 1:** I support completing Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select **Option 1:** I support adopting the Rates Remission – Adverse Possession Policy

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

In general, I support the draft proposals, but I do not accept that the timing of capital expenditure follows the 2019-2029 long term plan that was consulted and agreed upon.

Core infrastructure has to take precedence over nice to haves.

As an example, I choose to compare the current draft and 2019-2029 long term plans with respect to storm water infrastructure delivery.

Following the 2015 floods, council commissioned a report which identified shortcomings in several of council's storm water networks.

Prior to the 2019-2028 long term plan, the issues at Rolleston Street and Bealey streets were partially addressed.

The 2019-2028 long term plan addressed the remaining deficiencies, but these have not been fully delivered in the first three years timespan that the 2019-2028 plan indicated.

The current long term plan draft gives no indication as to why previously consulted and agreed timing for upgrades, at Livingston and Hoffman Streets, which are now overdue in line with 2018-2028 long term plan, have been justified. In fact Hoffman Street works appear to have disappeared completely from the 2022-2031 draft long term plan.

The decision to purchase the Mountain Jade building, being a departure from the 2019-2028 long term plan, was put out to special consultation, Why was the decision to defer core infrastructure, previously consulted on and agreed, not put out for further consultation?

Pakiwaitara and the racecourse development are non-essential services, which I support long term, but not at the expense of core infrastructure which has been previously consulted and agreed upon.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

The New Zealand Building Code, E 1.3.2, outlines the responsibilities of local government to provide levels of service that prevent flood level incursions above floor level of residential properties in a 1 in 50 years flood event. I would argue that although not a statutory requirement, morally Council should afford commercial properties the same levels of service.

The MWH (now Stantec) report of November 2015 identified the levels of service for Livingstone and Hoffman Streets equate to a less than 1 in 2 years event. Tancred Street pump station has been upgraded to a 50 years level of service, but to achieve this the report indicates an overland flow path on Tancred Street to a depth of 250 mm is required.

Previous, councils have known via this report that they have not been providing the levels of service required to meet the requirements of the New Zealand Building Code. Adoption of this draft long term plan with respect to provision of core infra timing as it stands will be a continuing failure of both the administration and governance of Westland District Council to provide core infrastructure as required by the New Zealand Building Code..

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No

West Coast Equestrian Advocacy Group wish to submit the following to Westland District Council long term plan

- Include equestrian users in planning considerations when designing trails around the district.
- Change WDC's wording of scenic trails away from calling them Cycleways. Suggest using terminology of multiuse path, as a starting point of planning, to ensure Cycling and Walking tracks include Bridleway wherever possible. Make this a starting point of all pathway design.
- Add more signage to the Westland sections of the West Coast Wilderness Trail, to ensure all users are aware they may encounter horses on the trail, and to clearly state the requirements on all users. Eg, who gives way, pick up all droppings and rubbish.

Equestrians in the district have already lost many of their traditional riding trails, and have been overlooked when planning new trails. While we applaud the Westland District council for allowing equestrians on their section of the West Coast Wilderness Trail, we feel that increasing awareness would ensure all trail users are aware of their responsibilities, and what other users they may encounter.

- We disagree with the planned spending on changes to the Hokitika Racecourse.

We feel there needs to be more consultation and discussion before committing to any significant spending. The all-weather track provides many current benefits, not just to the equestrian community. There is no reason we cannot use this space to create an excellent multi use space, without losing any of the benefits we currently enjoy. Consultation with relevant equestrian groups, including the RDA, Pony Clubs, Riding Clubs, and the Equestrian Advocacy Group would be greatly appreciated. Safe equestrian spaces have been slowly eroding over time as more and more developments exclude them. In most cases, equestrians are more than happy to share their spaces, so creating a multi-use space, with clear details on who can use, and when, would mean we can all enjoy the open space, and potentially host events and competitions.

Thank you for your time, I am happy to be contacted in relation to this submission.

Cindie Uddstrom



On behalf of West Coast Equestrian Advocacy Group, part of the New Zealand Equestrian Advocacy Network.

Emma Rae

From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 11 June 2021 10:48 am
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New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Friday, June 11, 2021 - 10:47 Submitted values are:

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Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select:

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select:

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

I am wishing to put my submission is to help keep the Hokitika Racecourse as an equestrian area. The following has been documented by Fiona Anderson which I completely agree with and couldnt have said it better.

I disagree with the plan to spend \$2,317,000 dollars on drainage and demolition at the Hokitika Racecourse in years 1-3 and spending \$2,076,000 on creating an Event Zone and preparation of Medium Density Housing in years 3-6. Council has said they will create a concept plan for the space in full consultation with community and stakeholders to determine future uses of the land and this needs to occur before committing to spending millions of dollars the above projects. This land was gifted to the people of Hokitika in the 1880s as a reserve for the community and therefore I oppose selling parts of it off to fund a housing development.

Parks and reserves make a significant contribution to the community's health and physical and social wellbeing, through offering space for physical exercise and recreation as part of a healthy lifestyle and chances to socialise and participate in sport collectively. The racecourse as it currently exists is used by many people as

a safe area to meet and exercise dogs and to walk. The attraction of this area is that it provides a pleasant 1.2km all weather loop track with good footing that is free from vehicle traffic. Many older people use the area for walking. The racecourse is also widely used by members of the equestrian community and the West Coast RDA for both grazing, riding on the all-weather track and for equestrian events. Mostly the participants in these equestrian pursuits, including the teenagers that volunteer at the RDA and the riding lesson children and the grazers and the casual users of the racecourse are women and girls. Sport NZ has identified clear inequalities for women and girls in participation, involvement and visibility within sport and active recreation. Horse riding has a high female participation rate at all ages and is the third ranked sport for girls 5- 17 years old. I note that most of the council managed recreational sporting areas are rugby fields which largely cater to males.

It is also essential that the Hokitika Racecourse retains grazing and riding areas for the 8 -10 ponies that work at West Coast RDA, catering for the 80 disabled and disadvantaged children and adults who attend from all over the West Coast. Horse riding is great physical therapy; the swinging, repetitive motion improves balance, coordination, strength and muscle tone while gently mobilizing the joints. It allows many to enjoy the outdoor environment in a way that would otherwise be denied them.

It would be great if the council could include the horse-riding community in any decisions it makes on the future of the Hokitika Racecourse.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

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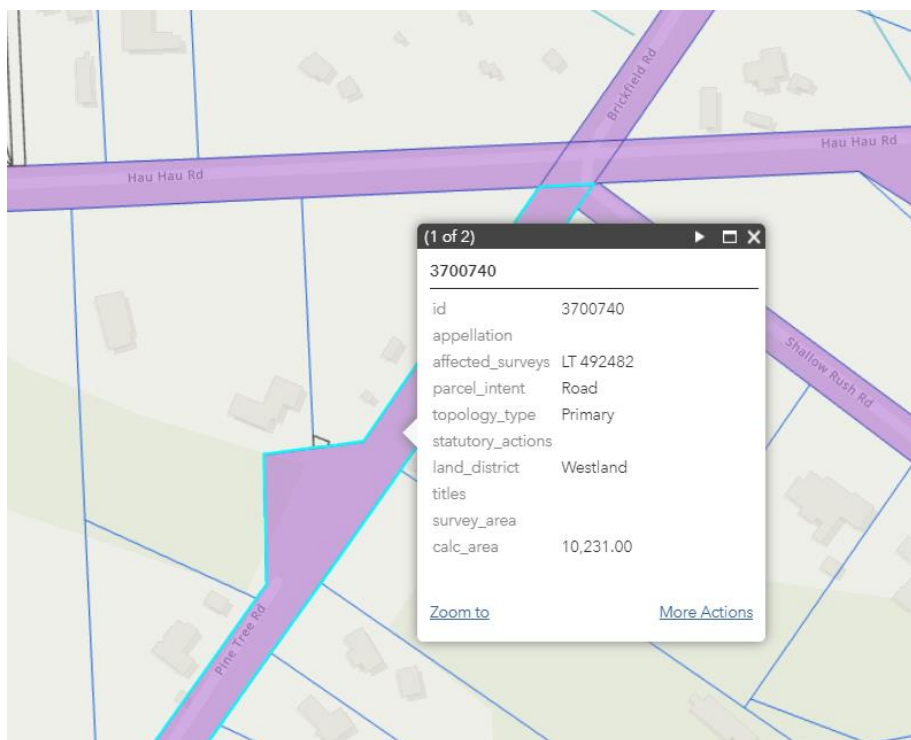
Submission on the Westland District Council Te Kahui o Poutini Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2031

