

# SUBMISSION FORM

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Please tick as appropriate. If neither of the boxes are ticked, it will be considered that you do not wish to be heard.

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**INDICATE WHICH OPTION YOU SUPPORT FOR OUR SIX PROPOSALS:**

**1 SAFE COMMUNITIES**

Council proposes the local establishment of an accredited Safe Community programme using the Safe Communities model. Refer page 9.

Which option do you choose?

**OPTION 1 (PREFERRED OPTION)**  
Council should pursue Safe Communities accreditation to support the development of our communities.  **OPTION 1**

**OPTION 2:**  
Council should not pursue the safe communities accreditation.  **OPTION 2**

**OPTION 3:**  
Council should make the Safe Communities initiative an even greater priority and allocate more funding towards it?  **OPTION 3**

MY COMMENT:

My support for this option is conditional upon proper consideration being given to the allocation of these funds taking into account where they have been collected from.

I note the Environment is named as an area of activity and this is going to be an area of great interest for our rural ratepayers.

I think an Iwi - Farmer nursery collaboration would be an excellent initiative could fit this quite well for example.

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## 2 NORTH KING COUNTRY SPORTS AND RECREATION CENTRE

The Game on Charitable Trust (GoCT) proposes the development of the North King Country Indoor Sport and Recreation Centre (the Sports Centre) in Te Kuiti. Council has been invited to provide funding for that development. Refer pages 10-11.

Which option do you choose?

### OPTION 1 (PREFERRED OPTION)

Council should provide a maximum capital funding grant to the GoCT of \$1.5 million, with \$1 million provided in 2018/19 year and \$500,000 in 2019/20 under the proviso that if the GoCT are able to source additional funding from other benefactors then Council would contribute less?

OPTION 1

### OPTION 2:

Council should not provide any capital funding for the sports centre.

OPTION 2

## 4 RATES REMISSION POLICY

We are proposing to establish a new remission category that provides rates remission of up to 50% for one year to new businesses or new developments established within the past 12 months. Council's objective in establishing this remission category is to promote employment and economic development within the District.

We are also proposing a new remission category that provides relief to properties that have been detrimentally affected by erosion, subsidence, submersion, earthquake or other calamities. The objective of establishing this remission category is to assist ratepayers affected by events outside of their control and as the consequence of a natural calamity. Refer page 13.

Council should introduce the new categories for remission into the Rates Remission Policy.

Yes  No

If you want to support new business make it easy for them ~~when~~ by making council processes easily understood and providing potential ~~start~~ start ups with all the info they require. eg. no surprises. This would probably be more valuable than

## 3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Council plans to participate and become a member of the proposed Waikato Regional Economic Development Agency (WREDA), and the South Waikato economic initiative to develop a strategy and action plan for the economic development of the South Waikato sub-region to get the best possible return for our investment and to take advantage of the opportunity as part of a bigger collective. Refer page 12.

Do you support Council's proposal to participate in the WREDA and the South Waikato economic initiative? (our preferred option)

Yes  No

MY COMMENT:

I am totally against the council taking on more debt. ~~than~~ I have a limited understanding of the GoCT proposal but I can see the need is apparent. I agree with council having nothing to do with the running costs.

Economic Development.  
I support this with reviews built in. Regional initiatives haven't in the past <sup>always</sup> provided tangible local benefits. I'd want an out clause part way through the commitment period.

a rates remission. It is not an existing businesses job to subsidise the establishment of its own competition.

I assume council would already have some discretionary powers in regard to natural disasters.

### 5 PUBLIC TOILETS AT MOKAU AND WAITOMO VILLAGE

Council is proposing to upgrade the Mokau toilets to more appropriately meet user needs in the 2018/19 financial year (first year of the Long Term Plan).

Council is proposing to invest in public toilet facility at Waitomo Village in 2019/20. However, this will be subject to land ownership being vested to Council for such a facility.

The estimated cost of the two facilities will require an investment of approximately \$320,000 each. Refer page 14.

Which option do you choose?

#### OPTION 1 (PREFERRED OPTION)

Council should apply for external funding from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund (TIF) to cover 50% of the cost of these facilities.

If funding is obtained then proceed with the upgrade at Mokau in 2018/19 and new toilets at Waitomo Village in 2019/20.

OPTION 1

#### OPTION 2:

Council should not proceed with providing the new and upgraded facilities even if the external funding is obtained.

OPTION 2

MY COMMENT:

With some reserve, fast approaching is the day we need more central govt. solution to Tourism Infrastructure problems. 50% would be a good start. It should be higher in Waitomo.

### 6 FUNDING WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES

- Council is of the view that the entire District benefits from adequate and environmentally sound Water and Wastewater services and
- these services should cost the same in each community. Refer pages 15-16.

Which option do you choose?

#### OPTION 1 (PREFERRED OPTION)

Council should implement the 'same service same rate' proposal phased in over four years (for water) and include 10% district benefit rate for all rating units across the district.

Under this option the water and sewerage assistance subsidies currently paid by all rating units in the district would be replaced with the district benefit allocation and the Piopio Wider Benefit Rating Area (PWBRA) sewerage rate would be removed.

OPTION 1

#### OPTION 2:

Council should stay with the current funding system which is - you pay for water and sewerage based on where you live and all rating units in the district pay an assistance rate for these services in smaller communities and PWBRA Sewerage rate remains.

OPTION 2

MY COMMENT:

Rural ratepayers bear the full cost of providing their own water and sewerage services, regardless of location. The subsidy for these district water and sewerage schemes is not something I would like to see increase. For most people place of dwelling is a choice. Sometimes choices have consequences like more expensive services.

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With regard to other matters of interest I am appalled at the cost of the District Plan Review. I do not doubt the enormity of the task but the cost burden is breath-taking. I would like to know that the cost of this is being relayed to central government.

I have concerns about the increasing amount of freedom camping at the Mangaokewa Reserve. I do not think it is going to be sustainable to carry on as is. I don't claim to have the solution but I think it is obvious that the success of any new facility will go hand in hand with curtailing current activity at Mangaokewa Reserve and I would be supportive of that approach. I do not think council should be directly involved financially in the setting up of a new facility. Council's role should be limited to investigations as currently, maybe land – if suitable. A camping ground must be able to operate as a legitimate standalone business to have my support.

I applaud the Council in their commitment to reducing public debt and borrowing costs and I rate this commitment as essential to deliver upon above all else. I query why on page 4 of the consultation document public debt is at \$43.4 million then it jumps to \$46.5 million in 2018/19 and on up to \$50.7 million in 2021. Not too much short term commitment I note. If debt is indeed at \$30 million in 27/28 I am sure it will relieve a large number of people in our community who have concerns in this area. Debt reduction to me comes before a lot of the wants that our community faces, focus on the needs and lets have more wants once debt is down.

Reon Verry