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Requirements

I wish to speak to Council about my submission

Yes

Proposal

Option 1

True

Option 2

False

My comment on this proposal

Harmonising water supply rates has the effect of a Waitomo village resident subsidising the district schemes while paying one of the highest per unit costs in the district for our own services.

What do you think about our plans for our projects and activities?

Is there an opportunity for the Waitomo Isite and museum to be included in integrating customer services with local Isite services? I would support any initiative assisting visitor awareness of the numerous walking and cycling trails in and around the Waitomo Village. I would strongly support the councils proposed Solid Waste projects.

What do you think about our plans for finances and rates?

We agree with the Councils proposal to delay rate increases and spending until the impact of the three waters reform policy is clearer, a local govt review has taken place and water services regulation is completed.

Any other comments?

The emergence of carbon farming and their interest in our district, is of concern. As land moves from a productive food producing resource that supports a network of local employment opportunities and business/community benefits - to a producer of digital carbon credits where that profit is enjoyed by those outside the area. This activity could create a lost opportunity cost to our district and a diminished rate take from those properties. It is recommended the council explore targeting rating or a way of applying a rates differential to those undertaking this activity.