The New Zealand Walking Access Commission (NZWAC) submits that a walking and cycling link to connect Pine Tree Road and Hau Hau Road be included in the Long Term Plan and be constructed in 2021/2022.

What and why

Members of the Hokitika community approached NZWAC to ask about the legal and practical aspects of connecting Pine Tree Road to Hau Hau and Brickfield Roads for walking and cycling.

The status of the access is legal road, shown in the snipped map below where legal roads are shaded purple.



Map to show legal road

Enquiries were made locally and established that:

- A new pipeline was installed a few years ago (approx. 2015) within the legal road to bring additional water to the Council's water pumping station to increase the supply to Westland Milk Products.

- Access along the route has evolved with children developing and maintaining a rough bike track.
- The track is steep and slippery, and though it is used by a few local people, it is unsafe and a recent slip and fall required emergency services to rescue a person, unable to move.



Current situation showing pipeline and rough track

- There is broad interest in and support for improved access via this route to enable: safer commuting by bicycle to work and to school, for example from Brickfield Road to Kaniere School; circular walks; connections between Brickfield Road, Pipeline Walk, Blue Spur, Kaniere and Hokitika, linking to the West Coast Wilderness Trail and Hokitika Heritage Trail.
- Enabling more cyclists to use this route would take some cyclists off other roads, for example from the narrow Hau Hau Road.
- The unformed legal road appears to have been established with space for a road or track to be formed at some point in the future, allowing it to zig-zag up the terrace face, as the legal road parcel widens from 20m to over 55m at its widest point.
- Cllr Paul Davidson was consulted and can see the value in a link track and the likelihood that a track of suitable gradient could be created here.
- Westroads were involved in the pipeline installation and General Manager, Graeme Kelly, knows the route well. He also uses it for walking. Mr Kelly estimates that Westroads could construct a narrow 1-1.5m wide benched gravel-surface track at a cost of approximately \$30,000.
- Westland Milk Products, bearing in mind their connection to the pipeline, may be able to support a project to install a suitable track.

A new access here would be similar, though with the addition of cycling access, to those connecting paths between Whitcombe Terrace and Bonar Drive, Bonar Drive and Tudor Street, Alpine View and Jollie Street, and the Skyla mountain bike track down to Sale Street.

Effects of developing a new practical access for those on foot or bicycle

Negative:

Economic – cost of determining the best route for a suitable gradient, constructing and maintaining the short track, which will only be some 100m long.

Environmental – the legal road at this point includes punga, mahoe and weed species. Some will need to be cleared but small equipment can be used to create a narrow path, minimising the loss of any native vegetation.

Social – it will be important to take into account any potential adverse effects on neighbouring properties as the proposed connecting track is planned, including looking into alternative routes up the terrace face, and then constructed. Such effects are anticipated to be very minor; discussions with some neighbours has taken place and further discussion with all adjacent landowners is an important part of the process.

Cultural – none identified.

Positive:

Economic - low cost for high value. Once completed, maintenance costs will be minimal.

Environmental – encourages alternative modes of travel; reduced use of cars/carbon emissions for short journeys in the area as the connecting link will enable more journeys on foot or by bicycle for work and for school.

Social – risk of cycling along Hau Hau Road to reach Kaniere removed; risk of using current steep and slippery slope removed; increased connectivity for local communities for walking and cycling; positive health and well-being benefits of those active modes of travel.

Cultural – increased access to heritage trail.

Rationale for financing this project

Creating a walking/cycling link trail that will connect Pine Tree Road with Hau Hau and Brickfield Roads is all about public benefit. Members of the community have asked for this access to be made safe and practical so that they can cycle to school, so that they can more easily walk and bike in the area, and so that they can connect to other safe routes around Hokitika, reducing dependence on cars and switching to more active modes of transport for local journeys.

Recommendation

That the proposed walking cycling link be included in the Long Term Plan and that a route be identified and the track be constructed during the 2021/22 financial year.



Indicative route up terrace face

Emma Rae

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Organisation & Position

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Postal address: 298 Cook Flat road

Fox Glacier

Phone number:

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select: **Option 3:** I support leaving the charge at 21.7%

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select: **Option 2:** I do not support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 2:** I do not support Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select **Option 2:** I do not support adopting the Rates Remission – Adverse Possession Policy

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No

Emma Rae

From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 11 June 2021 10:57 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission from: draft LTP 2021 - 2031

New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Friday, June 11, 2021 - 10:56 Submitted values are:

Full name: Maurice and Rowan Sullivan

Organisation & Position Farmers

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: PO Box 17, Fox Glacier

Phone number:

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select: **Option 2:** I support lowering the charge to 12.5%

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select: **Option 1:** I support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 2:** I do not support Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

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Emma Rae

From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 11 June 2021 11:00 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission from: draft LTP 2021 - 2031

New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Friday, June 11, 2021 - 11:00 Submitted values are:

Full name: justin venable

Organisation & Position Te Nikau Hospital, West Coast DHB; University of Otago

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: 210 Keogans Road, Hokitika

Phone number: [REDACTED]

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select:

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select:

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 1:** I support completing Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

As a local recreation enthusiast, but not a member of Westland mountain bike club, I do support their proposal for enhancing opportunities for mountain bike tourism and access here in our district, as per the priority proposals submitted by them to Council earlier this year, namely:

1. Improve the Heritage Trail (namely the steep section up to Brickfield).
2. Develop a flow/BMX track at Sunset Point.
3. Further develop the Lake Kaniere Walkway to improve its rideability.
4. Look into developing backcountry riding opportunities around Hokitika.

As local health care providers for our community, both myself and my partner, along with many local family and friends, are strong supporters of the health, wellbeing, economic and cultural benefits of infrastructure development in this arena. One only has to look at Seddonville/Mokihinui/Westport/Blackball/Punakaiki to see how a 'destination' mountain biking development can radically change a community for the better in myriad ways.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: Yes

If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?: Yes

Specify the party: Westland Mountain Bike Club

Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?: No

Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link?: Yes

Emma Rae

From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 11 June 2021 11:07 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission from: draft LTP 2021 - 2031

New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Friday, June 11, 2021 - 11:06 Submitted values are:

Full name: Jane Wellard

Organisation & Position The White Fox Holiday Home - Fox Glacier and Hokitika resident

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: 12 South Spit Road, Hokitika

Phone number: [REDACTED]

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select: **Option 2:** I support lowering the charge to 12.5%

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select: **Option 1:** I support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 1:** I support completing Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

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What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

Any rates increases in the Glacier Region will have a significant impact on tourist businesses and the remaining local communities. The area has been hard hit and unfortunately has not done well off the back of the domestic tourism surge as Hokitika has done. Things are pretty dismal and dire without adding more financial burdens. The DWC survey highlights starkly the impact of COVID-19 in a region so dependent on international tourism.

