

6 March 2015

Waikawa Beach Ratepayers Association
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Dear John

RE: Consultation is now open for Horowhenua District Council's 2015-2025 Long Term Plan

The formal consultation period for Horowhenua District Council's 2015-2025 Long Term Plan (LTP) began on the 27 February 2015, with submissions closing at **5pm on 3 April 2015**. As part of this LTP we have identified four Key Issues and Strategies that are likely to have a significant impact on our Community over the next 10 years and beyond, these are:

1. Our Rating System – should we rate based on Land Value or Capital Value?
2. Development Contributions – should we keep charging development contributions?
3. Our Infrastructure Strategy (including water supply, wastewater, stormwater and roading).
4. Our Financial Strategy (including debt levels and projected rates increases).

In addition to the four Key Issues and Strategies there are a range of other matters covered in our LTP Consultation Document that we believe are of particular interest to our Community and which are available for comment. The LTP Consultation Document as well as supporting information (including an indicative rating calculator) is available on the Council's website at <http://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/ltp>

During the consultation period for the LTP Council will be holding a series of 'Community Discussions' on the LTP. The Community Discussions are open to the public and will be interactive; giving attendees the opportunity to ask officers and Councillors questions or to seek further clarification about what Council is proposing to do as part of its LTP. The Community Discussions will be held in the following locations on these dates:

- **Foxton** (Manawatu College Hall) at 5pm-7pm on 16 March 2015;
- **Shannon** (Shannon Memorial Hall) at 5pm-7pm on 17 March 2015;
- **Foxton Beach** (Manawatu Marine Boating Club) at 5pm-7pm on 18 March 2015; and
- **Levin** (Horowhenua District Council – Council Chambers) at 5pm-7pm on 19 March 2015.

As a key stakeholder group we understand that your group may have specific questions about the LTP. We want to ensure that there is the opportunity to get the necessary answers so you can make an informed submission. While you can contact and speak directly with Councillors or Council Officers, we are also offering to meet with your stakeholder group. This could be that representatives from your group come to meet with us or if you are holding a meeting during the consultation period, we can try and arrange for an Officer to come to your meeting.

If you would like to meet with an Officer or have them come to your meeting please contact Tiffany Williams on 06 366 1098 to arrange this. If you are able to indicate your key areas of interest we can do our best to ensure we have the best person to answer your questions at the meeting.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. McCorkindale', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David McCorkindale
Senior Manager - Strategic Planning