I disagree with the plan to spend \$2,317,000 dollars on drainage and demolition at the Hokitika Racecourse in years 1-3 and spending \$2,076,000 on creating an Event Zone and preparation of Medium Density Housing in years 3-6. Council has said they will create a concept plan for the space in full consultation with community and stakeholders to determine future uses of the land and this needs to occur before committing to spending millions of dollars the above projects. This land was gifted to the people of Hokitika in the 1880s as a reserve for the community and therefore I oppose selling parts of it off to fund a housing development. Parks and reserves make a significant contribution to the community's health and physical and social wellbeing, through offering space for physical exercise and recreation as part of a healthy lifestyle and chances to socialise and

participate in sport collectively. The racecourse as it currently exists is used by many people as a safe area to meet and exercise dogs and to walk. The attraction of this area is that it provides a pleasant 1.2km all weather loop track with good footing that is free from vehicle traffic. Many older people use the area for walking. The racecourse is also widely used by members of the equestrian community and the West Coast RDA for both grazing, riding on the all-weather track and for equestrian events. Mostly the participants in these equestrian pursuits, including the teenagers that volunteer at the RDA and the riding lesson children and the grazers and the casual users of the racecourse are women and girls. Sport NZ has identified clear inequalities for women and girls in participation, involvement and visibility within sport and active recreation. Horse riding has a high female participation rate at all ages and is the third ranked sport for girls 5- 17 years old. I note that most of the council managed recreational sporting areas are rugby fields which largely cater to males. It is also essential that the Hokitika Racecourse retains grazing and riding areas for the 8 -10 ponies that work at West Coast RDA, catering for the 80 disabled and disadvantaged children and adults who attend from all over the West Coast. Horse riding is great physical therapy; the swinging, repetitive motion improves balance, coordination, strength and muscle tone while gently mobilizing the joints. It allows many to enjoy the outdoor environment in a way that would otherwise be denied them. It would be great if the council could include the horse-riding community in any decisions it makes on the future of the Hokitika Racecourse. It is mindful to note that half of the member base of the successful Greymouth Pony Club are riders who are based in Hokitika. These riders are not rich or elitist but average people who make sacrifices to ride. Some have little or no access to any other form of grazing and even though the racecourse is wet and poor grazing it is the only option available to many. Without it most if not all could not keep their horse or pony.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

I fully support the upgrades to the pool and Cass Square. The pool particularly is pivotal in this community and extremely well utilised. So important for mental and physical health and teaching children to swim and water safety.

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No



Kaniere School

16 Camp Street
Kaniere 7811

9 June 2021

Submission to Long Term Plan 2021-2031

Rachel King
Principal
Kaniere School

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Kaniere School has for a number of years been working towards a project to build a hall within the Kaniere Township. In 2005 a feasibility study was commissioned that confirmed the need for the facility. Forecasting the use of a community facility that does not exist is difficult. Often it is not until the facility is open that all sorts of activities develop within it and the use grows over time. This is likely to be the case for this proposed space, particularly given this is the community where subdivisions and growth is occurring. The space is likely to become a venue for various community meetings, community classes and events. We believe the time is now right to develop a Community Hub and Civil Defence Centre on WestRoads land where "Pragnell's Shed" now stands. The location has been identified because it is owned by a subsidiary of Council WestRoads and has close proximity to the Kaniere Village and School. Additionally, Pragnell's Shed is now nearing the end of its useful life and planning for development on this site would allow for the inclusion of:

- A Civil Defence Centre for the Kaniere Township
- Storage for Council/WestRoads/Community Groups
- A Hall for Community Events and Functions
- A Hall for Kaniere School, including youth activities outside of school hours such as sports trainings

The floor area of the space is estimated at 284m² with a 105 m² verandah. Based on an estimate of \$2000 m² and a comparison with Blaketown School's hall in Greymouth which is of similar size, the capital cost is likely to be in the order of \$550,000+GST. We ask that \$350,000+GST be included in Year Two/Three of the Long Term Plan 2021-31 which would enable us to seek external funding and undertake community fundraising for the project over the coming 18 months. We would undertake to raise two-thirds of the funding needed to complete this project externally from our local community via grants.

Rachel King
Principal
Kaniere School

Feedback Form

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BY: _____

Submissions close 12 pm Friday, 11 June 2021 - Submissions Hearings: Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16 June 2021

Please **scan and email** this form to the Council. Email: consult@westlanddc.govt.nz

You can also **call** us with your submission and use the form to help you.

Phone: 03 756 901

Freephone: 0800 474 834

Name NICOLA CALCOTT

Organisation (if applicable) _____

Email _____

Address 174 Greenstone rd, Kumara Westland

I would like to speak to Council about my submission Y N

If yes, please provide a contact phone number _____

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

I support lowering the charge to 17.5%

Yes No

I support lowering the charge to 12.5%

Yes No

I support leaving the charge at 21.7%

Yes No

Ownership of Elderly Housing

I support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited

Yes No

I do not support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited

Yes No

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

I support completing Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

Yes No

I do not support Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

Yes No

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

I support adopting the Rates Remission – Adverse Possession Policy

Yes No

I do not support adopting the Rates Remission – Adverse Possession Policy

No

All you need to know is on our website: <https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/long-term-plan-2021-2031>

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

I think that it is over ambitious
and that only essential services
and necessary projects be implemented
The very small rating base cannot be squeezed
to accommodate ambitious projects like
the Pakiwaitara building or the Hoki
racecourse.
Essential work only.

Any other comments?

The forecast rates increase 2021-2031
is quite frankly unacceptable
It would be 36% increase over 3 years
bringing the current rates to over
\$3,300 per annum (approx) Unaffordable
for most people. The Westcoast is the biggest
province in NZ and needs special Govt
funding to support Govt requirements
+ policies.

More pages can be attached if necessary.

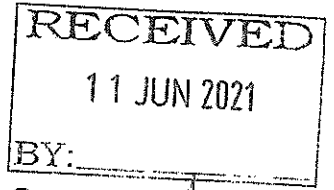
Your name and feedback will be made public as part of Council's decision making process. This information will be published on our website, but will only be used for the Long Term Plan process.

Remember, your feedback must reach the Council by noon on Friday, 11 June 2021 to be considered.

Thank you for your feedback.

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If the government wants councils to implement water reforms then appropriate funding needs to be available.



Council needs to streamline its workers and use existing personnel to do the research, consultancy etc. for various projects etc, not outsource over-paid specialists to form extra committees etc when in-house is available

SUBMISSION

TELEPHONE 0800 327 646 | WEBSITE WWW.FEDFARM.ORG.NZ



To: Westland District Council
36 Weld Street
Hokitika 7810

Submission on: **Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31**

Date: 11 June 2021

Submission by: West Coast Federated Farmers
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West Coast Federated Farmers welcomes this chance to submit on the Westland District Council draft Long Term Plan for 2021-2031.

We acknowledge any submissions made by individual members of Federated Farmers.

**SUBMISSION TO WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL
LONG TERM PLAN CONSULATION DOCUMENT 2021-2031**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Federated Farmers New Zealand (FFNZ) welcomes the opportunity to submit to Westland District Council (WDC) on its *Long Term Plan Consultation Document 2021-2031*.

2. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 **Recommendation:** FFNZ recommends that WDC keep future non targeted rates increases to no more than the 5% rates increase limits set in the Finance Strategy.

2.2 **Recommendation:** FFNZ recommends that WDC should review all its proposed capital projects to ensure they are appropriate, prioritised and timed to maximise their benefits and costs.

2.3 **Recommendation:** FFNZ recommends that WDC should implement a General Rates differential of less than 1.0 for rural based properties.

2.4 **Recommendation:** FFNZ recommends that WDC should not reduce the level of UAGC below 21.7%.

2.5 **Recommendation:** FFNZ recommends that WDC should fully utilise the UAGC mechanism at 30% of the total rates income, to provide equity between ratepayers.

2.6 **Recommendation:** FFNZ supports the alternative option given by WDC to leave the childrens pool in place.

2.7 **Recommendation:** FFNZ recommends that WDC supports Federated Farmers advocating to the government for increased connectivity in rural areas

2.8 **Recommendation:** FFNZ recommends that WDC include of all information regarding property rates, such as the UAGC, general rates, and targeted rates values, in the example property rates table.

2.9 **Recommendation:** FFNZ recommends that WDC acknowledge that there was a revaluation of properties as of the 1st of September 2020 and include a table on how the property revaluation would impact rates.

2.10 **Recommendation:** FFNZ recommends that WDC include a table which shows the cost of targeted rates which effect each of the nine Community Rating Areas in the district.

2.11 **Recommendation:** FFNZ recommends that WDC should extend the eligibility for the non-contiguous land rates remissions to properties which are also in the name of family members, for farm succession purposes.

2.12 **FFNZ ask that specific provision be given for covenanted land this in the rates remission policy under *'Rates remission on land protected for natural, historical, or cultural conservation***

***purposes'* and that covenanted land (or the equivalent) automatically receives a full or partial rate remission in perpetuity upon notification to council of the covenant.**

- 2.13 FFNZ suggests that WDC includes a remission of rates for properties which have been affected by 'natural disasters', which includes 'declared droughts' and any 'large scale adverse event'.**
- 2.14 Recommendation: FFNZ recommends that WDC should reduce the registration fee for non-urban dogs.**
- 2.15 Recommendation: FFNZ recommends that WDC should provide a discount for non-urban dog registration fees for subsequent dogs which are additional to the first working dog.**
- 2.16 Recommendation: FFNZ recommends that WDC introduces a flat fee to provide a discount for teams of 10 working dogs.**

3. GENERAL COMMENTS

Increasing Rates Above the 5% Limit

- 3.1 FFNZ is concerned at the large increases of rates over the next three years, with proposed annual increases of 13.0% in 2022, 12.5% in 2023, and 10.5% in 2024. Consideration should be given to how the council could maintain rates increases at no more than the 5% rates increase limits set in the Finance Strategy.**
- 3.2 Recommendation: FFNZ recommends that WDC keep future non targeted rates increases to no more than the 5% rates increase limits set in the Finance Strategy.**
- 3.3 Recommendation: FFNZ recommends that WDC should review all its proposed capital projects to ensure they are appropriate, prioritised and timed to maximise their benefits and costs.**

General Rates

- 3.4 FFNZ supports the use of a differential system for rates. Differentials recognise that different land uses, property types or property locations have a different level of impact on, or benefit from particular activities, and should therefore be rated differently.**
- 3.5 FFNZ strongly supports the use of differentials of less than 1.0 for farmland. This would acknowledge that rural residents and ratepayers do not have the same access to services as urban areas.**
- 3.6 Recommendation: FFNZ recommends that WDC should implement a General Rates differential of less than 1.0 for rural based properties.**

4. THE BIG ISSUES

Setting the Right Level of Uniform Annual General Charge

- 4.1 FFNZ strongly disagrees with the UAGC being reduced to any level below what is currently implemented, and requests Council to fully utilise the UAGC mechanism at 30% of the total rates income, to provide equity for all ratepayers.
- 4.2 A lower percentage of UAGC shifts a large – often unsustainable – portion of rates onto rural properties. The majority of Council expenditure benefits the whole district, this should be reflected in the base level of rates contributed by all ratepayers.
- 4.3 **Recommendation: FFNZ recommends that WDC should not reduce the level of UAGC below 21.7%.**
- 4.4 **Recommendation: FFNZ recommends that WDC should fully utilise the UAGC mechanism at 30% of the total rates income, to provide equity between ratepayers.**

Expanding Hokitika Centennial Swimming Pool

- 4.5 FFNZ believes that the development of a covered and heated childrens pool is a ‘want to have’ and not a ‘need to have’ asset. At the cost of \$2,379,930 this level of investment in the expansion is currently unsustainable given the already high increases of rates during the 2021-2025 rating period.
- 4.6 FFNZ does not support the WDC proposal to complete Stage 3 of the Hokitika Pool Expansion between the periods of 2021/2022 to 2024/2025 and request that this expansion is deferred until after 2025.
- 4.7 FFNZ supports the alternative option given by council to leave the childrens pool in place.
- 4.8 **Recommendation: FFNZ supports the alternative option given by WDC to leave the childrens pool in place.**

5. OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

- 5.1 FFNZ understands that investment in infrastructure are the largest expenses that councils face, which is no different for WDC.
- 5.2 FFNZ commends the WDC in securing external government funding of \$6.8 million for infrastructure projects in the district.
- 5.3 FFNZ is concerned that WDC has historically fallen short in the level of renewals required to keep networks in appropriate condition and performance levels, with the Wastewater Plant currently depreciated at 27.0%. The cost of upgrading just the wastewater infrastructure over the next 10 years is estimated to be \$13.13 million.

Communications Infrastructure

- 5.4 FFNZ supports councils seeking to do things more efficiently and effectively. We ask that WDC is mindful that rural internet connectivity is still often very poor and that many farmers are still unable to easily engage digitally, including with government agencies and councils. In the short-

term WDC will need to continue to allow people to interact in traditional means, at least until rural broadband improves.

5.5 Recommendation: FFNZ recommends that WDC supports Federated Farmers advocating to the government for increased connectivity in rural areas

Roading

5.6 FFNZ commends WDC on optimising the Waka Kotahi Funding Assistance Rate, securing 62% of funding for qualifying infrastructure in 2021/2022, with 100% for special purpose roads.

5.7 FFNZ supports the operations, maintenance and renewals of roads and supporting infrastructure to receive a level of service appropriate to maintain secure access for all residents and ratepayers in the district. FFNZ believes that WDC needs to continue to maintain the roads to an appropriate standard and ensure safety and access is not compromised in the work programme.

6. WHERE OUR FUNDING COMES FROM

6.1 FFNZ is concerned that the table of example property rates is missing a large portion of information. Inclusion of all information regarding property rates, including UAGC, general rates, and targeted rates values, is an important tool for residents to understand how changes will affect their rates.

6.2 FFNZ is concerned that the example property table does not acknowledge that there was a revaluation of properties as of the 1st of September 2020. It also does not include the any information on how the property revaluation would impact rates. A great example on how these statistics could be included in the LTP documents is shown by Tasman District Council, given in appendix A.

6.3 FFNZ also requests that WDC include a table which shows the cost of targeted rates which effect each of the nine Community Rating Areas in the district. An example of how this information can be included in a table is also from Tasman District Council, shown in appendix B.

6.4 Recommendation: FFNZ recommends that WDC include of all information regarding property rates, such as the UAGC, general rates, and targeted rates values, in the example property rates table.

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7. COMMENTS ON RATES REMISSION POLICY DOCUMENT

Remission of Uniform Charges of Non-Contiguous Rating Units Owned by the Same Ratepayer

- 7.1 FFNZ suggest that the eligibility of rates remissions for non-contiguous land should include an allowance for titles which are in the names of close family members, for farm succession purposes.

Rates remission on land protected for natural, historical, or cultural conservation purposes

- 7.2 FFNZ would like to see acknowledgement given to land covenanted and protected under the QEII Trust, with all or part of the properties UAGC and Targeted Rates reduced. This land is effectively retired from 'productive' farmland, while increasing natural character and biodiversity values to the district. Use of this covenant mechanism should be rewarded and automatically be provided rates remission.

Rates remission for natural disasters, declared droughts and large scale adverse events

- 7.3 FFNZ would like to suggest that WDC include a 'Rates remission for natural disasters, declared droughts and large scale adverse events' which would provide relief to properties affected by natural disasters. This would offer a mechanism to be utilised by central government, council and affected ratepayers should any of these events occur.

- 7.4 **Recommendation: FFNZ recommends that WDC should extend the eligibility for the non-contiguous land rates remissions to properties which are also in the name of family members, for farm succession purposes.**

- 7.5 **FFNZ ask that specific provision be given for covenanted land this in the rates remission policy under '*Rates remission on land protected for natural, historical, or cultural conservation purposes*' and that covenanted land (or the equivalent) automatically receives a full or partial rate remission in perpetuity upon notification to council of the covenant.**

- 7.6 **FFNZ suggests that WDC includes a remission of rates for properties which have been affected by 'natural disasters', which includes 'declared droughts' and any 'large scale adverse event'.**

8. COMMENTS ON FEES AND CHARGES

Dog Registration Fees

- 8.1 FFNZ are pleased to see that fees for rural and working dogs are less than town dogs, however the \$58.50 fee per non-urban dog is still too expensive once you consider that many farmers need multiple dogs on a property.
- 8.2 FFNZ suggests that a lower fee for subsequent rural dogs is introduced. There are 19 other Councils which have this reduced fee structure.
- 8.3 FFNZ believes that a flat fee for teams of 10 working dogs should be introduced. On rural properties teams of multiple dogs are often needed for farm productivity and high dog registration fees can create a financial barrier for many dog owners.
- 8.4 **Recommendation: FFNZ recommends that WDC should reduce the registration fee for non-urban dogs.**
- 8.5 **Recommendation: FFNZ recommends that WDC should provide a discount for non-urban dog registration fees for subsequent dogs which are additional to the first working dog.**

8.6 Recommendation: FFNZ recommends that WDC introduces a flat fee to provide a discount for teams of 10 working dogs.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A

	CV/BBE 2020 REVALUATION	2020/2021 ACTUAL RATES	PROPOSED RATES IF 2020 REVALUATION OCCURRED	% INCREASE 2020/2021	\$ INCREASE 2020/2021	CAPITAL VALUE	% CV CHANGE (WITH 2021) ACTUAL RATES	2021/2022 PROPOSED RATES	% CHANGE 2020/2021	\$ CHANGE 2020/2021
Residential – Wakefield, with 185m ² of water, Urban Water Supply Metered Connections	455,000	3,448	3,593	4.2%	145	580,000	27.5%	3,670	6.4%	222
Residential – Motueka, with 87m ² of water, Motueka Water Supply Metered Connections	490,000	3,191	3,295	3.3%	104	590,000	20.4%	3,293	3.2%	102
Residential – Richmond (Wairua Village), with 29m ² of water, Urban Water Supply Metered Connections	280,000	2,599	2,694	3.7%	95	385,000	37.5%	2,599	8.2%	213
Residential – Richmond, with 103m ² of water, Urban Water Supply Metered Connections	670,000	3,921	4,075	3.9%	154	800,000	19.4%	3,921	3.1%	123
Residential – Richmond, with 181m ² of water, Urban Water Supply Metered Connections	1,210,000	5,667	5,906	4.2%	239	1,375,000	13.6%	5,667	0.2%	13
Dairy Farm – Collingwood-Bainham	7,800,000	20,930	21,545	2.9%	615	7,020,000	-10.0%	20,930	-23.2%	-4,855
Forestry – Lakes Murchison	1,000,000	3,065	3,180	3.8%	115	1,290,000	29.0%	3,065	9.2%	282
Horticultural – Richmond with 177m ² of water, Urban Water Supply Metered Connections	820,000	3,443	3,617	5.1%	174	1,110,000	35.4%	3,443	12.3%	423
Horticultural – Ngatimoti	905,000	2,757	2,888	4.8%	131	1,205,000	33.1%	2,757	13.1%	361
*Horticultural – Hope in WCD EURA	2,110,000	5,857	6,660	13.7%	803	2,690,000	27.5%	5,857	18.5%	1,083
Pastoral Farming – Wakefield – with Water Supply Dams – Waikiti Valley Community Dam – 8	2,580,000	10,161	10,099	-0.6%	-62	2,810,000	8.9%	10,161	-8.6%	-874
Pastoral Farming – Upper Moutere	1,090,000	3,228	3,370	4.4%	142	1,230,000	12.8%	3,228	-1.6%	-51
*Lifestyle – Hope in WCD EURA	1,250,000	3,769	4,287	13.7%	518	1,530,000	22.4%	3,769	14.6%	549
*Lifestyle – Hope in WCD EURA, with 2m ² / day restrictor, Rural Water Extension to Urban Water Scheme	860,000	4,116	4,626	12.4%	510	1,060,000	23.3%	4,116	13.3%	548
Lifestyle – Wakefield, with 3m ² /day restrictor, Eighty-Eight Valley Rural Water Supply	2,000,000	6,623	7,010	5.8%	387	2,370,000	18.5%	6,623	4.4%	291
Lifestyle – East Takaka	570,000	1,951	2,042	4.7%	91	660,000	15.8%	1,951	1.6%	32
Lifestyle – Neudorf, with 2m ² /day restrictor, Dovedale Rural Water Supply	430,000	3,083	3,238	5.0%	155	530,000	23.3%	3,083	5.7%	176
Lifestyle, Tasman with 2m ² /day restrictor, Rural Water Extension to Urban Water Scheme	825,000	4,024	4,273	6.2%	249	1,020,000	23.6%	4,024	7.4%	296
Lifestyle – Bronte, with 3m ² /day restrictor, Redwood Valley Rural Water Supply	1,390,000	5,591	5,937	6.2%	346	1,690,000	21.6%	5,591	6.8%	380

*Warren Community Dam Extractive Use Rating Area

Appendix B

	GENERAL RATES	DISTRICT-WIDE TARGETED RATES (1)	STORM-WATER RATE	WASTE-WATER RATE	REGIONAL RIVER WORKS RATE	REUSE/RECYCLING RATE	COMMUNITY BOARD RATES (2)	WATER SUPPLY FIRE-FIGHTING RATES (3)	MAPUA STOPBANK RATE	BUSINESS RATES (4)	WATER SUPPLY - WAITI VALLEY COMMUNITY DAM RATE	WATER SUPPLY RATES (5)	WAIMA COMMUNITY DAM - EXTRACTIVE USE RATE	WAIMA COMMUNITY DAM - ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY BENEFITS ZONE RATE	TOTAL RATES
Residential – Richmond, with 103m ² of water, Urban Water Supply Metered Connections	\$1,885	\$263	\$367	\$705	\$50	\$136	-	-	-	-	-	\$614	-	\$24	\$4,044
Residential – Richmond, with 181m ² of water, Urban Water Supply Metered Connections	\$3,032	\$263	\$631	\$705	\$67	\$136	-	-	-	-	-	\$805	-	\$41	\$5,680
Dairy Farm – Collingwood-Bainham	\$14,295	\$263	\$338	-	\$1,144	-	\$20	\$15	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$16,075
Forestry – Lakes Murchison	\$2,863	\$263	\$62	-	\$159	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,347
Horticultural – Richmond with 177m ² of water, Urban Water Supply Metered Connections	\$2,505	\$263	\$53	-	\$81	\$136	-	-	-	-	-	\$795	-	\$33	\$3,866
Horticultural – Ngatimoti	\$2,694	\$263	\$58	-	\$84	-	\$19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,118
Horticultural – Hope in WCD EURA	\$5,656	\$263	\$130	-	\$185	\$136	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$490	\$80	\$6,940
Pastoral Farming – Wakefield – with Water Supply Dams – Waiti Valley Community Dam – 8	\$5,896	\$263	\$135	-	\$770	-	-	-	-	-	\$2,223	-	-	-	\$9,287



10 June 2021

Mayor and Councillors
Westland District Council

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

RE: LTP 2021-2031 Submission

The DWC Westland Sports Hub User Group appreciates the opportunity to submit this submission to the Westland District Council Long Term Plan 2021-31 to upgrade the drainage and lighting of the fields as part of stage three of the DWC Westland Sports Hub.

The full project cost for stage two is \$732,228.00+GST and is made up of the following costs:

Fairhall Agricultural	\$451,945.63
Think Water West Coast	\$91,010.36
Aotea Electrical	\$122,706.25
Project Contingency (10%)	\$66,566.22

The Ministry of Education has agreed to contribute \$300,000 inc GST from the sale of two school houses towards this project. Lotteries has granted \$309,662+GST from Lottery Community Facilities towards the project. **We request that Council allocate a grant of \$122,566+GST to underwrite the shortfall of the project.** Obviously, if other external funding applications are successful only part or nil of the grant from Council would need to be utilised.

The funding is required to upgrade the community sporting fields at Westland High School. This includes extensive drainage work that involves the removal of the top layer of the ground and installation of sand and irrigation and lighting to allow for extended training and playing times, especially in the winter season. The full documentation relating to this project is attached to this submission.

The need for this project was identified in the Feasibility Study undertaken in 2017. Alongside Cass Square the school fields continue to provide the venue for many codes, especially rugby, soccer and athletics to undertake trainings and play games. The community supports the development of the sporting fields at DWC Westland Sports Hub as a hub of community sporting activity.

With the damp conditions on the West Coast most fields have drainage issues. Training and competitions are constantly cancelled and sporting opportunities are missed. The provision of well-drained and irrigated fields, with lighting ensures all-season playability and extended playing and training hours in the winter season.

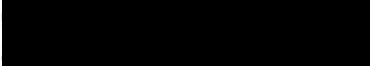
The DWC Westland Sports Hub User Group has already shown we can successfully manage a project of significant scale. We would welcome the support of the Westland District Council for all the personal time and resources going into this project to help us reach its completion.

Yours sincerely,



Angela Keenan
Chair DWC Westland Sports Hub

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Send us a letter or printed submission form:

LTP submission
Westland District Council
Private Bag 704

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Come and have a conversation with Councillors and staff at our Roadshow. See our website for details of where and when.

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Name Mark Nicholson agent on behalf of Mike Warren (Owner)

Organisation (if applicable) Rainforest Retreat Ltd / Global Sanctuaries Ltd

Email [REDACTED]

Address 46 Cron Street. Franz Josef

I would like to speak to Council about my submission N O

If yes, please provide a contact phone number _____

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What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

The level of rates increases is well out of sync with what is happening to tourism businesses located in Glacier Country due to the ongoing economic impact of Covid-19 and closed borders (other than Australia of which there are still very low visitor numbers coming to Glacier Country). A 17.6% rates increase (2020/21) \$39,580 to 2021/22 - \$46,572 for the Rainforest Retreat / Global Sanctuaries Ltd is challenging for a business that is currently operating at less than 20% of its usual revenue and will be for some time well into the future of the unknown. The proposed increase would also be on top of the increase from 2019/20.

The General rate – Commercial in our case is an increase of 53% and this along with the Franz Josef Sewerage rate increasing by 11% is going to cause the most amount of pain for the business along with most others located in Glacier Country

The Franz Josef Sewerage rate calculated by the number of toilet pans under the current system contributes 70% of our overall rates and is a ridiculous charge for all accommodation providers that have empty rooms, or have had to close their doors. Why have to pay for the use of a toilet pan for a room that is unoccupied? Sewerage rates need to be fairly linked to usage / occupancy levels. WDC should seriously be proposing a credit to all accommodation providers based on the reduced occupancies.

There are many businesses who are suffering financially from Covid-19 and the proposed rates increases could prove to be the final straw. This will mean there could be fewer businesses paying rates in the future that would cause future higher rates increases to those that are still surviving. Then what happens when international visitors return and there are fewer businesses operating and Glacier Country is unable to satisfy customer expectations because of the lack of available services such as accommodation, hospitality and attractions. This would also invariably have a massive flow on effect to the gateway destinations of Haast and Hokitika. The proposed rates increases **MUST NOT GO AHEAD.**

Any other comments?

A recent report from WDC is attached that highlights the impact of Covid-19 for the Glacier Country community and is why the proposed rates increases **MUST NOT GO AHEAD**

More pages can be attached if necessary.

Your name and feedback will be made public as part of Council's decision making process. This information will be published on our website, but will only be used for the Long Term Plan process.

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Thank you for your feedback.

Survey Data Summary

Development West Coast, with support from the Glacier Country Tourism Group, conducted a survey of Glacier Country businesses to gain a better understanding of the economic and social impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The survey was conducted online between 5 to 12 February 2021, with surveys sent via email to businesses in the Glacier Country.

103 survey responses

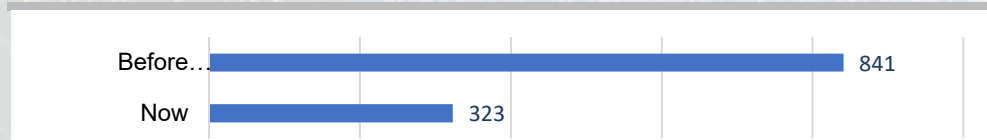
Total number of businesses in Glacier Country	Businesses to respond to the survey	Percent of businesses in the Glacier Country responded to the survey
174	103	59%

16 businesses reported they are no longer operating.

73% of businesses have reduced their staff because of COVID-19

Business Impact

Staff numbers 85 answered, 18 skipped



Staff	Before COVID-19	Now	Jobs reported lost so far
Full-time	616	223	393
Part-time	162	56	106
Casual	63	44	19
Total	841	323	519

Note: these numbers are only what was reported by 85 businesses, so the actual numbers will likely be higher.

At least **68 businesses** and an additional **195 jobs** will likely be lost in the next 6 months if there are no changes or additional support.

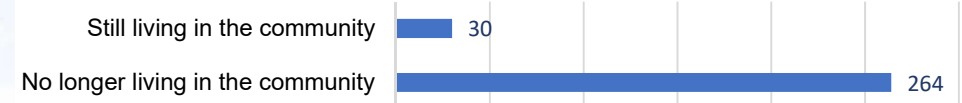
Capacity at which businesses are operating at compared to previous years?

Mean **28.5%** Median **20%**

Social impact

Staff who are no longer employed with you due to COVID-19

60 answered, 43 skipped



At least **264** staff no longer employed have already left the community.

Number of children in local schools

84 answered, 18 skipped

	Current staff	Staff no longer employed
Number of children in schools	50	19 students potentially lost from local schools (as caregivers no longer employed)

Number of community volunteers

46 answered, 57 skipped

Volunteer Groups	Current staff	Staff no longer employed
Fire and Emergency Volunteers	16	16
Search and Rescue	14	9
Civil Defence	24	8
St John	8	1
Community Boards	8	-
Project Early Bird (Trapping)	5	2
Local Churches	4	-
School Volunteers (Clubs, Sports, Etc)	4	-
Playgroups/ Kindergarten	3	1
Other Groups	3	1

If anything, what support do you need to stay in business and the community until 2022 and beyond? Most common responses:

- Reintroduction of the wage subsidy
- Financial support from Government (grants or interest free loans)
- Creation of special economic zone
- Tax relief
- Rates relief from Council
- Flexible work programmes (like Jobs for Nature)
- Infrastructure projects in the area
- Wellbeing support

Emma Rae

From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 11 June 2021 11:28 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission from: draft LTP 2021 - 2031

New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Friday, June 11, 2021 - 11:27 Submitted values are:

Full name: Rhonda Taft-Drake

Organisation & Position A mum

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: 124 Blake street Blaketown

Phone number: [REDACTED]

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge

UAGC Select:

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select:

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 1:** I support completing Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

To whom it may concern.

I'm writing this letter as a mum who's child goes and needs West Coast RDA.

I drive down from Blaketown every Monday of the school term for my child to go to RDA.

When my child is up on that horse from RDA, he listens to what he has/beening told. He is comfortable, happy and confidence for the hour he is there.

Because he can go to RDA, we have a child who is more balanced for the next 2-3 days.

I have a child who can learn at school for the next couple of days and not say dream. A child who doesn't act out at family or the house.

I believe if you take away the grazing for the horses of RDA then you will not just be affecting the people who run RDA and the amazing horses. You will be putting a lot of pressure on the mental health of children/family's and the already thinly stretched mental health teams on the Westland area as well as the

whole west coast.

Thank you for reading.
Rhonda

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No

Emma Rae

From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 11 June 2021 11:35 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission from: draft LTP 2021 - 2031

New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Friday, June 11, 2021 - 11:34 Submitted values are:

Full name: [REDACTED]

Organisation & Position I do not give my permission to release my name to the public with my submission

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address:

I do not give my permission to release my name to the public with my submission

Phone number: I do not give my permission to release my name to the public with my submission

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?**Setting the right level of Uniform Annual General Charge**

UAGC Select: **Option 3:** I support leaving the charge at 21.7%

Ownership of Elderly Housing

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What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

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Pakiwatara Building, Sell it and use money to improve the Racecourse.

Cass Square, leave it for small community activities and sports activities. Quit trashing it with larger festivals.

Hokitika Racecourse: Community Park and move things like wild foods festival there. Raze old structures that are probably earthquake prone. Include ample prepared grassed area for large event parking. Events should pay true cost of using the space.

This plan is filled plan with unacceptable rate increases and deficit spending. When and who is going to pay for it? How convenient, the rate payer. Gross Liberal spending will just create more debt and an unacceptable financial burden on many. A 25% cut in all non essential services is necessary.

Big ideas in a shrinking world. Like the green monster and bottomless money pit across the road. More misinformation and deception about the true cost. Undemocratic consultation process has to change and more bigger government has to end.

The Climate Change Commission submission is short sighted and narrow on facts and it shouldn't be in plan. Facts like the conveniently ignored already consented hydro projects that have not been built or the consent recently allowed to expire are ignored. Basically submission acknowledges the negatives of climate change but we can't do anything about it here but everyone else needs to do something about it for us. Lots of little bits created the problem and everyone needs to do their part. So the toxic pollution (CO2 only part of the problem) from burning coal and all the cow shit washed into the rivers because of the high rainfall amounts, we should just ignore that. The forest here does not belong to Westland, it would have been all cut down a long time ago if many here had their way so don't claim it now as ours. Westland didn't save it and It belongs to all of NZ and the creatures that it is their home. But that doesn't mean there isn't an issue about it not generating rates to help pay for all the much loved tourist that trash their environment and have to come here to escape.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

How many years has Westland been dumping virtually untreated toxic human waste into the sea. Only primary treatment is unacceptable in a civilized society. Aaa..the solution to pollution is dilution. This doesn't work too well for some living in our finite world. Get on with building a natural tertiary treatment system and stop polluting the environment. The waste system should be paid (including indirect cost) for by those whom use it, not those who already have to pay for their own water and waste systems.

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No

Emma Rae

From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 11 June 2021 11:41 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission from: draft LTP 2021 - 2031

New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Friday, June 11, 2021 - 11:41 Submitted values are:

Full name: Christopher Rex Brooks
Organisation & Position Blue Ice Investment Ltd
Email: [REDACTED]
Postal address: PO Box 23
Phone number: [REDACTED]

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

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UAGC Select: **Option 2:** I support lowering the charge to 12.5%

Ownership of Elderly Housing

Elderly Housing Select: **Option 1:** I support transferring the assets to Destination Westland Limited

Upgrading Hokitika Swimming Pool

Swimming pool select **Option 2:** I do not support Stage 3 of the swimming pool upgrade

Rates Remission – Adverse Possession

Adverse possession select **Option 2:** I do not support adopting the Rates Remission – Adverse Possession Policy

What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals.

The council should simplify compliance procedures for submitting or need to make changes to a plan or to get information from the council so this would reduce the cost to the stakeholders.

Cass Square, Swimming Pool Project and the Racecourse projects should be borne by the Hokitika ratepayers as they would benefit the most from these.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

On working out t all my rate increases on all the properties I own the % difference on all four properties are different with a rand of 13% to 21%.

Why can' the council even out the rate increases over the 10 years instead of having a big hit over there the first 3 years.

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No

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Name Risa Chant

Organisation (if applicable) _____

Email [REDACTED]

Address 11 Bonav Drive Hokitika 7810

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If yes, please provide a contact phone number _____

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What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

I have read + wish to endorse the submission of Bobbie Kencaid - in all aspects. My submission would have made the same points. The first lot

Any other comments?

More pages can be attached if necessary.

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Thank you for your feedback.



1 June 2021

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

RE: LTP 2021-2031 Submission

The DWC Westland Sports Hub User Group appreciates the opportunity to submit this submission to the Westland District Council Long Term Plan 2021-31 to request an ongoing annual operating grant for the duration of the Long Term Plan.

During 2021 The DWC Westland Sports Hub has celebrated many successes including the generous grant from Westland District Council which enabled us to complete Stage One of the project. At the start of 2021 our new DWC Westland Sports Hub Administrator started in their role and has made a considerable impact on the way the facility is maximised for use. Additionally, they have organised two sporting tournaments Touch Rugby, and Soccer, which have benefited the wider community.

We request that Council allocate an annual grant of \$50,000+GST to the DWC Westland Sports Hub to cover the day-to-day operating costs of the User Group, including staff wages.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Keenan
Chair - DWC Westland Sports Hub
P: [REDACTED]
E: [REDACTED]

Emma Rae

From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 11 June 2021 11:57 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission from: draft LTP 2021 - 2031

New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Friday, June 11, 2021 - 11:56 Submitted values are:

Full name: Maria Louise Mann
Organisation & Position Mother of young adult with special needs
Email: [REDACTED]
Postal address: 10
WARBURTON STREET
Phone number: [REDACTED]

Which options do you think will benefit the community the most?

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Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

My son along with many of his friends in his community and people in the wider community don't have much to do but currently take full advantage of having RDA in Hokitika. They absolutely love heading down to Hokitika to ride the horses and engage with the awesome supporters and volunteers:

Hi, can you please consider the following.

RDA is a valuable community organisation - providing therapeutic horse riding sessions to a part of our community who don't have a lot of therapy options, who don't have access to as many sporting and recreational opportunities, and for whom RDA is an important part of their week. Also it would be appropriate to retain some good, safe riding areas for everyone in the equestrian community - Horses have been an historic part of this area for over 100 years! There is a lot of land at the racecourse, and this needn't preclude other activities happening there also.

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: No

Emma Rae

From: Westland District Council via Westland District Council <council@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 11 June 2021 11:59 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Submission from: draft LTP 2021 - 2031

New submission on the Draft LTP 2021 - 2031 Submitted on Friday, June 11, 2021 - 11:58 Submitted values are:

Full name: Christina Wardle

Organisation & Position

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal address: 174 Kaniere Road

Kaniere

Phone number: [REDACTED]

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What do you think about our proposals in the Consultation Document and Long Term Plan?

Please provide any comments on the draft proposals. I support the submission made by Fiona Anderson.

Any other comments?

Please provide any comments:

I disagree with the plan to spend \$2,317,000 dollars on drainage and demolition at the Hokitika Racecourse in years 1-3 and spending \$2,076,000 on creating an Event Zone and preparation of Medium Density Housing in years 3-6. Council has said they will create a concept plan for the space in full consultation with community

and stakeholders to determine future uses of the land and this needs to occur before committing to spending millions of dollars the above projects. This land was gifted to the people of Hokitika in the 1880s as a reserve for the community and therefore I oppose selling parts of it off to fund a housing development.

Parks and reserves make a significant contribution to the community's health and physical and social wellbeing, through offering space for physical exercise and recreation as part of a healthy lifestyle and chances to socialise and participate in sport collectively. The racecourse as it currently exists is used by many people as a safe area to meet and exercise dogs and to walk. The attraction of this area is that it provides a pleasant 1.2km all weather loop track with good footing that is free from vehicle traffic. Many older people use the area for walking. The racecourse is also widely used by members of the equestrian community and the West Coast RDA for both grazing, riding on the all-weather track and for equestrian events. Mostly the participants in these equestrian pursuits, including the teenagers that volunteer at the RDA and the riding lesson children and the grazers and the casual users of the racecourse are women and girls. Sport NZ has identified clear inequalities for women and girls in participation, involvement and visibility within sport and active recreation. Horse riding has a high female participation rate at all ages and is the third ranked sport for girls 5- 17 years old. I note that most of the council managed recreational sporting areas are rugby fields which largely cater to males.

It is also essential that the Hokitika Racecourse retains grazing and riding areas for the 8 -10 ponies that work at West Coast RDA, catering for the 80 disabled and disadvantaged children and adults who attend from all over the West Coast. Horse riding is great physical therapy; the swinging, repetitive motion improves balance, coordination, strength and muscle tone while gently mobilizing the joints. It allows many to enjoy the outdoor environment in a way that would otherwise be denied them.

It would be great if the council could include the horse-riding community in any decisions it makes on the future of the Hokitika Racecourse.

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?: Yes

If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?: Yes

Specify the party: Fiona Anderson

Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?: No

Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link?: No

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Organisation (if applicable) _____

Email _____

Address 88 Cement Road RdI would like to speak to Council about my submission Y N

If yes, please provide a contact phone number _____

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Emma Rae

From: Council
Sent: Friday, 11 June 2021 12:19 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: FW: Submission

Jenny Kirk | Team Leader Customer Service
Westland District Council

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From: bronwyn reid <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 11 June 2021 11:55 am
To: Council <Council.Inbox@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Subject: Submission

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Bronwyn reid
192 Sewell street
Hokitika 7810
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Dear Mayor and Councillors

I am writing to express my support and agreement with the Westlandr Mountain Bike Club's submission, put forward by Liam Anderson.

10 June 2021
Submission to Long Term Plan 2021-2031
Liam Anderson on behalf of
Westland Mountainbike Club (Incorporated Society)
[REDACTED]
233 Revell Street
Hokitika

Their ideas for improvements for the Town and surrounding areas are exciting. It is my observation that people come from a long way away to visit this town for cycling and mountain biking, to experience the environment and to enjoy the town and its amenities. The idea of the Sunset Point Flow Park so close to town is a great idea. Developing this area would give people of all ages a reason to be there enjoying the outdoors.

Lake Kaniere Loop development will mean more people can access the tracks all the way from town to the lake in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Heritage Loop.

Realignment of the short section of steep trail between the Airport and Brickfields Rd which would facilitate the realignment of the Heritage Loop to take in Brickfields Rd, Hau Hau Rd and Kaniere Tram. Crucially this provides safe access for children riding bikes from the town to the Westland Mountainbike club trails on Blue Spur.

Thank you for considering this submission

Bronwyn Reid
Hokitika Sent from my iPhone

Emma Rae

From: Simon Bastion
Sent: Friday, 11 June 2021 4:05 pm
To: Emma Rae; Lesley Crichton
Cc: Diane Maitland
Subject: FW: Long term Plan Submission on behalf of Heritage Hokitika and Westland Industrial Heritage Park

?? – any chance to squeeze these in?

Simon Bastion | Chief Executive
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Sent: Friday, 11 June 2021 4:04 pm
To: Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Cc: 'David' <[REDACTED]> 'Westland Heritage Park' <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Long term Plan Submission on behalf of Heritage Hokitika and Westland Industrial Heritage Park

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Hello Simon,

I learnt at 1 pm today that submissions closed at 12 noon.

This morning at a joint meeting of the above two groups it was decided to submit to the Long Term Plan on the understanding that submissions closed at the end of the working day. Our mistake as Council information was clear that submissions closed at midday.

Council staff have advised me that late submissions are not possible, however on the basis that there is nothing to lose at this stage the following is what we were going to submit to the draft Long term Plan:

Joint submission of Heritage Hokitika and Westland Industrial Heritage Park to the Westland District Council 2021-2031 Long Term Plan

The above groups submit that Council set aside an annual sum to support development and maintenance of Heritage assets in the District. Our suggested figure is a minimum of \$20,000 per annum, obviously subject to funding being provided in each Annual Plan during the period.

Examples of projects that would benefit from council support are:

- Planning for the Heritage 2023 celebrations in late 2023 commemorating the August 1923 opening of the Otira tunnel, (and end of 70 years of stage coach transport in NZ), first flight in Westland December 1923, centenary of major Intercolonial and Industrial Exhibition held in Hokitika December 1923 to February 1924 and a number of other important events that occurred in Westland 100 and 150 years ago.
- Construction of a replica signal station as part of the Hokitika Tiphead development, (constructed as near as possible to photographs and plans provided by the Hokitika Museum.
- Further development and improved maintenance of the Quayside area, including additional work on the Customhouse, provision of heritage lighting and improved walkways/ cycleways along the Quay.
- Deferred maintenance and improvements of the “Tambo” memorial – replastering over corroded reinforcement, construction of deck cargo holds to improve realism of ship etc.).
- Development of a “Seddon Trail” from Hokitika to Kumara, via Stafford.
- Relocation of flagpoles and regular flying of flags along the Quay.
- Reassembling and placing the Fox Moth replica aircraft back on display

This list is not intended to be comprehensive but provides a sample of the type of projects that volunteers could achieve with financial support. Such funding would be multiplied where possible by using it as local share for Lottery Grant applications, (one third local funding required).

The two heritage groups have done a great deal for the District over a long period, contributing thousands of volunteer hours. Significant cultural and tourism assets have been achieved providing additional drawcards to Westland, keeping visitors here longer and encouraging return visits. Both groups also contribute to the quality of life of Westland residents. Economic activity generated by heritage development benefits all Westland ratepayers.

We had intended to speak to our submission.

Regards

Rob

Treasurer WIHP

Committee member Heritage Hokitika